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Happy Autumn!



Studebaker 1/2-ton 8-foot pick-up—1-ton also available



1-ton shown with 8-foot platform stake—1/2-ton also available



1-ton shown with 9-foot closed van body—1 1/2-ton also available



1 1/2-ton shown with 12-foot grain body—2-ton also available



1 1/2-ton 12-foot platform stake—2-ton also available



1 1/2-ton shown with insulated milk body—2-ton also available



2-ton shown with 14-foot stock rack—1 1/2-ton also available



2-ton shown with dump body—1 1/2-ton also available



1/2-ton 6-foot pick-up—also available with 6 1/2-foot stake body

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New low-cost mileage puts you cash money ahead!

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You lay out less cash per month for gasoline—every quart of oil goes farther, too—Studebaker's wear-resisting craftsmanship fends off the need for frequent adjustments and repairs.

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It's the world's first truck with real "lift-the-hood" accessibility. No standing on a box.

It has weather-protected steps enclosed inside the doors—a low cab floor that saves strenuous climbing—foot-regulated air-scoop floor ventilators—automatic "hold-open" door stops—variable-ratio "extra leverage" steering.

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STUDEBAKER TRUCKS
Noted for low cost operation



2-ton tractor shown with 26-foot semi-trailer © 1949, The Studebaker Corp., South Dear 27, Ind., U. S. A.

From the Editor's Pen

The advertisement on the cover this month is a repeat of one featured previously and nicely illustrates Dan Kuhl's article on page 9 about the 1949 C-cab as he continues to share with us the history of Studebaker.

You're not seeing double when you read about our September events on page 6. Yes, we will celebrate Drive Your Studebaker Day twice in September. The Chapter was offered the opportunity to be the featured car club at the monthly Caffeine and Chrome at Gateway Classics on the 30th and the board designated it as an DYSD event hoping it may be a bit cooler and attract more participation than the early September date. But don't fail to get the Studebaker out, even to the driveway, on the official date, the 9th. It's a day to honor the heritage of Studebaker.

The post office has recently raised the price of a stamp from 63¢ to 66¢ and will have another increase in January. Please keep this in mind when renewing for 2024 - you can help contain the cost of publishing the newsletter by opting for the electronic version only. Thanks.

Thank you to this month's contributors: Michell Eastburn, Peggy Eastburn, Dan Kuhl, Scott Grainger, Cynthia Sale and Steve Fein.

Stay cool and stay safe.

Chris

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.

CHAPTER NAME BADGE

Order your Chapter name badge with a pin back by contacting Chris Collins at ccollinsaz@cox.net or 602-995-2146. The price is \$5.00 each.

If you wish to have a magnet back on your badge, the price is \$6.00 each.

The name badges are available in the traditional brass and black with the SDC logo or a blue plastic with the Chapter logo.

Studebaker — Builder of Champions

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STATE OF THE CHAPTER

By Michell Eastburn, President

Drive Your Studebaker Day is marked every year on the second Saturday of September. This year's event will take place on the 9th. The Studebaker has long been regarded as the embodiment of class as



a result of its beauty, elegance, and sophistication. The Studebaker Corporation earned a reputation for quality, durability, and dependability thanks to timeless designs and exceptional engineering detail. Drive Your Studebaker Day honors the impact of these incredible automobiles on automotive history, and also provides an opportunity for Studebaker drivers all over the world to show off their Studebaker cars, trucks, or even antique carriages.

Our Chapter will be celebrating IDYSD all month long as we have events planned on both the 9th and the 30th. We will be joining several other car enthusiasts at Mixteca's for a local car show on the 9th; clean-up those white walls and get your Studebaker out to Celebrate!

Additionally, we will be the *featured* car club at the Gateway Classics Caffeine and Chrome Car Show on the 30th. Studebakers will be featured alongside several other makes and our goal is to show-up and show-out with all of our beautiful and unique Studebakers to express just how amazing the Grand Canyon State Chapter of the SDC is!

