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

This issue is the combined July/August summer edition which gives your editor a bit of a break before returning with the September newsletter. The deadline for that issue is August 20th. If you miss the historic articles featured regularly in *The ECHO* during the break, you can find several historical Studebaker related books on the Studebaker National Museum's web site. While you're there you might want to pick up a new piece of Studebaker apparel for the Chapter's fall events.

This month the cover features a Studebaker related company, Pierce-Arrow, and many books are available on Amazon if you want more information about the automobile and its history.

If you attend any all makes shows in your Studebaker over the summer, whether in the Valley or elsewhere, please consider sending the editor a note about your participation in the show and include a photo, if you wish.

Thanks to Michell Eastburn, Dan Kuhl, Wayne Lee, Cynthia Sale, Dennis Lynde, Butch Summers and Frank van Doorn. for their contributions to this issue.

Have a safe and cool summer.

Chris



## STUDE BITS

Cynthia Sale posted on GroupWorks the **Turning Wheels Index** which includes all 2021 issues and earlier is available at presys.biz or on Amazon.com or call 262-689-5893.

The ASC's *Antique Studebaker Review Index*, *The Studebaker History Corner*, *Studebaker and the Railroads* and other Studebaker books are also available from this site.

### 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.

*Studebaker — Builder of Champions*

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# STATE OF THE CHAPTER

By Michell Eastburn, President



Arizona, because we don't have to shovel sunshine!

Summer is officially here, which means some of our Studes are likely chilling in their garages. As we pass the half way mark of 2023, I've gotta stop and say once again, Thank You to all of the AWESOME Chapter members of the Grand Canyon State Chapter of the Studebakers Drivers Club. Celebrating 50+ years of spreading Studebaker love through the great Grand Canyon State of Arizona.



June proved to be success with 'splitting the difference' allowing an east side and west side option for BBQ and Bakers. Let's keep the motivation through July for pizza at Organ Stop. Then you have some time the next couple of months to get your Stude ready for International Drive Your Studebaker (IDYSD) in September. We will be celebrating all month long, check out the calendar for more details.

Keep in mind that the summer months often times are the best times for road construction. Please slow in work zones and remember that everyone wants to get to their destination whether it be vacation or simply home after a day of work. We all know that driving is a privilege and also a responsibility, so please make sure that you are responsible for your privileges. Stay safe out there on the roads,

## 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".

## Condolences ....



The Chapter extends its heartfelt sympathy to Chuck and Louise Stanford on the passing of their daughter, Deb Crooks, on June 14. Deb was a long time and active member of the Southern Arizona Chapter helping the Chapter in many ways throughout the years. More importantly, she was a loving daughter, mother and grandmother and will be missed by all who knew her.

There will be a Celebration of Life for Deb at 10:00 AM on Saturday, July 15, 2023 at Son Life Chapel, 2955 W Ironwood Hill Dr., Tucson, 85745. A funeral reception will follow at Starr Pass Resort, 3800 W Starr Pass, 85745. Please RSVP if you plan to attend the reception to Chuck Stanford at 520-888-1563.

## MEMBER NEWS



**John Lewis**, Chapter member formerly from Tucson, has moved to Sioux Falls, South Dakota to be near his sister. If you wish to get in touch, his email remains the same for now: lewishoot@cox.net

**Mimi Halgren** reports **Bob** is recovering from his recent treatment at the City of Hope and has been making "terrific progress" in regaining his strength. Best wishes to Bob for continued improvement.

Congratulations to **Ed and Linda Smith** for receiving the Best Orphan award at the Cruz'n the Rim Car Show on June 3rd. They displayed their 1951 Stake Bed truck. Thanks to **Tim Painter** for reporting the news. Show highlights are here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jp7YeM5zyWo>

**Ed and Linda** also displayed their truck at the 49th Annual La Palma Car Show and swap Meet in Anaheim where Ed took on judging duties. Other GCSC members at the meet were **John Kroulik** and **Russ and Sharon Ware**, both of whom vended, and **Frank Wenzel and Kent Vandenberg** who displayed their 1958 Packard Clipper. It was chosen the People's Choice winner. Congrats, Frank and Kent.

