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

Thanks to Pete Mensing for his keen observation in spotting an error in the article about the 1933 Studebaker Special Race Car. At one point the car was owned by the famed Studebaker designer Brooks Stevens but he acquired the car in 1957, not 1933 as stated in the article. The car is now on display at the Studebaker National Museum. Here's a link to an article about the acquisition: <https://tinyurl.com/5axmpwyc> which appeared in the October 30th *Hemmings Daily* e-newsletter.

The ballot for the election of 2024 Chapter officers and board is on page 10. Also, on that page is a new advertiser, Genco Auto Electric, recommended by Dennis Lynde; read his review on page 5.

I'd like to thank all who have sent me submissions-photos, articles, tidbits, corrections and miscellaneous notes - throughout the past year. *The ECHO* is your newsletter and your contributions are welcome and needed.

Thank you for the contributions this month to Michell Eastburn, Dan Kuhl, Scott Grainger, Steve Fein, Dennis Lynde, Peggy Eastburn and Kent Musgrave.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

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.

### 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".

### 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.

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# STATE OF THE CHAPTER

By Michell Eastburn, President

November, the 11th month of the year, has 30 days and marks the beginning of the winter holiday season for most folks, even if the winter solstice doesn't occur until late December. We've made this month, named for the ninth (novem) month in the early Roman calendar, into a social time of community suppers, feasts of thanksgiving, and general elections. (source: The Month of November 2023: Holidays, Full Moon, Recipes, and More | The Old Farmer's Almanac)



Here we go into the tailspin of 2023, yet the fun has just begun. October was a beautiful month here in the great state of Arizona and I hope that November proves be much the same. This past October many of us participated in the local Orphan Car Show hosted by the HET Club at Los Olivos Park with pizza and prizes while enjoying Studebakers and a bunch of other unique cars/trucks. This coming weekend we will host our November Membership Appreciation Cook-Out and Potluck, I hope to see you all there. As mentioned before, our Annual Holiday Party on December 2nd should already be on your calendars! Chapter events to finish out 2023 are set to be nothing short of amazing! See pages 5 and 6 for more details.

Isn't it amazing that the Studebaker family is so large, we are not just cars and trucks, we are also wagons, buses, buggies, and electric vehicles. We must all remember that we are part of a unique family, a family of Studebakers. Not everyone knows what a Studebaker is, not everyone has driven or been driven in a Studebaker... we are not a Ford, Chevy, Dodge, Harley Davidson Club...we are a Studebaker Club and we shouldn't take that for granted. Just as we cheer for the Arizona Diamondbacks or your favorite football team, we should also cheer over our Studebaker team!

## Doing the splits!

Drivers on I-10 will see two new traffic configurations go into place beginning at the end of October for work related to the I-10 Broadway Curve Improvement Project. Over the last weekend in October, crews shifted the eastbound I-10 lanes between 40th Street and Broadway Road to be split with roadway barrier and work zone in between. Two lanes now go the left and three lanes go to the right of the work zone. Drivers who plan to exit to eastbound US 60 are encouraged to stay in the right lanes. However, if you can't make it over in time, there will be an opportunity after the split lanes merge back together to merge right for the US 60 exit.



## Welcome New Member!

Don & Rowi Slifer  
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 907-330-7552  
 donswoodbarn@gmail.com  
 1961 Hawk  
 Referred by Bruce Slifer

New member Kregg Lea, who joined last month, was referred by Paul Setaro.

## Thoughts and Well Wishes to

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

## 2024 CHAPTER DUES

Grand Canyon State Chapter dues are due in December and 2024 dues for all members are \$20.00 yearly. Among the many benefits of Chapter membership is the newsletter and you 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 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 - <https://www.grandcanyonsdc.com/membershipSDC.html> 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 matter.

