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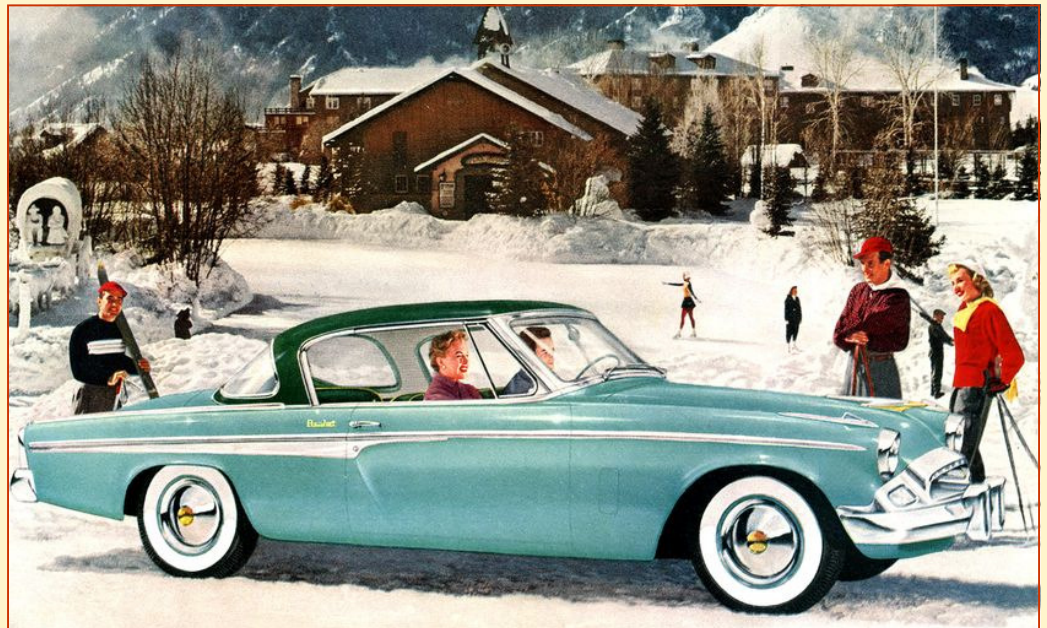
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**Happy  
New Year!**



## A WISH FOR YOU

A glad New Year for each of you,  
Dear friends, where'er you be -  
A glad New Year, a kind New Year,  
And much prosperity.

May sunshine brighten all the days,  
The stars shine out each night;  
May roses grow in all your paths,  
Each hour bring new delight.

And may the old year, passing on,  
Steal all your cares away.  
So speed the old, so hail the new.  
Good luck with New Year's Day.

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

SDC has added a new option to its membership benefits - a digital version of *Turning Wheels*. It is automatically available to all who already receive the magazine or you can receive the digital version only with membership. There are separate membership options for these choices. See information on page 7. Please note SDC dues have increased and they are noted on page 7, as well.

Last month we printed an *Old Cars Weekly* article about the two R2 Champ pickups built by Studebaker and the author asked if anyone knew of their whereabouts. Your editor knows the black Champ was restored by the late Gary Olson, a former Chapter member from Fargo, N. Dak., and whose family proudly continues to maintain the vehicle for posterity. However, we don't know where the white Champ ended up although someone surely does.

Thank you to all who submitted articles, photos and other information for the newsletter last year and it is hoped you will continue to contribute in the new year. Thank you to this month's contributors: Michell Eastburn, Dan Kuhl, Steve Fein, Phyllis Setaro and Dennis Lynde.

Best Wishes for a wonderful 2024.



Chris

## 2024 CHAPTER DUES ARE DUE

Chapter dues of \$20.00 for 2024 are due now. They can be paid by cash, check or via Pay Pal (see the link on the Chapter website in the Membership tab).

Please complete the application on page 12 if paying by mail or by email if paying via Pay Pal.

### 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 2025. Just ask the new member to mention your name on the application where it asks "Referred By".

Congratulations to two member families who earned 2024 membership: Paul and Phyllis Setaro and Don and Sheri Engstrom.

To have your membership comp'd for 2025 recruit or refer a Stude aficionado to join SDC and/or the GCSC.