Chapter members attending the North Central Zone Meet in La Junta, Colo. were **Ed and Linda Smith** displaying their 1951 Stake Bed truck and **Stuart Tritt** with his 1984 Avanti. Stuart and the Avanti are featured in this video from the meet: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fUcfl\\_oiWWI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fUcfl_oiWWI) Photos from the meet are here: <https://sdcnczone.org>

Thanks to **Garry Klinger** and **Butch Summers** for posting Chapter events on the SDC Forum and Facebook.



# BAKERS AND BBQ AT RUDY'S

By Michell Eastburn

What an awesome turn out for our June 10th Bakers and BBQ event. Splitting the difference proved to be a success for our Bakers and the heat. Thirty two members, family and friends had an enjoyable June morning sharing our nine Studes with the locals in Goodyear. A special shout-out to Larry Polhill for supplying seven of the wonderful Studebakers on display.



Grabbing some BBQ while enjoying our Bakers in Goodyear were Larry Polhill, 1962 Hawk with guests Bob Gasson, 1940 President, Drew Sarimento, 1959 Lark, Connie Silvas with mom and 3 kids, 1955 President, Paul Sanchez, 1957 President; Robbie Stevens and 2 kids, 1962 Hawk; Luiz & Debbie Cruz, 1963 Wagonaire; Carl & Esther Reid, 1963 GT Hawk; Paul & Phyllis Setaro, 1962 GT Hawk; Larry & Ruth Cushing, Michell Eastburn, Will, Maryanne, Gwen & Felicia Eastburn, Bill & Peggy Eastburn, Steve & Paulette Fein, Tim & Cynthia Phillips, Walt Jazwinski.

On the left are three of the four GTs driven to Rudy's. - the Reid's white '63 GT, Larry Polhill's gold '62 GT and the Setaro's red '62 GT.



Thirteen members, five Studebakers and one Thunderbird gathered at the Rudy's in Chandler for Bakers and BBQ on June 10th. Attending were Gary and Sandie Keating, 1934 Commander; Butch Summers, 1964 Daytona; Garry Klinger, 1952 Commander SLC; John, Callan, Ainsley & Kim Rodhouse, 1950 Champion; Adam De Rosa, 1972 Avanti II; Dennis Lynde, Dale and Norma Sexton, George Gezelius, 1978 Thunderbird. Thanks to Dennis Lynde for the report and a photo and Butch Summers for more photos.



## WALLY BURGER

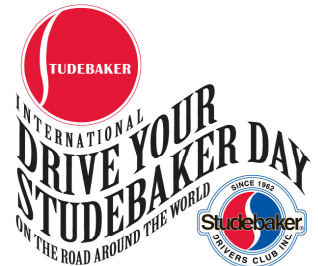
Some folks were inadvertently left off the attendance list from the May event at Wally Burger. They were Walt Jazwinski, Axel Cushing (Larry and Ruth's son), Bob Gasson and Jeremy Garhan (guests of Larry Polhill) and David and Fairlynn Ryberg (Fairlynn is a member of the Studebaker family).




