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*Happy  
Valentine's  
Day*

**WIN HER HEART  
GIVE HER  
SCHRAFFT'S  
(YOU MAY WIN  
A LARK TOO)**

This year, be sure to make it a Schrafft's Valentine Heart-filled with the world's most luxurious chocolates, and the chance to win a Lark! Yes, we're giving away 10 beautiful Studebaker Lark 2-door Station Wagons in Schrafft's huge 100th Anniversary Valentine Contest. So, hurry to your favorite candy counter. Get complete contest details, and choose a Schrafft's Heart from our fabulous Valentine collection...65c to \$7.50!

**From the Editor's Pen .....**

It isn't a sadness, but a joy, that we don't do the same things for the length of our lives. ~ Gabrielle Zevin

As the quote states, it is good to not do the same things for a lifetime so the time has come for me to retire from editing the *ECHO*. There is sadness in doing so, as there is joy in creating a newsletter each month, but there will also be joy in reclaiming time for other activities I enjoy.

If the thought of becoming the *ECHO* editor interests you please let me know and I'll fill you in on the ins and outs. Sorry, there is no pay but you will receive accolades and a sense of accomplishment.

This month's cover will be familiar to many of you as it has been our February cover advertisement a couple of times in the past. Who could turn down a yummy box of chocolates and possibly a Lark.

Thank you to Jon Carter and Russ and Sharon Ware for renewing their business card ads. When you are in need of Studebaker parts, please consider their service.

Thanks also to two members who contribute to the Chapter's media presence: Kent Musgrave, Chapter webmaster and Linda Smith, Facebook administrator for the Chapter page.

And, thank you to our contributors this month: Michell Eastburn, Dan Kuhl, Steve Fein and Cynthia Sale.

Chris

**2024 Chapter Dues are Due**

If you have not paid your Chapter dues for 2024 please do so as soon as possible. Use the application on page 12 when you pay or pay through PayPal (see website).

Thank you to all who have renewed their membership in the Grand Canyon State Chapter.

**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".

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

I don't think we could have asked for a more beautiful day than January 20<sup>th</sup> to join in our Winter Gathering. What an awesome turn out with nearly 25 Studebakers, and over 100 Studebaker enthusiasts. Thank you to our gracious host, Larry Polhill, for allowing our Studebakers to join his wonderful collection for fellowship, lunch chatter and a business meeting.



Thank you to all those members who assisted; in particular, Jan Widhalm, Lenny & Barb Olsen, Gwen Eastburn, and Connie & family. Shout out to Patrick & Brischell Eastburn and Will & Maryann Eastburn for the use of their tables, chairs, and ice chests; including drop-off and pick-up. Much appreciation to those that donated items for this year's silent auction and future auctions. Additionally, thank you to all the People's Choice trophy sponsors. Last but not least, thank you to all the board members for helping with setting-up/breaking-down, registration, membership, parking, lunch preparation, raffles and simply accomplishing an amazing event.

Looking forward to gathering this month at the Queen Creek Olive Mill on Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup>, for an afternoon of OO shots and friendship. This year's March Madness All Studebaker Gathering will be hosted by the Southern Arizona Chapter on March 9<sup>th</sup>, check the calendar for details; hoping to make a nice caravan towards Tucson that Saturday.

Here is to a wonderful February that looks to be starting out a bit wet with rain but should prove to be a gorgeous start to 2024. Enjoy a few fun facts about Leap Year.

***The Chapter is in need of a Secretary. You'll only spend 2-3 hours a month for a Zoom board meeting where you'll record the minutes, then distribute them. And you can help plan Chapter activities.***

## The real reason we have Leap Year

Contrary to what you might think, Leap Year isn't something that was instituted out of the blue. Leap Years are actually necessary so that every other year can be exactly 365 days. A year is the amount of time it takes for the Earth to make one total rotation around the sun. But that amount of time isn't exactly 365 days. It's actually 365 days, five hours, 48 hours, and 46 seconds. But trying to make every year 365 ¼ days would be confusing, so we take those extra hours and tack them together for an extra day every four years, giving us Leap Year. While this might not seem like the most fun fact ever, it's the most important one to know when it comes to Leap Year.