The ECHO is the official newsletter of the Grand Canyon State Chapter, SDC and is published 11 times per year. Contributions are welcome and encouraged. Please submit articles, tech tips, etc. by the 20th of the month preceding publication. Other newsletter editors are welcome to use any material with proper credit given.

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## STATE OF THE CHAPTER

By Michell Eastburn, President

Here we go on another trip around the sun adding one more chapter to our book of life. I hope this message finds you well after a quick several weeks of holiday celebrations. It is a joy to once again write this article for another year serving as your GCSC President. Thank you to all of your dedication to this Chapter and your continued support of the Board of Directors.



For those of you who do not know me, my name is Michell Eastburn and I have been a member of the Grand Canyon State Chapter of the Studebaker Drivers Club for 38 years strong, serving the Board of Directors for at least the past 10 years. I was born and raised here in the Valley of the Sun in West Phoenix. I am the daughter of founding Chapter member Bill Eastburn, daughter to Vice President Peggy, sister to William & Maryanne, Chris & Rachel, Patrick & Brischell, aunt to Domenica, Shayleen, Gwen, Aubrey, Chloe, Brielle, Patrick, Felicia, and proxy aunt to Kolton Kroulik, Makenna Kroulik, Callen Rodhouse and Ainsley Rodhouse. I graduated from ASU (Go Devils) in 2018 with my BS in Civil Engineering and currently work for Maricopa County Department of Transportation as an Engineer Associate. I own Arnie, my 1965 Commander, and two Studebaker Jr. Goat Wagons and have operated (with and without motors) more Studebakers than I can count. When not working with the GCSC I enjoy taking road trips, eating and drinking at new restaurants/bars, jigsaw puzzles, yard work and spending time with my nieces and nephews. This year I am excited to once again serve as your fearless President for another year and look forward to meeting new faces and greeting familiar faces!

Our Annual Holiday Party on Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> was nothing less than awesome! Thanks to all those that were able to celebrate with us! A huge thank you to all those that made our December Holiday Party such a success. I'd like to specifically thank Larry Polhill and guests/staff, Anita MacFadden, Jan Widhalm, Barb Olsen, Cynthia Phillips, Ken Michael, Bobi Beveridge, Carol Westfall, Domenica Eastburn, Jim Clever, Bill Eastburn, William Eastburn Family, Dana Tietz and guest, Patrick Eastburn Family, Chris Eastburn Family, John Kroulik and all those that provided desserts.

Thank you to Richard Dormois for serving as the Board of Directors Secretary for well, as long as I have not been secretary. Richard agreed to run for Secretary when I ran for Vice President in 2017 and we have been team members and fry sharers for the past seven years. Thank you Richard (and Claudia for assisting) for your hard work and dedication to the Chapter Board and we look forward to many more years of your membership. With that, if you would like to step in and join the Board as Secretary let us know!

The Board worked diligently last year to get things rolling into 2024. Please plan on joining us on January 20<sup>th</sup>

### Welcome New Members!

Jim Campbell  
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1963 Avanti

Warren & Joy Webb  
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1964 Daytona HT

Referred by Shawn Miller

### Thoughts and Well Wishes to

Bill Cervini	Carl Reid	Paulette Fein
Sue King		Mary Powell-McConnell
Jim Nereau		Rosalie Torske

for our Annual Winter Gathering at Larry Polhill's private Studebaker collection where there will be people's choice awards, swapping, 50/50 raffle, a silent auction and lunch with a membership meeting. Spinning into February, the Chapter will be grabbing lunch and olive oil shots at the Queen Creek Olive Mill on February 25<sup>th</sup>. The All Studebaker Gathering March Madness event will be hosted by the Southern Arizona Chapter in March and we are planning a caravan to Tucson to celebrate. Keep an eye on your emails for updates, as we are continually working on our events and often times aren't always able to get all the details printed in the *ECHO*.

Happy New Year to all the Chapter members and here is to a fresh, safe and prosperous 2024!





## GCSC HOLIDAY PARTY

The Chapter celebrated the holiday season with its annual party on Saturday, December 2nd at Larry Polhill's Studebaker collection in Glendale. One hundred plus members, friends and guests of our host were greeted on arrival by Studebakers in the parking lot with more inside the festively decorated room, and by many friendly folks. All were invited to view the memorabilia collections of several members who had set up displays in another well decorated room. Several collectibles were also seen on the beautifully decorated tables.