# GRAND CANYON STATE CHAPTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS



- JULY 4** FABULOUS PHOENIX 4TH FESTIVAL & FIREWORKS. VISIT COLLECTOR CAR EXHIBIT AT THIS FAMILY EVENT AT STEELE INDIAN SCHOOL PARK, PHOENIX.
- 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
- AUGUST 6**  
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 TO BE INCLUDED IN NOTIFICATION LIST FOR MEETING DETAILS.**
- SEPTEMBER 9**  
Saturday **INTERNATIONAL DRIVE YOUR STUDEBAKER DAY. PLAN TO GET YOUR STUDE OUT FOR IDYSO TO GO FOR DONUTS OR DINNER OR TO THE MIXTECA CRUISE-IN, 6731 W. BELL RD., GLENDALE AT 5PM. LOOK FOR STUDEBAKER FEATHER BANNERS TO PARK AS A CLUB. BRING YOUR CHAIRS AND WATER. OFFICAL EVENT ON SEPTEMBER 30TH. CONTACT PEGGY AT 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* OR REGISTER AT [WWW.SDCMEET.COM](http://WWW.SDCMEET.COM)
- SEPTEMBER 22-24** RUN TO THE PINES CAR SHOW IN PINETOP LAKESIDE. TO LEARN IF ENTRIES ARE STILL BEING ACCEPTED VISIT <https://www.runtothepinescarshow.com/>
- SEPTEMBER 30**  
Saturday **INTERNATIONAL DRIVE YOUR STUDEBAKER DAY MEMBERSHIP EVENT AT GATEWAY CLASSICS AS FEATURED CAR CLUB, 23305 N. 23RD AVE., (23RD AVE. & PINNACLE PEAK RD.) PHOENIX FOR CAFFEINE & CHROME FROM 9AM-NOON. NO ENTRY FEE. COME FOR COFFEE, DONUTS AND MUSIC. ALL MAKES AND MODELS WELCOME. THIS IS A FAMILY AND PET FRIENDLY EVENT. NEED MORE INFORMATION? CONTACT PEGGY AT peggyeastburn@hotmail.com / 623-936-6116**
- NOVEMBER 4**  
Saturday **MEMBER APPRECIATION GATHERING HOSTED BY TIM & CYNTHIA PHILLIPS IN SURPRISE WITH POT LUCK FROM 11:00AM TO 3:00PM. CONTACT PEGGY AT 623-936-6116 / peggyeastburn@hotmail.com**
- DECEMBER 9**  
Saturday **CHAPTER HOLIDAY PARTY AT LARRY POLHILL COLLECTION, GLENDALE. ENJOY LUNCH AND A DAY OF FESTIVITIES. DETAILS TO FOLLOW. CONTACT PEGGY AT 623-936-6116 / peggyeastburn@hotmail.com**




—SECOND SATURDAY IN SEPTEMBER—



## 59th Studebaker Drivers Club International Meet

### Manitowoc, Wisconsin

### September 12-16, 2023



FOR ALL UNDERLINED EVENTS LISTED ABOVE VISIT THE CHAPTER FACEBOOK PAGE STUDEBAKERS GRAND CANYON STATE CHAPTER TO ADD THE EVENTS TO YOUR CALENDAR.

*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.*

# UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENT

**JULY 9 ORGAN STOP PIZZA**

**Location: 1149 E. Southern Ave., Mesa SW Corner of Stapley Dr. and Southern Ave.  
Time: 4:00 PM**

Meet at the Organ Stop Pizza at 4:00 pm, Sunday, July 9th for Studebaker camaraderie, pizza and the music of the Mighty Wurlitzer Organ. Bring friends and family to join with you for a evening of good food and lively music. You are welcome to make requests of the organ master to play your favorite tunes.

Credit and debit cards, as well as cash, are welcome. If you need more information contact Peggy at 623-936-6116 or [peggyeastburn@hotmail.com](mailto:peggyeastburn@hotmail.com)

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



# THANK YOU .....

## WALLY BURGER

On May 6th, the Chapter met at Wally Burger in Glendale for a cruise-in and lunch. Forty five members and friends attended, displaying twenty Studebakers to the delight of shoppers and the owners of Wally Burger. In appreciation for our display and patronage the restaurant owner, Mighty Mike, gifted the Chapter \$100.00. Mike and his crew were very accommodating of our group during their busy Saturday lunch hour and we thank them for their good service and for the donation.

<https://www.facebook.com/wallyburgerarizona/>



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## July Birthdays

- |    |                       |    |                   |
|----|-----------------------|----|-------------------|
| 2  | Roger Main            | 15 | Brian Borgstede   |
| 7  | Linda Hertline        | 15 | Paul Vigne        |
| 8  | Ken Michael           | 17 | Sharon Ware       |
| 9  | Kent Musgrave         | 17 | Frank Wenzel      |
| 13 | Mary Powell-McConnell | 26 | Larry Polhill     |
| 14 | Mike King             | 27 | Jan Widhalm       |
| 14 | Phyllis Setaro        | 28 | Claudia Robinette |