In October we will be joining the Hudson, Essex, Terraplane Grand Canyon Chapter on October 15th in Phoenix at Los Olivos Park for their 31th Annual Charity Event Orphan Car Show. This is a family and pet friendly event. Lots of neat cars and trucks to enjoy and as usual we are vying for that coveted participation award! Bring the family out for a day in the park, with food, fun, and of course Studebakers!

Last but not least, on December 2nd we will all be celebrating our Annual Holiday Party in Glendale at Larry Polhill's Private Collection. The remainder of events for the year are planned, don't miss out, update your calendars now. Be sure to check out our website and Facebook pages for more info and invitation information.

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".



Thoughts and Well Wishes to

Sue King	Mary Powell-McConnell
Ike Quigley	Jim Nereau
Carl Reid	Rosalie Torske

2024 CHAPTER ELECTIONS

The Grand Canyon State Chapter will hold its election for 2024 officers and board members in November and nominations are being accepted in September and October. If you are interested in learning more about serving on the Chapter board you can contact one of the current officers or a board member to learn what the job entails.

Bathrooms With a View: Sunset Point Rest Area has reopened; ADOT project renovated restrooms, ramadas, sidewalks, lighting and more. July 17, 2023

PHOENIX – Great news for Interstate 17 travelers: The Sunset Point Rest Area is open after an Arizona Department of Transportation project to upgrade its restrooms, water and septic systems, and other amenities. To enhance capacity and accessibility, the \$7.5 million project included renovating and reopening the original restroom building that had been closed since the new restroom building opened in 2010.

Along with returning to that sweeping view west toward the Bradshaw Mountains, visitors will notice upgrades to the signage, sidewalks, lighting and landscaping, along with renovated ramadas. Restrooms have new or upgraded lighting fixtures, doors, sinks, hand dryers and more. The project also renovated the rest area's sundial memorial, which honors ADOT employees who have died while serving the state of Arizona. Sunset Point Rest Area serves more than a million visitors a year. For the few who have yet to visit it, Sunset Point is located along I-17 between Black Canyon City and Cordes Junction.

(Source: Bathrooms With a View: Sunset Point Rest Area has reopened | Department of Transportation (azdot.gov))



ORGAN STOP PIZZA

By Michell Eastburn

It might have been 110⁺ but it was as cool as Christmas at Organ Stop Pizza in Mesa on July 9th. Twenty eight members, family and friends gathered for pizza and the Mighty Wurlitzer Pipe Organ to enjoy Christmas in July. Our typical favorites of Bohemian Rhapsody and the Chattanooga Choo Choo were mixed with a little Jingle Bells and Silent Night. Seamus Gethicker, of Bath, Maine, was the guest Organist for the night and kept all entertained, even Santa and his Elf.

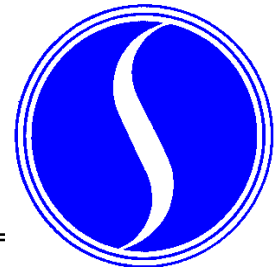
Our Studes decided it was a bit too hot outside, and Organ Stop won't let them in to enjoy the snowflakes (bubble machine) falling from the ceiling, so they stayed home in their garages for this month's activity...no worries we'll see them again in the fall! If you haven't been to Organ Stop you should really think about coming out and enjoying one of the best east side attractions that Arizona has to offer!



Those joining for pizza and, of course, ice cream were: Richard Dormois, Claudia Robinette, Gary & Sandie Keating, Linda Saar and Dennis Lynde, Brian Borgstede, Chapter member from St. Louis and guest Shane Goss, Jim Clever with guests Marilyn Clever, Paul & MaryLou DelVecchio, Bob & Carol Westfall, John Kroulik, Kolton Kroulik with guest, Michell Eastburn, Patrick, Brischell, Brielle, & Patrick Jr. Eastburn, Bill & Peggy Eastburn with guests Del, Vicky & Lucy Wamsley and Friend.