(Source: Doing the splits! Watch for new lane configurations this fall on I-10 in the Broadway Curve area | Department of Transportation (azdot.gov))

# DRIVE YOUR STUDEBAKER DAY, PART 2

By Michell Eastburn

We couldn't have asked for a more beautiful September day to celebrate International Drive Your Studebaker Day. On September 30<sup>th</sup>, Gateway Classics Cars of Scottsdale hosted our Grand Canyon State Chapter of the SDC, as their featured car club for their monthly Caffeine and Chrome car show. Twenty four members with eighteen Studebakers, one Ford, two Chevys and one Chrysler Maserati joined several other makes and models in the parking lot of Gateway Classics to celebrate a delayed IDYSD. Thank you to board member Tim Phillips for planning this event and coordinating with Gateway Classic's Inventory Consultant, Tim Johnson, to show Scottsdale all of our wonderful Studebakers. Gateway Classics gifted members with goody bags, coffee, snacks and an amazing showroom of cars (including a 1955 President owned by members Lenka Hospodka and Sam Powell). Thank you to our wonderful membership attendance who are credited with helping the Chapter reach their goal of 20 cars, and ultimately donating \$200.00 to the City of Phoenix Police Museum to assist with the maintenance of the restored 1962 Studebaker Lark Police Car.



Members gathered outside for quick membership meeting to discuss upcoming events and Chapter elections. Drivers' awards were won by John Rodhouse, a \$25 gas card, and Garry Klinger, Mother Road Brewing IPA Beer. Welcome to new member Kregg Lea who showcased his 1963 Wagonaire that he is currently restoring. Much appreciation for loading-up and towing your Stude out to make sure we hit our goal. Also showcasing part of his collection was Garnet Baril with his 1930 Chevy Rat Rod. Again, much appreciation for loading up and towing out your classic for all the see and help us towards our goal. A shout-out to Buddy Wright for driving out and dropping off his 1953 2R5. Due to a conflicting engagement, Buddy was unable to join us for the festivities, but he made sure to bring out his Stude to get us just that much closer our to goal.

Thank you to all of you who attended, some for the second time in September, for our International Drive Your Studebaker Day 2023. This Chapter shows other Chapters just how events should be attended, with dedication and awesomeness!!!

Participating in this IDYSD event were: Bill & Peggy Eastburn, 1964 Wagonaire; Michell Eastburn, 1962 Champ PU, 1900 Goat Wagon; Gary Klinger, 1952 Commander SLC; Carl Reid, 1963 GT Hawk; Mike Barany, 1956 Golden Hawk; Tim Phillips, 1955 Commander; Adam DeRosa, 1972 Avanti II; John Rodhouse, 1950 Champion SLC; Don Parkey, 1960 Lark; Kregg Lea, 1963 Wagonaire; Denny Lockmon, 1959 Larkamino; Rick Melms, 1988 Avanti convertible; Jim Fischbach, 1953 Starliner; Paul Miller & Camille Miles, 1964 GT Hawk; Buddy Wright, 1953 2R5 Pickup; Paul & Phyllis Setaro, 1962 GT Hawk; John Drake, 1984 Avanti; Bob & Carol Westfall, 1950 Ford 2dr Sedan; Garnet Baril, 1930 Chevy Ratrod; Jim Clever, 1966 Chevy; Steve Fein, 1990 Chrysler Maserati.

See more IDYSD photos at the Chapter Facebook page.



Photo courtesy of the Phoenix Police Museum.

## CHAPTER TO DONATE \$200 TO PHOENIX POLICE MUSEUM

Gateway Classics made a donation of \$200 to the GCSC in appreciation for the Chapter's display at our IDYSD event on September 30<sup>th</sup>. The Chapter in turn will donate the funds to the Phoenix Police Museum for the care and upkeep of the Museum's 1962 Lark Police Car.

The Lark was found at Chuck Naugle's Stude Acres in very poor condition but with the skillful efforts of Will Eastburn the Lark has been restored to its like-original condition. Visit <https://phoenixpolicemuseum.org/> for information about the Museum.