## August Birthdays

- |    |                     |    |                    |
|----|---------------------|----|--------------------|
| 2  | Rachel Eastburn     | 19 | Kitty Jazwinski    |
| 6  | Joyce Wright        | 20 | Malcolm Stinson Jr |
| 7  | Thomas Ennis        | 22 | Butch Summers      |
| 7  | Elizabeth van Doorn | 23 | Patrick Eastburn   |
| 9  | Chris Collins       | 29 | Jon Follendorf     |
| 9  | Jim Honsinger       | 30 | Camille Miles      |
| 12 | Walt Jazwinski      | 30 | Ed Smith           |
| 13 | Fred Gooch          | 30 | Bob Westfall       |
| 14 | Roger White         | 31 | Michell Eastburn   |
| 15 | Vicki Piper         | 20 | Steve Piper        |

## July Anniversaries

- 4 Will & Maryanne Eastburn
- 11 Walt & Kitty Jazwinski
- 14 Paul & Phyllis Setaro
- 15 Tony & Kellie Lepore
- 16 Ike & Virginia Quigly
- 17 Frank & Elizabeth van Doorn
- 30 Carol & Bob Westfall

## August Anniversaries

- 5 Adam & Michelle DeRosa
- 5 Larry & Jan Malmstrom
- 17 Steve & Vicki Piper
- 23 Randy & Donna Goble
- 24 Jon & Peg Akin
- 25 Jim & Deanna Honsinger
- 26 Bill & Mary Cervini
- 31 Gary & Sandie Keating
- 31 Dale & Norma Sexton

## Children's Birthdays

- 7/30 Felicia Eastburn  
(daughter of Will & Maryanne)
- 8/14 Jack Serbin  
(son of Brian & Julie)
- 8/24 Chloe Eastburn  
(daughter of Chris & Rachel)
- 8/29 Domenica Eastburn  
(daughter of Will & Maryanne)



*To keep your marriage brimming  
With love in the loving cup,  
Whenever you're wrong, admit it;  
Whenever you're right, shut up.  
~ Ogden Nash*

## NON-CHAPTER EVENTS OF INTEREST

### JULY 14 COLLECTOR CAR APPRECIATION DAY

Collector Car Appreciation Day is an annual holiday marked each year since 2010 by a U.S. Congressional Resolution to raise awareness of the vital role automotive restoration and collection plays in American society and has been. The event is sponsored by the SEMA Action Network.

To celebrate check out a cruise-in near you.

### JULY 15 COLLECTOR CAR APPRECIATION CAR SHOW

The Martin Auto Museum hosts the Collector Car Appreciation Car Show Saturday, July 15th at the Museum, 4320 W. Thunderbird, Glendale, from 7-11:00 am. Free entry with donation of a back pack for needy children. There will be awards, dash plaques and a poker walk inside. See flyer on page 13 for more information.

### AUGUST 3-6 INAUGURAL ASC MARIPOSA MEET

The Southern California Chapter of the Antique Studebaker Club (ASC) is hosting the inaugural meet of an event in Mariposa, California, August 3-6. Frank Wenzel and Kent Vandenberg are the organizers of the event, which is similar to the ASC event held annually in Palm Springs each March. If you enjoy meeting up with ASC friends in Palm Springs, you'll also enjoy this outing due to the venue and tours; it would make an excellent break from the Phoenix summer.

The host hotel is Miners Inn, 5181 Highway 49N, Mariposa, Calif., 209-742-7777. Room rate is \$189/night, double queen beds. Mention Antique Studebaker Club. Pet friendly for an extra fee. Book now as the number of rooms in the block is limited. Commercial air service is available to Fresno-Yosemite International Airport and a car can be rented there for the 70 mile drive to Mariposa.

Activities include Yosemite Drive Tour, Mariposa History, Garage Tours and two group meals. \$30/person is payable on arrival.

RSVP to Frank Wenzel by July 30, 2023 at 760-774-3377. Maps and details provided to attendees. Please see/print flyer on page 14.

### AUGUST 5-6 PAAC WATSON LAKE CAR SHOW

The Prescott Antique Auto Club (PAAC) hosts its 48th Annual Watson Lake Car Show, Parts Exchange and Old Engine Fire Up at Watson Lake in Prescott on Saturday and Sunday August 5 & 6. Swap meet is held both days and the car show is Sunday. General admission is \$7/pp with free parking, car show entry is \$20 and features trophies and raffles. 30'x20' swap spaces are \$75 each for weekend.

For more information call 818-438-6414 or visit [www.paacaz.com](http://www.paacaz.com) Google for directions to Lake Watson.