Right around noon, Michell, the Chapter president, welcomed all and an invocation was given. Delicious Mexican style food was served by a crew of volunteers who made sure everyone was well fed. Desserts abounded insuring all had their sweet tooth sated and coffee, tea and hot chocolate flowed all morning and afternoon.

After everyone had consumed all they could, the afternoon activities commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Ken Michael. Michell welcomed all members and guests, noting the return of our seasonal members and the attendance of our friends from the Southern Arizona Chapter (SAC). She thanked our host Larry Pohill for generously volunteering the use of his collection space for the party, Peggy Eastburn for her creative centerpieces (with collectibles provided by Bill Eastburn and John Kroulik) and for the preparation of the tasty meal we enjoyed, and all who brought the many holiday desserts.

Members of the 2023 Chapter board were thanked for their service and the 2024 board was introduced. Michell made a request for a volunteer to serve as secretary as Richard Dormois has retired from the position.

Michell and Peggy made several Recognition Awards (see page 8 for the awardees) and then members who brought memorabilia shared the stories behind their items. Items were shown by John Kroulik, Chris Collins, Peggy Eastburn, Steve Fein and Bruce Sandburg.

Michell concluded the meeting portion with announcements about upcoming events including the SAC's Annual Banquet on January 14th, the GCSC Winter Gathering on January 20th, a Chapter event at the Queen Creek Olive Mill on Sunday, February 25th and the March Arizona Studebaker Gathering hosted by the SAC on March 9th.

Finally, the 50/50 raffle drawing was held with John Rodhouse announcing the pot was \$741.00 and the winner, Jan Widhalm, received \$370.50 which she promptly donated back to the chapter. Thank you, Jan!

~ Chris Collins

Above: Michell and Peggy award Steve Fein the Paparazzi Award. Top photo courtesy of Steve, bottom photo of Steve and Paulette courtesy of Phyllis Setaro



John Kroulik's memorabilia display.

### ***A BIG thanks to all who attended—without you there would be no party!!***

GCSC members and friends attending were Mike & Mary Barany (1956 Golden Hawk), Garnet Baril, Bill & Judy Barker, Jon Carter, Jim Clever (1966 Chevy), Chuck & Chris Collins (1963 Avanti), Ed & Linda Costell, Bryce Denen (1949 2R5), Bryan Rapp, Adam & Michelle DeRosa, Bill & Peggy Eastburn, Domenica Eastburn, Chris, Rachel, Aubrey & Chloe Eastburn, Michell Eastburn (1965 Commander), Will, Maryanne, Gwen & Felicia Eastburn, Steve & Paulette Fein, Jim Fischbach & Gloria Erdos, George Gezelius (1972 Thunderbird), Randy & Donna Goble, Keith Graham, Scott & Maria Grainger (1954 Land Cruiser), Michael Hodges, Lenka Hospodka & Sam Powell, Walt Jazwinski (1964 Daytona), John Kroulik, Kolton Kroulik, Dan & Corlean Kuhl, Denny Lockmon & Maryann Lemley (1964 Avanti), Dennis Lynde & Linda Saar (1963 GT Hawk), Kevin & Anita MacFadden, Noman & Janice Marineau, Ken Michael, Bobi Beveridge, Paul Miller & Camille Miles, Lenny & Barb Olsen, Chuck Plevich & grandson (1958 Scotsman PU), Tim & Cynthia Phillips (1955 Commander), Larry Polhill, many guests and many Studebakers, Jim Pruitt & Cindy Gonzales, Ike & Virginia Quigley, John Rodhouse, Bruce Sandburg & Delores Shurtz, Paul & Phyllis Setaro, Don & Rowi Slifer (1961 Hawk), Bruce Slifer, Lori Slifer, Malcolm Stinson, Russ & Sharon Ware (1951 Land Cruiser), Sherry Watson, Tim Watson, Carol Westfall (1950 Ford), Ted & Jan Widhalm, Eric Willis, Buddy & Elaine Wright (1953 2R5).