Brian Borgstede, Peggy Eastburn, Bill Eastburn

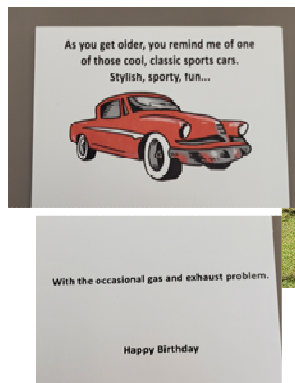
Photos courtesy of Brian Borgstede



STUDE BITS

From Mary Powell-McConnell: I found two more instances of Studebaker, but they were in movies. In "Band of Brothers" is a Lark and in "Indiana Jones and the Crystal Skull" were a Studebaker Truck, Scotsman I think, and a Bullet nose.

Tess Gunty, winner of the National Book Award for fiction, is the author of "The Rabbit Hutch" a novel set in a downtrodden city inspired by her hometown of South Bend, Ind. Watch this video of a CBS interview with Gunty which includes a very interesting clip of the Studebaker factory closing in December, 1963 and other images of South Bend. <https://www.cbsnews.com/video/writer-tess-gunty-on-the-rabbit-hutch/>



Michell Eastburn wrote she and Bill Eastburn joined a small car show in June. "Unfortunately getting the date wrong for another car show and taking the long way home resulted in inadvertently getting invited to a small show of cars being displayed at Carl Hayden High School for a local health fair. Arnie, the '65 Commander, fit the color scheme of the other cars but was by far the most stock vehicle in attendance, especially when it came to suspension aspects, haha!"

From the 99¢ Store: Submitted by Michell and Peggy Eastburn. The drawing on this humorous birthday card looks very much like one of Studebaker's most iconic cars.

Several members attended an auction on July 8th which featured an abundance of Studebaker parts and vehicles. The stash was from the estate of **Don Dolezal**, a founding member of the Grand Canyon State Chapter.

GRAND CANYON STATE CHAPTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 9
Saturday

INTERNATIONAL DRIVE YOUR STUDEBAKER DAY. PLAN TO TAKE YOUR STUDE OUT FOR IDYSD 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



—SECOND SATURDAY IN SEPTEMBER—

SEPTEMBER 12-16

INTERNATIONAL SDC MEET HOSTED BY THE WISCONSIN REGION CHAPTER IN MANITOWOC, WIS. INFORMATION IN AUGUST *TURNING WHEELS* OR VISIT WWW.SDCMEET.COM

SEPTEMBER 24
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 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? SEE PAGE 6 OR CONTACT PEGGY AT peggyeastburn@hotmail.com / 623-936-6116

OCTOBER 15
Sunday

31ST ANNUAL ORPHAN CAR SHOW HOSTED BY GRAND CANYON CHAPTER, HUDSON ESSEX TERRAPLANE CLUB AT LOS OLIVOS PARK, 28TH ST. & DEVONSHIRE AVE., PHOENIX FROM 9AM-2PM. PROCEEDS BENEFIT SUNSHINE ACRES CHILDREN'S HOME. OPEN TO ALL VINTAGE VEHICLES. DASH PLAQUE, AWARDS, DOOR PRIZES. LUNCH FOR MEMBERS PROVIDED BY CHAPTER. REGISTER NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 6TH. REGISTRATION FORM IS ON PAGE 13 OR CONTACT PEGGY AT 623-936-6116 OR peggyeastburn@hotmail.com

NOVEMBER 4
Saturday

MEMBER APPRECIATION GATHERING HOSTED BY TIM & CYNTHIA PHILLIPS IN SURPRISE AT 20060 N. ORGAN PIPE DR., 11:00AM TO 3:00PM WITH POT LUCK LUNCH AT NOON. CHAPTER WILL PROVIDE MAIN DISH AND MEMBERS BRING A POT LUCK SIDE OR DESSERT. DOOR PRIZES, 50/50 RAFFLE. PLEASE BRING CHAIRS. RSVP BY OCTOBER 30TH TO PEGGY AT peggyeastburn@hotmail.com / 623-936-6116 /

DECEMBER 2
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

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE.