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### 1970 Avanti

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Call Rick at 602-376-3637, no text. (2)



### 1964 GT Hawk.

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See page 11 for more ads.

# Brake Fluid Testing

By Wayne Lee

Automotive brake fluid does a great job of activating the brake cylinders that, in turn, pushes the brake shoes against the drum, so we can stop our Studebaker when we need to. However, brake fluid has a downside you need to be aware of, namely, it absorbs moisture from the environment. The technical term for this is Hygroscopic. Hygroscopic is the phenomenon of attracting and holding water molecules via absorption from the surrounding environment. When this occurs, the moisture content can change the chemistry of the brake fluid, which can **negatively** affect how well your brakes work. Additionally, the extra moisture will cause the metal in your braking system to begin to corrode and rust.

This hit home recently as I've been helping a young fellow resurrect his 1957 Studebaker Transtar pickup. While jockeying the truck around the yard, one of the rear brakes locked up solid. No amount of rocking it with the engine would free it. This could have been disastrous if we'd been out and about town in it.

I found the brake master cylinder was full of brake fluid, but it was a dirty rusty brown color, certainly not what I expected to see. Tearing into the brakes I found the wheel cylinder components were rusty and inhibiting the free movement of the components which is why the wheel had locked-up.

Seeing this I became concerned about the brakes in our other Studes. What I needed was a quick and easy way to check the moisture content of brake fluid. The answer was found in a small device that looks like an ink pen called a **Brake Fluid Tester** available at auto parts stores and online parts outlets as well, often for less than \$20.

Powered by a small battery, the tester has green, yellow and red LEDs, and two metal contacts at one end. **Operation is simple:** install the battery, turn on the tester, dip the metal contacts into the fluid bowl of your brake master cylinder. The tester measures the moisture content and lights up the appropriate LED. Before testing the Transtar, I tested an old bottle of DOT3 that's been on the shelf for several years. It lit up the yellow LED. I also tested a new bottle of DOT3 and it lit up the green LED. When I tested the Transtar, the

tester lit up the red LED indicating too much moisture in the brake fluid – thus confirming why I was seeing the rust in the brake system.

We all spend a lot of time making our Studebakers look good. Why not spend a minute checking your brake fluid to ensure you and your family's safety?!

Thanks to Wayne for the technical information. Wayne and his wife Ann are the former editors of the *Smoke Signals*, newsletter of the South Georgia Chapter, SDC.

## Frank and Elizabeth's Good News

In December, we reported the van Doorns discovered their trailer with the 1952 Commander inside was missing from the storage facility where it was stored. After all these ensuing months, the trailer and car were located on June 16th in Council Bluffs, 10 minutes from their home in Omaha. A man had been stopped for driving a stolen pickup and revealed he moved a trailer with an old car inside to another location and gave the police the address. Then the police had the man call Frank, admitting he had moved the trailer at someone's request while apologizing for his misdeed.

Frank now has the trailer and car home. The car was missing the battery and the ignition switch was hanging from the dash, otherwise the car was unmolested. "A happy ending to a 9 month ordeal."



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## A GUARD IS AGAIN ON DUTY AT STUDEBAKER

By Dan Kuhl

As stated in numerous previous articles, Studebaker was flush with cash in 1928. The company had just come out with the Erskine, a brand new “World Car”, purchased the Pierce-Arrow line of cars, opened a new car proving ground just outside of South Bend, and with new building construction completed a new guard house at Gate One into the factory complex. The auto business was looking good for Albert Erskine, President of Studebaker.

As part of this beehive frenzy of activity were two signature entrances to Studebaker complexes, the entrance to the Proving Ground with its beautiful Studebaker wheel adornments on top of the brick entrance fence posts and the brick guard house and gate at the entrance to the factory complex on Sample Street in South Bend.

The guard house served the factory from 1928 until just after the factory closed its doors on December 9, 1963. The melancholy photo taken of Gate One on that last day has some interesting aspects: the flag at half-mast for John F. Kennedy who was assassinated weeks before and the operating archaic running light in the grill of a Lark leaving the factory on that snowy winter day (see 1963 Photo).