From: 8 Fun Facts About Leap Year You Probably Didn't Know  
| Advance America



### Welcome New Members!

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Visit Bell's Studebaker Diner & Museum on the internet

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1931 Commander, 1957 Golden Hawk, 2-1963 Avanti R2, 1971 Avanti

Referred by John Rodhouse

### Thoughts and Well Wishes to

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Sue King  
Jim Nereau

Paulette Fein  
Mary Powell-McConnell  
Rosalie Torske

***Keep America Beautiful,  
Drive a Studebaker!***

# GCSC WINTER GATHERING



Chapter members and friends spent another exceptional day, Saturday, January 20th, exploring Larry Polhill's collection of automobiles (mostly Studebakers) and memorabilia and making and renewing friendships as folks met up among the cars inside and out and at the tables set up for selling parts and other items.

In addition, the Chapter hosted a silent auction with a dozen items Studebaker and non-Studebaker related, a 50/50 raffle as well as a lunch of a variety of sandwiches, salad, chips, fruit, cookies and beverages.

During the business meeting Michell made introductions of board members and the presentation of an appreciation plaque was made by Dennis Lynde to Richard Dormois for his seven years service as Chapter Secretary. Dennis shared this: "Richard and Claudia have been my friends since almost the day I joined the Studebaker club. We live very close to each other and run into each other at the Super market all the time, and Richard will invite me for an ice cream sundae around the corner. I do very much cherish his friendship, generosity and thoughtfulness more than I can say. I treasure his friendship way beyond any club, and on a personal level. Thanks Richard for all these years". Michell then thanked all who attended from near and far and those who contributed to the event, especially Larry Polhill for hosting the Gathering at his collection and Stuart Tritt for making the awards and dash plaques (see above). Butch Summers and Garry Klinger were recognized as our 2023 Social Butterflies for their commitment to the Chapter by posting our activities on social media.



Michell looks on as Dennis Lynde presents Richard Dormois with a plaque for his service as secretary.

Next, awards were given to the top five vote-getters in People's Choice balloting. The winners and their Studebakers were Bob and Mimi Halgren, 1937 Dictator; Don and Rowi Slifer, 1961 Hawk; John, Callan and Ainsley Rodhouse, 1950 Champion SLC; Bill and Cheryl Simmons, 1953 Commander; Denny Lockmon, 1964 Avanti. Congratulations to all. Michell thanked the awards sponsors who were Carl and Esther Reid, Ed and Linda Costell, Jim and Gerry Carr, Bob and Mimi Halgren, Lenny and Barb Olsen and Russ and Sharon Ware (StudebakerParts.com).

Following awards the silent auction items were handed out to the winning bidders who had some fierce bidding going on near the end. Then, Treasurer John asked Mike Barany to draw the winning 50/50 raffle ticket and Sharon Ware was the lucky winner of \$118.00. Congrats, Sharon.

Michell made announcements of upcoming events in February, March and April (see page 5) and once again thanked everyone for coming and for making the event a successful one.