## GRAND CANYON STATE CHAPTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 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. INFO: SEE PAGE 6 OR CONTACT PEGGY AT [peggyeastburn@hotmail.com](mailto:peggyeastburn@hotmail.com) / 623-936-6116
- NOVEMBER 19**  
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.
- DECEMBER 2**  
Saturday **CHAPTER HOLIDAY PARTY** AT LARRY POLHILL COLLECTION, 7856 N. GLEN HARBOR BLVD., GLENDALE FROM 11AM TO 3PM WITH LUNCH AT NOON. ENJOY A MEXICAN THEMED LUNCH AND A DAY OF FESTIVITIES. PLEASE BRING EXAMPLES OF ANY STUDEBAKER MEMORABILIA YOU HAVE TO SHARE. CONTACT PEGGY AT 623-936-6116 / [peggyeastburn@hotmail.com](mailto:peggyeastburn@hotmail.com) TO RSVP BY NOVEMBER 25TH TO VOLUNTEER TO BRING A DESSERT OR IF YOU HAVE A QUESTION.
- JANUARY 14, 2024  
Sunday SOUTHERN ARIZONA CHAPTER'S ANNUAL BANQUET TO BE HELD AT WHITE STALLION RANCH, 9251 W. TWIN PEAKS RD., TUCSON. 11am-3pm. LUNCH IS \$32 AND INCLUDES TAX. RSVP TO RANDY GOBLE AT [dgrg0823@comcast.net](mailto:dgrg0823@comcast.net) BY JAN. 6.
- JANUARY 2024** **WINTER GATHERING.** VENUE AND DETAILS FORTHCOMING OR CONTACT PEGGY AT 623-936-6116 or [peggyeastburn@hotmail.com](mailto:peggyeastburn@hotmail.com)
- JUNE 25-29, 2024 60TH INTERNATIONAL SDC MEET, DUBUQUE, IOWA. SEE NOVEMBER *TURNING WHEELS* FOR INFORMATION OR VISIT [WWW.SDC.COM](http://WWW.SDC.COM). REGISTRATION IS OPEN.

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.*

## MEMBER RECOMMENDED SERVICES

I was having trouble getting my Studebaker's battery to charge and the ammeter was in the discharge area a lot while driving, so I took the alternator out after having Advance Auto Parts check it on their machine which said I had a problem with the Alternator. I took it in for repair to **Genco Auto Electric** in Mesa. He took it apart and said I had a loose connection, and that he would replace the brushes and fix the problem, which he did. It was done in one day and at no charge. He is a very helpful and nice gentleman, his name is Paul. Their address is 145 W Broadway Rd, #19, 480-644-9088. I highly recommend this shop for electrical repairs of alternators, starters etc.

Submitted by Dennis Lynde. Contact him at [smokeyaz012@aol.com](mailto:smokeyaz012@aol.com) if you have questions about the service.

### OTHER MEMBER RECOMMENDED AUTO ELECTRIC REPAIR SHOPS

**Turbo and Electric Sales and Service**, 2222 N. 23rd. Dr., Phoenix, 602-253-6817, rebuilds Alternators, Starters, Fan Clutches and Turbochargers. Recommended by Kent Musgrave at [professor\\_km@cox.net](mailto:professor_km@cox.net)

**Copperstate Auto Electric**, 3807 N. 35th Ave., Phoenix, 602-253-4155, rebuilds alternators and starters. Recommended by Peggy Eastburn at [peggyeastburn@hotmail.com](mailto:peggyeastburn@hotmail.com)

## UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

### NOVEMBER 4 MEMBER APPRECIATION COOK-OUT AND POT LUCK HOSTED BY TIM & CYNTHIA PHILLIPS

Time: 11:00am - 3:00pm with lunch at 12:00pm  
Location: 20060 N. Organ Pipe Drive, Surprise, AZ 85374

Pack up your chairs and side dish and join us for a cook-out and potluck at the home of Tim and Cynthia Phillips on Saturday, November 4th. The Chapter will provide the main dish and members are asked to bring their favorite side dish or dessert. Tim has graciously offered to let us try out his BBQ smoking skills and will be preparing the meat for the meal. Members will have the chance to win door prizes including Studebakers gadgets, gift cards and more.

Directions are: From the L303 exit at US 60, turn right (If coming west down US 60 proceed left (south)) onto Sunrise Blvd and then a left on Mountain View Blvd. Pull into the neighborhood at Morningtree Drive and proceed make a left on Golden Barrel Drive then an immediate right onto Organ Pipe Drive; house will be on the south side of the road. Follow the feathers and signage for assistance. Please use your GPS if you are coming from another direction.