JANUARY 2024

WINTER GATHERING. YOUR SUGGESTIONS FOR VENUE AND ACTIVITIES ARE WELCOME. CONTACT AN OFFICER OR BOARD MEMBER WITH YOUR IDEAS. SEE PAGE 2.

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 EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 9 DRIVE YOUR STUDEBAKER DAY

September 9th marks the SDC's customary observance of International Drive Your Studebaker Day on the second Saturday of September, an occasion celebrated everywhere Studebakers are driven. GCS Chapter members are encouraged to get their Studes out for a drive, whether to your favorite eatery or to pick up supplies for a backyard barbeque, or to simply display it in your driveway, if it is not yet a driver.

A driving option and an opportunity to display your pride and joy is the cruise-in at Mixteca Mexican Food, 6731 W. Bell Rd., Glendale (southwest corner of 67th Ave. and Bell Rd.). Plan to arrive about 5:00pm - look for the Chapter feather banners to park with other members. Don't forget your chairs and water.

SEPTEMBER 30 DRIVE YOUR STUDEBAKER DAY

The Chapter will mark its official observance of International Drive Your Studebaker Day at Gateway Classic Cars' Cafeine and Chrome car show as the featured car club on Saturday, September 30th. Gateway gifts the featured club with reserved parking, goodie bags, social media posts, up to \$200 donation to the club, club group photo, and more! Please plan to bring your Studebaker for the festivities. A minimum of 10 cars is required to receive the donation.

Gateway Classic Cars is at 22305 N. 23rd Ave., Phoenix and the show is from 9:00 am to noon. The event is

open to the public and there is no admission fee. All makes and models are welcome with plenty of parking space. Coffee and donuts will be served while supplies last.

How to get to Gateway Classic Cars:

From I-17 – Take I-17 (Black Canyon Freeway) to Exit 217 Pinnacle Peak Rd. Go East to 23rd Ave. Go South (R) to William Alter Way (Corridors Industrial Park) Go East (L) to the fourth large building on the South side of the street (RH side). From Cave Creek Rd – Go North to Deer Valley Rd. Go West to 19th Ave. Go North (R) to William Alter Way (aka Corridors Industrial Park) Go West (L) to the first large building on the South side of the street (LH side).

Make plans now to have your Studebaker or other collectible car ready for this event and then be there!

**For more information about these events contact
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Visit the Chapter Facebook page - Studebaker Grand Canyon State Chapter - to add these events to your calendar.

MEETING HOSTS WANTED

If you would like to host a Chapter meeting or event in 2024, please contact a board member and tell him/her what you have in mind.

See contact info on page 2.

September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Questions? Call Chris at 602-995-2146					1	2
3	4  Labor Day	5	6	7	8	9 Celebrate IDYSD
10 Grand- parents Day	11 Patriots Day	12	13 SDC Meet 12-16, Manitowoc, Wis.	14	15 Rosh Hashanah begins.	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 Autumnal Equinox 
24 Yom Kippur begins	25	26	27	28	29	30 IDYSD at Gateway Classics

NON-CHAPTER EVENTS OF INTEREST

SEPTEMBER 22-24 RUN TO THE PINES in Pinetop Lakeside. <https://www.runtothepinescarshow.com/>

OCTOBER 7 CARS AND COFFEE AT SPEEDWAY MOTORS

From 9am to noon, Speedway Motors at 8701 W. McDowell Rd., Tolleson hosts a Cars and Coffee event the last Saturday of the month. "Join us for a family friendly gathering of the local automotive community. Bring your specialty car. We'll bring the free coffee and donuts. Family, friends and kids are always welcome!" <https://www.speedwaymotors.com>

OCTOBER 22 FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH FALL FESTIVAL

A Car Show will be part of the First Christian Church Fall Festival at 7405 E. McDonald Dr., Scottsdale and will benefit organizations who help those in need. The show, to be held from 2pm-5pm, will have award for various categories of vehicles, games and food and drink sales. The entry fee is \$25 in advance. Register online here: <https://www.fccscottsdale.org/more/fall-festival>

STUDEBAKERS FOR SALE:

1960 Hawk



289, 3spd. New front suspension, tires, wheels, paint, upholstery, clutch, Vintage Air AC. Award winning. Drives well. \$25,000. John at 602-320-7082 (2)

1946 Champion Skyway



Has been fully restored with original paint color. \$12,500 Jonny Klein 928-408-5966

Contact editor for interior and other photos. (1)

THE Studebaker DRIVERS CLUB INC.