***Thank you to Michell, Peggy and their helpers for all their preparations to make the event a success.***

GCSC members and friends attending were Steve & Gail Ault, Mike Barany (1956 Golden Hawk), James & Stephanie Bell, Jim & Hui Campbell, Jim & Gerry Carr, Jon Carter, Jim Clever, Chuck & Chris Collins (1963 Avanti), Ed & Linda Costell, Paul & Barbara Dean, Richard Dormois, Claudia Robinette, Adam DeRosa (1972 Avanti), Bill & Peggy Eastburn (1962 Champ), Michell Eastburn (1965 Commander, Studebaker Jr. Goat Wagon), Will Eastburn (1963 GT Hawk), Gwen Eastburn, Steve & Paulette Fein, George Gezelius (1972 Thunderbird), Randy & Donna Goble, Keith Graham, Danny Mouton, Larry & Dee Northington, Bob & Mimi Halgren (1937 Dictator) Lenka Hospodka & Sam Powell, Kerry & Deb Jackson, Walt Jazwinski (1964 Daytona), Jerry Kaiser, Gary & Sandie Keating, Mike King, Garry Klinger (1952 Commander SLC), John Kroulik & Sue, Kolton Kroulik & Liz (Studebaker Jr. Goat Wagon), Gregg & Kimberly Lea, Denny Lockmon (1964 Avanti), Dennis Lynde, Roger & Terri Main (1935 Hupmobile), Noman & Janice Marineau, Ken Michael, Paul Miller & Camille Miles (Oldsbaker), Shawn & Michele Miller, Steve Mills, Lenny & Barb Olsen (1937 Coupe Express), Dave Otis, Jerry Moldonado, Chuck Plevich, Tom Pfeifer, Tim & Cynthia Phillips (1955 Commander), Larry Polhill, many guests and many Studebakers, Ike & Virginia Quigley, Ron Rasmussen, John Rodhouse, Callan & Ainsley (1950 Champion SLC), Fred Schlegel (1954 Commander), Brian Serbin, Paul & Phyllis Setaro (1962 GT Hawk), Bill & Cheryl Simmons (1953 Commander), Bruce Slifer, Lori Slifer, Don & Rowi Slifer (1961 Hawk), Malcolm Stinson, Butch Summers (1948 Champion), Russ & Sharon Ware (1940 Coupe), Sherry Watson, Tim Watson, Warren Webb, Ted & Jan Widhalm, Eric Willis, brother & Dad (Hawk), Marty & Barb Lasco. Vending were Russ and Sharon Ware (Studebakerparts.com) and Steve Fein. ***A BIG thanks to all who attended.***

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

## GRAND CANYON STATE CHAPTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**FEBRUARY 11**  
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.

**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. DIRECTIONS: MAKE YOUR WAY TO US 60 EASTBOUND. USE RIGHT TWO LANES OF US 60 TO TAKE EXIT 190B FOR AZ-202 S. MERGE ONTO 202/202 LOOP S. USE THE RIGHT TWO LANES TO TAKE EXIT 34A FOR AZ-24 E/MERIDIAN RD. FOLLOW AZ-24/MERIDIAN RD. 9.7 MILES TO OLIVE MILL. SEE PAGE 6 FOR MORE INFORMATION OR CONTACT 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. VALVE COVER RACES, CAN RAFFLE, VENDING, 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. MEET AT 11AM WITH A BACK YARD BARBECUE AT 12PM. INFO: PEGGY AT 623-936-6116 OR [peggyeastburn@hotmail.com](mailto:peggyeastburn@hotmail.com)

**MAY 26**  
Sunday

50 YEAR CELEBRATION OF LA PALMA CAR SHOW HOSTED BY BCOIE CHAPTER AT LA PALMA PARK, 1125 N. LA PALMA PKWY, ANAHEIM FROM 8AM-3PM. \$30 ENTRY FEE CAR SHOW AND PARTS EXCHANGE. REGISTRATION FORM AT [WWW.StudebakerSoCal.com](http://WWW.StudebakerSoCal.com) OR CONTACT DAN SCOTT AT 818-558-1791 FOR INFORMATION. SEE PAGE 13.

**JUNE 25-29**

60TH INTERNATIONAL SDC MEET, DUBUQUE, IOWA. SEE CURRENT *TURNING WHEELS* FOR INFORMATION OR VISIT [WWW.SDCMEET.COM](http://WWW.SDCMEET.COM). REGISTRATION IS OPEN. MAKE YOUR PLANS NOW AND RESERVE YOUR ROOM.