Visit the Chapter Facebook page for more photos. <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100028607937027>



# GRAND CANYON STATE CHAPTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**JANUARY 7**  
Sunday

**GCSC BOARD AND OFFICERS WILL MEET AT 1:00 PM VIA ZOOM CALL OR VIDEO. MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND. TO JOIN IN THE MEETING CONTACT PEGGY AT 623-936-6116 or [peggyeastburn@hotmail.com](mailto:peggyeastburn@hotmail.com) TO BE INCLUDED IN NOTIFICATION LIST FOR MEETING DETAILS.**

**JANUARY 14**  
Sunday

SOUTHERN ARIZONA CHAPTER'S ANNUAL BANQUET TO BE HELD AT WHITE STALLION RANCH, 9251 W. TWIN PEAKS RD., TUCSON WITH DOORS OPEN AT 11:30am, SERVING STARTS AT NOON. MENU INCLUDES HAMBURGERS, GRILLED CHICKEN, COWBOY BEANS, MACARONI AND CHEESE, BREADS AND COOKIES. LUNCH IS \$32 AND INCLUDES TAX. BUSINESS MEETING FOLLOWS, WITH 50/50 AND AUCTION. YOU ARE WELCOME TO BRING AN ITEM FOR AUCTION. MUST RSVP TO RANDY GOBLE AT [dgrg0823@comcast.net](mailto:dgrg0823@comcast.net) AND SEND PAYMENT TO SAC SDC, BOX 12913, TUCSON, AZ 85732 BY JAN. 6. CHAPTER MUST PRE-PAY FOR TOTAL COUNT ON JANUARY 6.

**JANUARY 20**  
Saturday

**WINTER GATHERING AT LARRY POLHILL COLLECTION, 7856 N. GLEN HARBOR BLVD., GLENDALE FROM 10am - 2pm WITH LUNCH AT NOON. \$10 PP ENTRY FEE WHICH INCLUDES LUNCH. CAR SHOW WITH PEOPLE'S CHOICE JUDGING. SPONSOR AN AWARD FOR \$20. SWAP FROM TRUNK, TRUCK OR PARKING SPACE. SILENT AUCTION, 50/50 RAFFLE, DASH PLAQUES. DIRECTIONS AND SITE MAP ON PAGE 6. RSVP BY 1/15/2024 OR TO SPONSOR AN AWARD TO PEGGY AT [peggyeastburn@hotmail.com](mailto:peggyeastburn@hotmail.com) / 623-936-6116**

**FEBRUARY 25**  
Sunday

**CHAPTER WILL MEET AT QUEEN CREEK OLIVE MILL, 25062 S. MERIDIAN RD., QUEEN CREEK. MEET AT 1:00PM FOR LUNCH AND MEETING. OLIVE MILL TOURS AND OLIVE OIL AND OTHER OLIVE PRODUCTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE. PLEASE NOTE PARKING LOT IS DIRT. VISIT <https://www.queencreekolivemill.com> FOR TOUR SCHEDULE AND LUNCH MENU. QUESTIONS: PEGGY AT [peggyeastburn@hotmail.com](mailto:peggyeastburn@hotmail.com) 623-936-6116**

**MARCH 9**  
Saturday

**ARIZONA STUDEBAKER GATHERING HOSTED BY SOUTHERN ARIZONA CHAPTER. 10AM-2PM. LOCATION AND DETAILS TO BE ANNOUNCED OR CONTACT RANDY AT [dgrg823@comcast.net](mailto:dgrg823@comcast.net)**

**APRIL 6**  
Saturday

**CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP MEETING AT HOME OF BILL AND PEGGY EASTBURN, 6314 W. FILLMORE ST., PHOENIX. 11AM WITH LUNCH AT 12PM. INFO: PEGGY AT 623-936-6116 OR [peggyeastburn@hotmail.com](mailto:peggyeastburn@hotmail.com)**

**JUNE 25-29**

60TH INTERNATIONAL SDC MEET, DUBUQUE, IOWA. SEE NOVEMBER *TURNING WHEELS* FOR INFORMATION OR VISIT [WWW.SDCMEET.COM](http://WWW.SDCMEET.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*

## NON-CHAPTER EVENTS OF INTEREST

**FEBRUARY 10**

**ARC SUN CITY WEST 12TH ANNUAL CAR SHOW**

RH Johnson Rec Center, 19803 RH Johnson Blvd, Sun City West from 8am to 3pm. \$25.00 pre-registration by 2-1, \$30 at the gate. For more info visit: <https://arcofscw.com/home/12th-annual-car-show-information/>

**MAY 3-5**

**HISTORIC ROUTE 66 FUN RUN**

Dennis Lynde sent the following information: The historic Route 66 Run is May 3rd through the 5th and runs through Seligman and Kingman and ends in Topock. Check it out online at [info@historic66az.com](mailto:info@historic66az.com) Cost is 66 dollars entry fee which includes a commemorative license plate, a plaque and a t shirt. Check for rooms in Seligman and Kingman.

## UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

### JANUARY 20, 2024 WINTER GATHERING

When: Saturday, Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> 2024

Time: 10:00am-2:00pm with lunch at 12 noon

Location: Larry Polhill's Private Collection

7856 N. Glen Harbor Blvd., Glendale

Our chapter's annual winter gathering will be hosted by chapter member Larry Polhill at the home of his private Studebaker collection. This will be an indoor/outdoor event, please plan accordingly. Members are welcome to vend at this event. There will be a 50/50 raffle and silent auction. We are looking for sponsors for our five people's choice trophies, let Peggy know if you would like to sponsor for \$20ea. Participants are asked to pay \$10pp for this event which includes lunch of a variety of pastries, sandwiches, chips, cookies and beverages. Don't forget your chairs. See map for parking suggestions.

**Please RSVP by 01/15/24** to Peggy at 623-936-6116 or [peggyeastburn@hotmail.com](mailto:peggyeastburn@hotmail.com)

**Directions** from Loop 101 (Agua Fria): exit Northern Ave, proceed west about 1.5miles to the traffic light at Glen Harbor Blvd/103<sup>rd</sup> Ave, proceed south (left); look for the Studebaker feather in the median. The road will wind southwest, follow it to just past the Coca Cola sign on the right and you should see a second Studebaker feather at 7856 N. Glen Harbor Blvd on the right.

**Studebakers** (and other classics) are to proceed north through the parking lot past the large gate for parking, additional parking will be in front of the venue. *All others* are to park to the far northwest and southeast adjacent parking lot areas. Swap meet area will be in the northwest side parking lot.



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

# January 2024

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



# SDC NEWS

**A**t a special meeting of the SDC Board of Directors on December 6th\*\*, the board members reviewed the rising costs of the club specifically as they concern our magazine, *Turning Wheels*. The increased costs include set up, ink, paper, printing and postage. On a motion made and passed it was decided to offer the magazine in a digital format which will help ease the cost to the club as well as members. **The digital magazine will be available to all members who currently receive *Turning Wheels* and for those who would like a digital copy only there is a new membership option at \$29.00 per year worldwide.**

In addition to cutting costs in many areas, the board voted to help lessen the effects of the rising magazine costs as well as an increase in Cornerstone Registration fees by raising dues. Some of the new dues are:

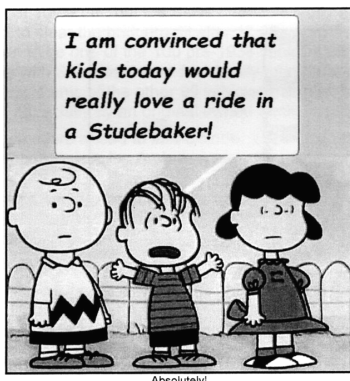
- ◆ SDC dues are \$37.00 for new members, first year only. Includes *Turning Wheels* magazine and the digital edition.
- ◆ SDC membership renewal dues are \$46.00 for 1 year, \$132.00 for 3 years or \$220.00 for 5 years. Includes *Turning Wheels* magazine and the digital edition.
- ◆ SDC membership only with no *Turning Wheels* is \$15.00 for 1 year, \$45.00 for 3 years and \$75.00 for 5 years.

Other categories of SDC membership and their cost are listed on the final page of *Turning Wheels*. **See page 19 in the January *Turning Wheels* for more details.** Dues increases are effective February 1, 2024.

The digital magazine is available now - log in here: <https://sdc.cornerstonereg.com> Follow the directions printed on page 31 of the January *Turning Wheels* or page 13 of this newsletter. You'll need your membership number ready when you sign into the member area on the SDC website. You can find it on your membership card or the address sheet that comes with the magazine.

Please remember, for insurance purposes, you must be a member of SDC to be a member of the Chapter. If your SDC dues are not current, please visit the website note above to renew.

\*\* See minutes of the Special SDC Board Meeting on page 14.