The guard house was eventually torn down with the adjacent factory building in 2008. All 3,863 bricks and miscellaneous construction materials from the 1928 construction were placed in storage in another Studebaker building to await its fate. In the spring of 2022 the guard house was reconstructed at its new home in the 600 block of South Lafayette near Building 84. \$25,000 has been spent on the project with an additional \$30,000 needed for the addition of the original gate to the guard house location. During the 2022 SDC International Meet its Grand Opening was celebrated.

In November of last year the final touch was added, a guard standing in the door to the guard house. A donated mannequin dressed in a guard uniform is an impressive addition to the project. His name is “Earl” after Earl Smith, a dedicated project volunteer who passed away in the fall of 2022. It took only 60 years to get the guard house back into service at Studebaker.

Sources: Borlik, K. (2023, February 20), Studebaker Guard Shack Stands Sentinel at Building 113, After 10 Year Campaign, *South Bend Tribune*; Page # unknown, WNDU video on the web. New Life for Studebaker Guard House, (2022, July 18).

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All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given us.

~ J.R.R. Tolkien

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## GroupWorks .....



Greetings all,

It is great to see so many SDC members using our new program. Welcome!

There are many ways to find the link to log in. You can put a link on the home section of your phone/tablet or bookmark it in the browser on your computer. We also have a link to the resources page at StudebakerDriversClub.com. Since that is a well known website for our members, it may be the easiest way for many of us to get to GroupWorks. Give it a try and pass the word!

~ Cynthia Sale, Administrator

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**Set of R2 Heads, \$275. Never used aluminum 4 barrel intake, \$400. Heater unit** for '64 Lark w/ new radiator core \$300. Avanti windshield

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**A good R10 transmission** still mounted to a broken 3 speed, like a broken case of broken main shaft, in other words a trashed 3 speed. Richard Coyle racprops@cox.net (3)

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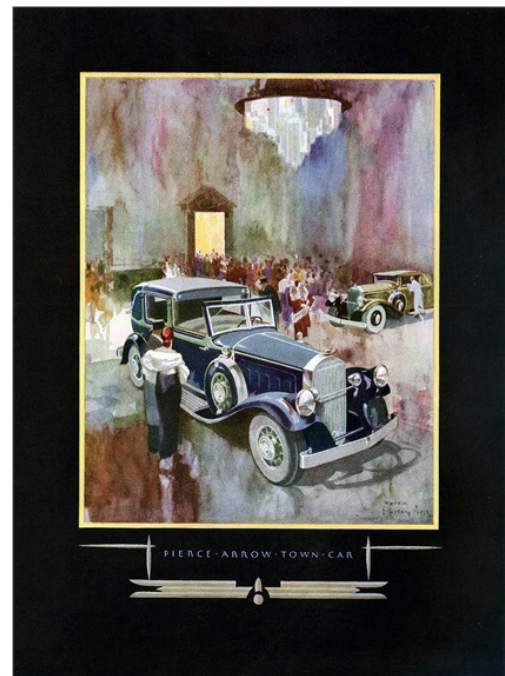
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# The *ECHO*

Newsletter of the Grand Canyon State Chapter, SDC  
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## REMINDERS FOR JULY

July 9 Organ Stop Pizza Gathering  
See pages 5 & 6 for details.



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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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I want to receive the newsletter by mail or  
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Dues are prorated at \$1.50 per month for new members,  
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Your dues include eleven issues of the award winning  
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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  
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new members, first year only. To renew your SDC  
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or \$161.00 for 5 years. Both include *Turning Wheels*  
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Any questions can be directed to the address below or  
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# National Collector Car



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Southern California Chapter**

**Inaugural Mariposa Meet**

**Thursday, August 3 – Sunday, August 6**

**Host Hotel: Miners Inn**

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**Commercial Air Service to Fresno-Yosemite International Airport**

**Rental Car Recommended – 70 miles to Mariposa**

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**Mention that you are with The Antique Studebaker Club**

**Pet Friendly (extra fee)**

**Limited Number of Rooms – Book NOW!**

**Yosemite Drive Tour, Mariposa History, Garage Tours, Two Group Meals**

**\$30/person, payable on arrival**

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# What the heck is Chat GPT and how does it relate to Studebaker

By Jack Gregory, editor of *Studepaper*, newsletter of the Foothills Chapter, SDC based in Calgary, Alberta

Did you ever wonder about this “Chat GPT” thing? Well, I did. It turns out it’s not only useful as a tool that your “connected” grandkids use to do their homework for them, but it’s also great at generating actual useful information.