CELEBRATE!
September Birthdays



- | | | | |
|----|--------------------|----|----------------|
| 3 | Jean Kirkel | 17 | Ike Quigley |
| 6 | Steve Fein | 19 | Paul Horvath |
| 7 | Jan Malmstrom | 19 | Suzanne Riley |
| 9 | Chuck Collins | 19 | John Wiley |
| 9 | Kimberley McDonald | 21 | Shelley Levin |
| 10 | Kolton Kroulik | 22 | Chuck Stanford |
| 10 | Barb Olsen | 26 | Chuck Plevich |
| 10 | Tim Phillips | 30 | Mary Cervini |
| 11 | Gary Keating | | |
| 16 | Bryce Denen | | |

September Anniversary

- | | |
|----|-------------------------|
| 5 | Don & Kathy Parkey |
| 5 | John & Evelyn Verrill |
| 9 | Chuck & Louise Stanford |
| 29 | Chuck & Diane Plevich |



Children's Birthdays

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|----|---|
| 16 | Karsten Rasmussen
(son of Ron & Stephanie) |
| 26 | George Serbin
(son of Brian & Julie) |



1970 Avanti



Red/black int., Corvette 350, Hurst 4-speed, P/S, PDB, tilt steering, Am/FM, driving lamps, rear defogger, R134 a/c (blower motor not working). Many new parts and upgrades, very nice condition.

\$31,500 O.B.O. Call Rick at 602-376-3637, no text. (1)

1964 GT Hawk

Package Car with R1 Engine, Power Shift Automatic, Power Steering, Power Brakes, Sports Roof and Air Conditioning. V8 With the four-barrel carburetor. Front and rear anti-roll bars, rear radius rods, heavy-duty springs, and front disc brakes. This is in good shape, runs very well



and is very desirable. The paint is showing its age but is presentable. No rust, has been an Arizona car most of its life or maybe forever. Asking \$20,000. For more information call Bill at 623-640-3094. (1)



Phoenix Fabulous 4th Celebration

By Scott Grainger

1 12° F didn't keep us from attending the City of Phoenix car and truck show and fireworks blast off since the virus episode. Maria and I cleaned up Toto a few days prior and were ready to roll early in the afternoon of the 4th. We had invited the young men from the U-Turn Foundation Freeway Group Home to attend the event with us. (See photo below.) We all met at our home and

launched into the heat of the day. I couldn't write this as the day progressed; I thought the ink may melt and run off the page. T'was a bit warmish out. Broad brimmed hats and sun lotion were recommended.

Lots of friendly waves and honks as we traveled surface streets to Steele Indian Park. Not a lot of traffic; Maria said most folks must've left town! Well not all of 'em! as they started to show up at the park around 6! Lots of foot traffic. We had our choice of



places to park as there were a lot of no-shows. As the only Studebaker there, Toto really shined. The 1958 Chevy beater next to us had some activity as did the 1978 MG on the other side of Toto. A '40 Ford looked nice but was not original. There were two other cars, an early Chevy Corvette and some other car but they parked 300 yards away. Toto attracted a lot of attention. The area where we parked on the grass is where a very large portion of the folks walk by or through on their way to the seating for the fireworks. Quite a few kids and some bigger kids climbed up on Toto's driver's seat for pics. The kettle korn was the best! We bought a small bag that was 24" long! Brought most of it home!

Toto has attended 5 of these events over the years. The fireworks are very good, lasted 1 ½ hours this year. It is always very warm but it is on the grass and there is some shade. Maria and I had a good time.