## CELEBRE!

### January Birthdays



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

### January Anniversaries

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



### Children's Birthdays

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

## In Memory: Maggie Wheeler

Obituary Courtesy of Arizona Star

Margaret "Maggie" Eleanor Wheeler passed away December 19th, 2023 at the age of 94. She was preceded in death by Leslie, daughter, and Bruce, husband. She is survived by Amy (MacLeod) daughter, and Churchill, son. Maggie lived independently until just one month ago when life finally began to catch up with her. When asked how she would like to be remembered she said, "As a good old broad!" In lieu of flowers, cards or memorial gifts, please enjoy a slice of carrot cake and a cup of coffee in honor of Maggie.

Condolences to the members of the Southern Arizona Chapter where Maggie was a longtime member.

**Please keep former members Scott and Marlene Benson in your thoughts** as Scott recovers from a stroke. According to his son Scott will not be returning to work as his left side is incapacitated.



## RECOGNITION AWARDS BY MICHELL EASTBURN

As you may recall, last year we recognized our Founding members as our Members of The Year, two of whom are here with us today, Bill Eastburn and Ike Quigley. Well this year, I decided the change things up a bit, and instead of awarding one member of the year award I would like to recognize a few outstanding Chapter members that have shown their commitment and dedication to this Chapter over the past couple years.

- ◆ The old saying is, “if there wasn’t a picture, it didn’t happen”. Well this member makes sure that our Chapter “can’t deny it didn’t happen”. When you see him you see his camera, and then you see the photos on Facebook, in the *ECHO*, and even in the *Turning Wheels*. Saying Cheese isn’t his only line, but it surely makes **Steve Fein** worthy of our 2023 **Paparazzi Award**. Thank you for your dedication and commitment to the Grand Canyon State Chapter of the SDC.
- ◆ Recruiting new members to our Chapter is always a goal and we are hopeful that these rookie members can help make a difference in our Chapter. Though this is not her first year, and heck she doesn’t even drive a Studebaker, this person is always willing to step in and be a Rockstar. Helping to set-up for events, contributing to Chapter activities, baking delicious cake and promoting the Chapter throughout the State of Arizona makes **Carol Westfall** our 2023 **Rookie Rockstar**. Thank you for your dedication and commitment to the Grand Canyon State Chapter of the SDC.
- ◆ Every little bit helps when it comes to being an outstanding Chapter member. No matter what, when this member is asked to help out he can always be counted on to get the job done. Helping move ice chests, pack-up events, count ballots, frankly, never backs down when I volunteer him to do something makes **Jim Clever** our 2023 recipient of the **Consider It Done Award**. Thank you for your dedication and commitment to the Grand Canyon State Chapter of the SDC.
- ◆ The future of this Chapter lies in the heart and soul of our younger generations, and we must strive to keep them involved and teach them how special this Chapter is. Keeping these young ladies involved in Chapter events is never a hard thing, as they frequently step-in without being asked to help with sign-in, sell raffle tickets, set-up and clean-up, taking photos, and even help prepare meals for our meetings. They aren’t quite members yet, however every one of them has driven a Studebaker, and hopefully will be this Chapter’s future President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer. This year’s **Rising Star Awards** go to **Gwen Eastburn, Aubrey Eastburn, and Chloe Eastburn**. Thank you for your dedication and commitment to the Grand Canyon State Chapter of the SDC. I also can’t forget to mention chapter member **Domenica Eastburn**, for all her hard work and dedication to this Chapter, all while being a full time NAU student, she is indeed a star member of this Chapter.
- ◆ It is usually a given that Board members are the movers and shakers of the Chapter and help lead to the success of events and the love of Studebakers. Every once and a while you have a board member that shows initiative and desire to go above and beyond the outlined duties of their job. Attending most board meetings and membership meetings, almost always in a Studebaker, and even hosting two events this past year in his first year as a board member makes **Tim Phillips** the recipient of the 2023 **Above and Beyond Award**. Thank you for your dedication and commitment to the Grand Canyon State Chapter of the SDC.
- ◆ As mentioned before every little bit helps when it comes to being an outstanding Chapter member, even if a lot of those little things are behind the scenes. Literally, many of your Studebakers, including my Studebaker, would not have been driven here today without the help of this particular Chapter member. He can be found transporting tables and chairs at a last minute’s notice, moving the dreaded heavy things, under the hood or chassis at events helping to fix something on just about anything, and even offering you advice and tech tips for your Studebaker. All the little things that don’t show up in the box but are crucial to this Chapter’s success makes **Will Eastburn** the 2023 recipient of the **Unsung Hero Award**. Thank you for your dedication and commitment to the Grand Canyon State Chapter of the SDC.
- ◆ Driving a Studebaker, attending events, participating in raffles, promoting Studebaker and sharing the history of Studebaker is what all this is all about. This next award goes to a member that has been to just about all the events this year and most of those in a Studebaker. Always arriving early to help with anything and everything, sharing Studebaker history, and providing the most unique centerpieces and memorabilia for our last two holiday parties is what makes **John Kroulik** our 2023 recipient of the **High Five Award**. Thank you for your dedication and commitment to the Grand Canyon State Chapter of the SDC.
- ◆ Our Chapter is super unique and we have several seasonal members who gather with us during our less than hot seasons to enjoy our sunny weather. Rather than refer to these members as snowbirds, which is a person who migrates from the colder locals to warmer locales, we like to refer to them as sunbirds, which are those who leave warmer locales to migrate to cooler locales. These outstanding members return year after year and continue to show their devotion to our Chapter, even if only for a few months. The ladies are some of our favorite bakers, baristas, servers and organizers and the gentlemen are some of the biggest carriers, movers and reachers and frankly our Holiday Parties and Winter Gatherings wouldn’t be the same without them. The 2023 recipients of the **Sunnybird Award** goes to **Lenny and Barb Olsen, Ted and Jan Widhalm, and Ed and Linda Costell**. Thank you for your dedication and commitment to the Grand Canyon State Chapter of the SDC.