For more info contact Peggy Eastburn at [peggyeastburn@hotmail.com](mailto:peggyeastburn@hotmail.com) or 623-936-6116

### DECEMBER 2 HOLIDAY PARTY

Time: 11am - 3pm with lunch at 12 noon  
Location: Larry Polhill's Private Collection  
7856 N. Glen Harbor Blvd., Glendale

Please join us for our annual Holiday Party hosted by Chapter member Larry Polhill at the home of his private Studebaker collection. Members will be able to participate in the 50/50 and enjoy some unique Studebaker memorabilia. Please bring any unusual or special memorabilia you have you would like to share. A Mexican food dinner will be served a noon. Don't forget your Studebaker.

RSVP to Peggy by November 25th if you plan to attend, to let her know if you will bring a dessert or if you have any questions at [peggyeastbur@hotmail.com](mailto:peggyeastbur@hotmail.com) or 623-936-6116.

Visit the Chapter Facebook page Studebakers Grand Canyon State Chapter to add Chapter events to your calendar.

The SDC advises all Studebaker drivers display a fire extinguisher at the front left tire of their car/truck at SDC/Chapter hosted car shows.

Occam's Razor: The simplest explanation is usually the truth.

# November 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Questions? Call Chris at 602-995-2146			1	2	3	4 Member Appreciation
5 DST Ends	6	7 Election Day	8	9	10	11  Veteran's Day
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 <b>Happy Thanksgiving!</b>	24	25 RSVP by today for 12-2
26	27	28 Giving Tuesday	29	30		

# ORPHAN CAR SHOW

By Michell Eastburn

Joining the Grand Canyon Chapter of the Hudson Essex Terraplane (HET) Club at Los Olivos Park on Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> for the Annual Orphan Car Show was nothing less than expected. Thirty five members with 17 Studebakers, one Ford and one Chrysler enjoyed a fun Chapter October membership event which included a picnic lunch with pizza, snacks and drinks while enjoying all the other orphans cars, the beautiful weather and a quick membership meeting. Thank you to Chapter Members Will Eastburn, Tim Phillips, and Carol Westfall for helping the HET Club with fun judging and congratulations to all those who won trophies and/or door prizes. All of your participation in this year's annual Orphan Car Show resulted in our Chapter once again winning the Participation award.

Thank you to Carl Reid for saving our Studes and members the shady corner and helping to cleanup the parking lot in preparation for the car show. Also thank you to Carl & Esther Reid, Carol Westfall, Will Eastburn, Callan Rodhouse and Ainsley Rodhouse for helping set up and break down for our meeting/lunch.

GCSC cars and their drivers winning fun judging awards were: Chix Magnet -1988 Avanti, Rick Melms; It's a Hit -1950 Champion, award accepted by Ainsley Rodhouse; Best Wheels -1950 Ford, Carol & Bob Westfall; People's Choice: Back in Time -1965 Commander, Michell Eastburn.



Photo courtesy of Steve Fein.

Members attending the Orphan Car Show were Carl & Esther Reid, 1963 GT Hawk; Chuck & Chris Collins, 1963 GT Hawk; Carol & Bob Westfall, 1950 Ford; Dennis Lynde & Linda Saar, 1963 GT Hawk; Garry Klinger, 1952 Commander SLC; Don & Sheri Engstrom, 1955 Speedster; Butch Summers, 1964 Daytona; Peggy Eastburn 1964 Wagonaire; Michell Eastburn, 1962 Champ, 2-1900 Goat Wagons; Bill Eastburn, 1965 Commander; Sid Rosen, 1955 Speedster; Denny Lockmon & Maryann Lemely, 1964 Avanti; Rick Melms, 1988 Avanti convertible; John Rodhouse, Ainsley and Callan, 1950 Champion SLC; John Kroulik, 1958 Transtar; Will Eastburn, 1963 GT Hawk; Kolton Kroulik; Dan Kuhl; Roy Cirincione; Tim Phillips; Keith Graham; Steve Mills; Hugh McDowell; Frank Levin; Paul Vigne.

See more Orphan Car Show photos at the Chapter Facebook page.