How does it work? I have absolutely no idea... for all I know it could be an alien robot or an underused CIA computer doing the work. However, after a little on-line googling I got that Chat thingy to generate the following from a couple of questions I asked it:

## Give a history of Studebaker.

*The Studebaker was a brand of American automobiles that was active from the mid-19th century until the mid-20th century. The company was founded by brothers Henry and Clement Studebaker, who started out as blacksmiths in South Bend, Indiana in the 1850s. They began making wagons and carriages, and their business grew rapidly thanks to the high quality and durability of their products.*

*In the late 1800s, Studebaker began to transition into the automobile industry. They started producing electric vehicles in 1902 and gasoline-powered cars in 1904. The company's early cars were innovative and well-received, and they quickly became one of the leading automobile manufacturers in the United States.*

*Throughout the 1910s and 1920s, Studebaker continued to innovate and expand its product line. They introduced a number of successful models, including the Light Six, the Big Six, and the President. They also expanded their manufacturing operations, opening new factories in Canada and Europe.*

*In the 1930s, Studebaker faced financial difficulties due to the Great Depression. The company responded by introducing more affordable models and redesigning their existing models to be more streamlined and modern. One of their most successful models during this period was the Champion, which was introduced in 1939.*

*During World War II, Studebaker shifted its focus to producing military vehicles, including trucks and airplanes. After the war, they resumed production of civilian cars and continued to innovate with models like the Starlight Coupe, which had a unique and eye-catching design.*

*However, by the 1950s, Studebaker faced intense competition from other American automakers, and they struggled to keep up. The company merged with Packard in 1954, but the merger was unsuccessful, and Studebaker-Packard faced mounting financial losses.*

*In the 1960s, Studebaker attempted to turn things around by introducing new models like the Avanti, but these efforts were not enough to save the company. Studebaker produced its last car in 1966 and closed its doors for good in 1967.*

*Despite its eventual downfall, Studebaker remains a beloved brand among car enthusiasts and collectors, known for its innovative designs and high-quality craftsmanship.*

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## **So, then I asked it to tell me about the best cars Studebaker produced.**

*Studebaker was an American car manufacturer that produced several iconic cars throughout its history. Here are some of the best Studebaker cars ever produced:*

*1. Studebaker Avanti: The Avanti was a high-performance sports car produced by Studebaker from 1962 to 1964. It was designed by famed industrial designer Raymond Loewy and is considered a classic of American automotive design.*

*2. Studebaker Hawk: The Studebaker Hawk was produced from 1956 to 1964 and was available in several different models. It was a stylish and sporty car that competed with other American muscle cars of the era.*

*3. Studebaker Commander: The Commander was a mid-sized car produced by Studebaker from the 1920s to the 1960s. It was known for its reliability and durability and was often used as a police car or taxi.*

*4. Studebaker Gran Turismo Hawk: The Gran Turismo Hawk was produced from 1962 to 1964 and was a more luxurious version of the Studebaker Hawk. It had a sleek design and was powered by a V8 engine.*

*5. Studebaker Lark: The Lark was a compact car produced by Studebaker from 1959 to 1966. It was designed to compete with other small cars of the era, such as the Volkswagen Beetle and the Ford Falcon.*

*Overall, Studebaker produced a range of iconic cars throughout its history, but the Avanti and the Hawk are often considered the best due to their stylish design and high performance.*

### **Tell me a Studebaker joke:**

*Why did the Studebaker cross the road?*

*To prove it wasn't a chicken!*

*I hope that gave you a chuckle!*

### **Tell me another joke:**

*Sure, here's another one:*

*Why did the Studebaker owner buy a bicycle?*

*Because he wanted to feel what it was like to pass a Studebaker on the road!*

... NASTY ROBOT....

## **How did the robot do with Studebaker history? Let us know what you think.**

You can contact Jack with your comments at [jackgregory@shaw.ca](mailto:jackgregory@shaw.ca)  
or contact the *ECHO* editor at [ccollinsaz@cox.net](mailto:ccollinsaz@cox.net)

***Thank you, Jack!***