# AN AUTOMOBILE WORTHY OF ITS NAME

By Dan Kuhl

Recently, Bob Pratt made available to the Auto Restoration Club membership his collection of automotive books. Of course, the author is always looking for new material for his library. The author waited until everyone had a chance at some of the books and then he made his move; to his surprise, on the table was a “Nugget”, an autobiography by Eddy V. Rickenbacker.

If you are not familiar with the name, he was the greatest American WWI fighter pilot with 26 victories, compared to the Red Baron, who had 80 victories. However, the Red Baron started flying for Germany three years before Eddy.

Following the war Eddy continued to race cars, as he did before the war, at the Indianapolis 500 and other venues around the country. He soon realized that racing wasn't what he wanted to do with his life so he went to New Mexico to visit a friend. There, he purchased a Flivver and camping gear. He then embarked on a soul searching camping trip. It was during this trip he decided to build the perfect automobile, the “Rickenbacker”. He further decided from his racing experience, the Rickenbacker should have a high speed engine, a low center of gravity, and most importantly, four-wheel brakes. But he realized he did not have the funds nor the expertise to take on such an endeavor. What to do?

Eddy decided to go to Detroit, the automobile capital and secure the necessary help. There he contacted Harry Cunningham, an old racing buddy who had ties with the successful EMF automobile company. From EMF he secured the assistance of Barney Everett and Walter Flanders (the man who designed the assembly line for Ford). It is important to note that EMF was purchased by Studebaker in 1910 making the founders of EMF available for other activities.

After selling some initial stocks to raise seed money, work began on the Rickenbacker automobile in 1920. By 1922, the company was ready to display the car at the New York Auto Show, complete with four wheel brakes. The first Rickenbacker was available for sale in 1923.

Other automobile companies went on the warpath. Studebaker began running full-page newspaper ads disparaging four-wheel brakes, while dealers across the country bad-mouthed the new competition.

By 1927 more than 27,000 cars had been manufactured, when Rickenbacker filed for bankruptcy. Eddy moved back to the track, buying “the Brickyard” which he owned until 1945. But, the real story is four-wheel brakes on American automobiles.

In 1923 only two manufacturers used four-wheel brakes, the Duesenberg introduced hydraulic in 1920 and the Rickenbacker debuted mechanical in 1922. The nemesis of the Rickenbacker, Studebaker, did not get four-wheel mechanical brakes until 1931 and hydraulic in 1935.