*Keep America Beautiful,  
Drive a Studebaker!*

## CELEBRATE!

### November Birthdays



- |   |                |    |               |
|---|----------------|----|---------------|
| 2 | Scott Grainger | 16 | Don Engstrom  |
| 2 | Sam Powell     | 18 | Mike Barany   |
| 2 | Dennis Roeper  | 23 | Denny Lockmon |
| 4 | Deb Baker      | 24 | Bob Baker     |
| 8 | Mary Barany    | 26 | Bob Halgren   |
| 9 | George Stout   |    | Eric Willis   |

### November Anniversaries

- |    |                        |
|----|------------------------|
| 1  | Brian & Julie Serbin   |
| 4  | Bob & Deb Baker        |
| 5  | Brian & Aleta Millette |
| 19 | Ed & Linda Costell     |
| 25 | Roger & Terri Main     |
| 26 | George & Judy Stout    |
| 27 | Jim & Gerry Carr       |



### Children's Birthdays

Maddy Willis  
(daughter of Eric & Amanda)

## STUDE BITS .....



Participating in the Run to the Pines, September 22-24 were **Dennis Lynde and Linda Saar** with their 1963 GT Hawk, **Tim and Joen Painter**, 1953 Commander and **Carol and Bob Westfall** driving their 1950 Ford.

**Tim and Joen Painter** also enjoyed the Winslow "Just Cruisin" car show October 7th which had 201 entries but only one Studebaker. Their 1953 Starlight Commander custom received a 3rd Place award in the 1949-'59 Modified class.

The **International SDC Meet** held in September had **477 registrations** representing 900 people. 85 Studebakers were judged among the estimated 200 cars and trucks registered.

All of the **SDC officers** were reelected for another two year term. The Harry Barnes Award for exemplary service to the SDC was presented posthumously to **Bob Palma**. The **North Star Chapter** from Minnesota won the Mini Barnes award for its support of their community, contributing to food banks, hosting two car shows and mentoring youth in the Tools4Teens program. Congratulations to all.

The **SDC Band** played two one-hour concerts during the meet, the first prior to the membership meeting and again during Saturday's car show. Chapter member **Deanna Manley**, a mainstay of the band for years, was once again playing her French horn. The band continues to delight meet goers with their lively tunes with only four hours of practice prior to the concerts.



## SCOTT AND MARIA MARRY

Submitted by Scott and Maria Grainger

The picture provides a snap shot of our beautiful wedding on October 7, 2023. There were a number of Studebaker fans in attendance including Toto. Toto hauled Maria and me off into the night at the close of most of the activities at the Hitching Post Restaurant, Bar and Bull Ring located in Apache Junction, just east of Mesa. The owners of the establishment, Mo and Tina, graciously hosted the event for Maria and me.

The wedding had a few unique aspects to it. The ceremony was held in the Bull Ring where real bull riders ride bulls up to 1,800 lbs on Thursday and Saturday nights each week. There were a host of bulls waiting their turn to toss cowboys off their backs in the pens behind the announcer's platform where Maria and I, Seth (my son) and the preacher extraordinaire, Mr. Josh Miles (also our neighbor) stood along with our ring bearers (Shorty & Curly, of course) and the girls handlers, Tristan Glasspoole and his son Travis (who happen to be Maria's son and grandson). Maria entered the ring from the far side and did the wedding march to the tune of "She came marching round the Ring". T'was very memorable!! It was very much a family affair and a Studebaker event!

Oh, I almost forgot, the Sheriff was also on the platform for a short while as he was arresting me for some unknown past deeds. Not to worry, as it became evident, just before the ceremony began but after the color guard (officiated by young men from the U-Turn Foundation group home in our

neighborhood) presented the colors and we all saluted the U.S. flag that was flanked by the Arizona State flag and the Gadsden flag (Don't Tread on Me) that the real culprit was in the audience sitting in the Bull Ring below. After a brief exchange of gun fire the desperado lay still in the soft soil of the Ring. The preacher did a bang-up job of settling the crowd down so that the ceremony could re-commence. The girls had carried the rings in saddle bags attached to the wee saddles that they wore on their backs (Maria created the saddles from an old pair of blue jeans rear pockets)! The last portion of the ceremony included a Special Navajo Blessing Ceremony done for Maria and me by our very good friend, Theron Owens. Theron and his wife Annjanette came down for the wedding from the Navajo Reservation.