New in the Garage

A NEW LAND CRUISER JOINS THE GRAINGER FAMILY!

Submitted by Scott Grainger



Her name is LC-2. We found her in the Albany, New York area. Originally she hailed from Nebraska. I don't have a build sheet for her yet so I may have more to add as to where she was originally purchased later.

Maria and I and the girls will pick LC-2 up when we fly out to Albany in late October, about 2 weeks after our wedding. We plan to add 4,000 miles to her odometer as we visit family and friends along our route home via eastern Canada, western New York, eastern and southern Virginia, western

and northern Missouri, eastern Kansas, central Colorado, northern New Mexico and then home.

LC-2 has some racing history in her fairly recent past as she has raced in two different Hemmings Great Races in the eastern U.S. Garaged in the winters in both Nebraska and New York has helped to keep her total miles down well below 100k miles!

We look forward to seeing you all at the Christmas party. We will keep a log of our adventures to share with you in future stories. At this time the only planned changes to her are to add a/c and fog lamps (see our request for bumperettes for the fogs in the wanted section of the ECHO). Your friends, Scott & Maria



DON'T BE STUCK, DRIVE THE NEWEST POST-WAR TRUCK

By Dan Kuhl

World War II was a difficult time for all automobile manufacturers, having to cease production of automobiles to aid the federal government in manufacturing war-making equipment. On the other hand it didn't take long for the car companies to realize war contracts were quite lucrative. Studebaker's efforts were rewarded nicely both financially, and as stated in a previous article, winning the "E" award for their impressive efforts in supporting the government.

1941 began as a banner year for Studebaker with the popular Champion and the introduction of the M-Series truck which debuted as the Coupe Express in that first year of truck production. Because the US entered the war at the end of 1941, the 1942 is rare due to a shortened model run which ended in February, 1942. Paul Sievers, a former member of the Grand Canyon Chapter who now lives in Libby, Mont., took a 1942 M15 with him from a Phoenix junkyard where I had found it back in the late 1980s.

But, this article is not about the "M", it is about the glories of the C-cab that replaced the M-Series in 1949. The 1949 Model was quite modern for its time with a trifecta of changes that propelled it ahead of its competitors. It was a place Studebaker should have kept but with no support from management the truck line languished until the end of production in 1964. Much has been written about this debacle.

Fred Fox recently completed a series of feature articles in *Turning Wheels* about the 1949 truck, so you might find this somewhat repetitive. However, I have planned this short synopsis for quite some time; it gives me a chance to showcase a banner in my collection. It was received from Frank Frost who purchased it from an antique dealer in Zumbrota, Minn.

The first of the three changes was the moving of the running boards inside the cab so that the exterior of the truck appeared more streamlined. Most manufacturers did not make this change until the mid '50s. The second change that was of major importance was the double-wall box that hid damage to the inner box wall caused by shifting cargo that could mar the exterior of a truck body using single wall construction. Many trucks did not receive this change until the '60s. It should also be noted that a metal floor was standard with the new box. GM continued to use wood floors well into the '60s. The third and final point was the introduction of the "World's Finest Ventilating and Heating System".

Why was this system so special? It incorporated an airflow system from a grill opening into the fender two-sided apron, creating a plenum that carried air to the vent openings in the firewall, and in those trucks with heaters, to an opening in the driver's side apron that took air to the heater core for warming. Other than the heater box, the system was not visible and did not detract from the new design of the '49 truck.

Other manufacturers used a variety of methods to get fresh air into the cab. Included were: a cowl vent at the bottom of the windshield, a windshield that opened, vent openings on the cab side, just in front of the cab doors, or large tubes installed in the engine bay to carry air from the grill area to the firewall. These tubes occupied a great deal of space and cluttered the compartment.

The '49 opened a long run of C-cab trucks that, in my opinion was the high-water-mark for Studebaker truck manufacturing. The other trucks were all great haulers but the styling tended to follow the Studebaker cars of the day.

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