In the early Twenties, the author believes, the public was pretty naive to the importance of brakes, because Ford had its best sales year in 1923 without four-wheel brakes. Ford did not get mechanical four-wheel brakes until 1927 and hydraulic in 1940. Chevy followed suit, introducing four-wheel mechanical brakes in 1928 and hydraulic in 1936. On the other hand, Chrysler was proactive introducing hydraulic brakes in 1924. Finally, the first disc brakes came out on the Crosley in 1949.



Eddie Rickenbacker standing next to his namesake automobile.



Eddie V. Rickenbacker was a visionary. He realized what he had learned on the race track driving a Duesenberg race car would be important to driving safely on the public roadways of America.

In closing the author would like the reader to visit YouTube to see his most incredible creation, the Rickenbacker Eight Super-Sport Sedan. His creation has fenders that turn with the front wheels, lacks running boards, an Auburn boat-tail, and an angled windshield, in addition to the elements chosen by Eddy while on his discovery adventure in New Mexico. Between 14 and 17 were manufactured, and only one remains. This Super-Sport spent a great deal of time in the Harrah Reno collection before it was dissolved and was once on display at Pebble Beach. It currently resides in a private collection that can only be accessed by appointment.

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YouTube: “1926 Rickenbacker Eight Super-Sport at the Claremont”. (Notice the special radiator ornament.)

Numerous websites concerning Rickenbacker history and brake development.

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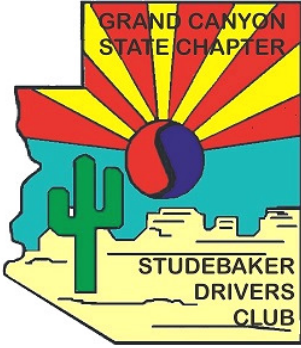
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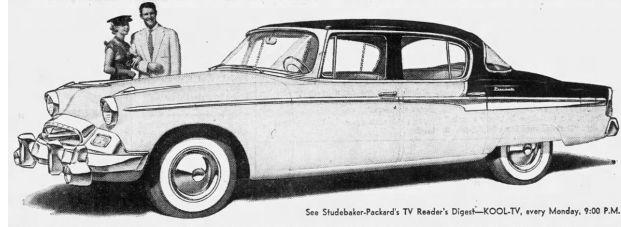


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# Special SDC Board Meeting

**December 6, 2023 4 PM EDST: Call to Order and Roll Call**

**Attendees:** Denny Foust, President; Don Jones, Vice President; Jane Stinson, Treasurer; Cindy Foust, Secretary; Tom Curtis, Past President; Don Cox, South Central Zone; Mark Carson, Pacific Can Am Zone; Allan Dias, Southeast Zone; Tom Sexton, Upper Mississippi Valley Zone; Frank Philippi, Atlantic Zone; Ed Smith, Pacific Southwest Zone; Chuck Donkle, North Central Zone; and Carl Thomason, Parliamentarian. Steve Grant, Northeast Zone; and Harvey Snitzer, Crossroads Zone were absent.

## **Dues Increase; Offering for Digital TW: Jane Stinson; Don Jones**

Jane presented her analysis of historically increasing production and postage costs. Jane explained the contract with Sheridan includes fixed costs, which include mostly set-up charges for the production of Turning Wheels; and variable costs, which are increases to the following: per unit production cost, ink, paper, and postage. Jane also explained that the membership dues include both costs incurred by Cornerstone and Sheridan. Jane incorporated anticipated costs for 2024, which include the 2024 contract with Cornerstone and the January postage increases, into her recommended changes to the membership dues structure.

The New offering of Digital Turning Wheels will also be available on the SDC Membership Application options. Notice of the dues increase and the offering of Digital Turning Wheels will be placed in the January issue of Turning Wheels. Digital issues will be available as of January 1, 2024; increases to the membership dues will become effective February 1, 2024.

Don Jones made the motion, incorporating both the offering of Digital Turning Wheels and the membership dues increase. Mark Carson recommended voting on each change separately. Don Jones withdrew this motion. Don Jones made the motion for the membership dues increase, based on Jane Stinson's recommendation, to become effective February 1, 2024; Mark Carson seconded the motion.

The motion passed by all board members present.

Don Jones made the motion for the offering of Digital Turning Wheels to become effective January 1, 2024. Ed Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed by all board members present.

Meeting adjourned at 4:36 EDST

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Foust, SDC Secretary

Next meeting dates:

Executive Committee: January 7, 2024

SDC BOD: January 14, 2024

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