With the completion of the Special Ceremony everyone walked out of the Bull Ring to the Reception Dinner tables arranged outside next to the Ring. The food was great and so were the PIES! Pumpkin, strawberry rhubarb, and other berry and fruit pies were waiting to be eaten by all. Not sure how many folks stuck around to watch the bull riders and mutton busters but we trust some did; it is exciting!

We did pictures in the old town parking lot of the restaurant under the banner for the Grainger Studebaker Motor Cars sign!

We will start our honeymoon on Wednesday, October 25th when we fly to Albany, NY to pick up our "new" car, LC-2. She is a '54 Commander Land Cruiser. About 4 weeks later and about 5,000 miles we will return home. See you all at the Christmas Party! Expect a few pictures as we travel home!

## CONGRATULATIONS, SCOTT AND MARIA!





# BEFORE THE TV, BEFORE THE RADIO, WAS... (Another First For Studebaker)

By Dan Kuhl

Sheet music, which is defined on the web as printed music, as opposed to performed or recorded music. At the turn of the 20th century families would gather in the evening or on holidays for a sing-along around the piano in the parlor. If your family was lucky the piano was a player-piano (pianola), which was the most expensive household item until the family auto came on the scene a few years later. In my childhood of the 1950s we had a pianola that was operated with a vacuum cleaner providing the vacuum needed to operate; it saved having to sit at the keyboard and pump air bellows in the piano with both feet. Many of the rolls of music for our player-piano came from the early days of the automobile. One song I remember playing, non-car-related, was "Bye Bye Blackbird" from 1926.

Around the turn of the 20th century automobiles came on the scene. Most Americans were crazed with this new mode of transportation that liberated them from the drudgery of everyday life. There were automobile shows with chorus singers who praised the features of the new cars on display. Copies of the chorus songs in sheet music were provided with the sales literature to the viewing public.

In 1899 Studebaker initiated the soon to be popular in automobile related sheet music with "The Studebaker March." In 1905 twenty songs about the automobile were published and in 1906 another 40 songs were written.

Two of the most notable early automobiles, the Oldsmobile and the Ford, provide some of the best examples of auto related sheet music. Often when these two names are mentioned there is a discussions as to which auto-maker coined the assembly-line process in the manufacture of the automobile.

The curved dash Oldsmobile, the Oldsmobile Club's first mascot, is depicted in the earliest sheet music, "In My Merry Oldsmobile." The automobiling young lovers are named Johnny and Lucille, enjoying a respite from the restrictions in the family parlor. This couple was quite popular in later Oldsmobile advertising, depicted at least three more times until 1973.

Lyrics from the first version of "In My Merry Oldsmobile" clearly depicts the new-found freedom of young couples: *They love to spark in the old dark park, as they go flying along. She says she knows why the motor goes; the sparker is awfully strong. Each day they spoon to the engines tune. Their honeymoon will happen soon.*

The Ford Model T was more often seen on the road with 15 million sold by 1925. Besides the sheet music there were a number of jokes that entertained the driving public. Here are a few of my favorite: What does a Model T and bathtub have in common?— You don't want to be seen in either one; A Ford does not need gasoline, it can run on its reputation; What always keeps moving?—Ford cars and the earth: What did the chicken say after being run over by a Ford?—cheep, cheep, cheep; and when the young man asked his date how she liked riding in his new Ford, she said she had a rattling good time.

A run-about was great for getting the young couple to the countryside, but it was the Ford Model T with its back seat that made necking under the moonlight most enjoyable as can be seen in the example sheet music. The Ford was so popular in song that more than 60 songs about Henry and his Ford were published between 1908 and 1940.

The enclosed car was a boon to the young couple who were dating and couldn't wait for clear weather to go parking at lovers-lane. A soiree worth remembering deserved the comforts of home. By the 1950s there was rock-n-roll in the backseat as well as the radio which came into its own in the 1920's. With the radio, sheet music lost its place as a popular form of entertainment and has been relegated to an automobilia collectible.

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