**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.*

***Drive your Studebaker!***

### 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/>

**APRIL 20**

**“CRUISE IN FOR THE VETERANS” CAR SHOW**

**PRESCOTT**

Chapter members are invited to attend Cruise In For The Veterans car show at Heights Church, 2121 E. Larry Caldwell Dr., Prescott 9am-3pm. Food, silent auction, raffles. If you preregister for the show will get a free event t-shirt at the show. All proceeds for vets. Visit [www.cruise4vets.com](http://www.cruise4vets.com) Chapter member Steve Piper will arrange for any members attending to park together. Contact him at 928 830-4945.

**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 <https://www.historic66az.com> Entry fee is \$66. which includes a commemorative license plate, a dash plaque and a t shirt. Check for rooms in Seligman and Kingman.

## UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

### FEBRUARY 25 MEMBERSHIP MEETING

When: Sunday, Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> 2024

Time: 1:00pm

Location: Queen Creek Olive Mill - 25062 S. Meridian Rd., Queen Creek, AZ 85142

Come for lunch with your Studebaker friends on Sunday, February 25th at an agritourist destination where award-winning extra virgin olive oil meets farm-to-table dining in the American southwest. We will gather for food and fellowship at 1:00 with a short membership meeting. Keep in mind that the parking lot is a dirt area. Directions on pg 5.

Members are welcome to join an Olive Oil 101 Tour: Learn how we make extra virgin olive oil (evoo) at the Queen Creek Olive Mill, how to use it in the kitchen and why it's so darn good for you! Their experts will teach you how to correctly taste evoo (no bread) and help you shop the gourmet marketplace following the tour. Cost is \$8.00 per person or \$12 includes a glass of prosecco. Children ages 12 and under are free. The tour is approximately 45 minutes. Tours are: 9:30, 10:30, 11:30, 12:30, 1:30, 2:30, 3:30.

More info: Peggy: [peggyeastburn@hotmail.com](mailto:peggyeastburn@hotmail.com) / 623-936-6116

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

## 2024 International SDC Meet Dubuque Iowa

Submitted by Cynthia Sale, Iowa Hawkeye Chapter

It is only 166 days away!! Join us to celebrate our Diamond Jubilee, the SDC's 60th Studebaker Drivers Club International Meet!

June 25-29, 2024 at the Dubuque County Fairgrounds on Old Hwy 20 in Dubuque IA.

Come early, stay late to see the beautiful area in north-east Iowa. It is not just flat corn fields!

All event activities except the board meeting are at the Dubuque County Fairgrounds. The Ladies Luncheon includes round trip bus service from the fairgrounds to the hotel. Registration is at the fairgrounds, there will be no registration at the host hotel.

The seminars, live concerts, steak fry banquet, swap meet, judging, displays, driving tours, food stands, camping, SDC Band concerts, auction, Bob Palma Co-Operators seminars and more are on the fairgrounds.

Registration, hotels, schedule, vendor forms, grounds maps and activities are on [www.sdcmeet.com](http://www.sdcmeet.com)



# February 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Ground Hog Day	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 GCSC Board Meets	12	13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17
18	19 President's Day	20	21	22	23	24
25 Chapter Outing to QC Olive Oil Mill	26	27	28	29 Celebrate Leap Year!		Questions? Call Chris at 602-995-2146



# SDC NEWS

## An Explanation of the Digital Membership From SDC Membership and Webmaster Mark Wheeler of Cornerstone Registration

A little background: When the SDC Board decided to make *Turning Wheels* available on-line there were some conditions stipulated:

1. It could not be downloadable and shared. This eliminated the possibility of using a PDF file.
2. It had to be accessible on multiple devices (PC, Mac, tablet, smart phone).
3. Only active SDC members in good standing should have access to the magazines.
4. A new "digital membership" option should be available to those who only want to view the magazine on-line (no physical magazine delivery).

Because of these conditions, I am using a third-party service to present the magazine in a digital format. I have used this service for many years for my other clients. However, this service comes as a cost to the SDC. This cost is based on the number of publications hosted on their service. Obviously, the more publications hosted, the more expensive it becomes. In fact, it becomes exponentially expensive, not geometrically expensive. To keep the cost reasonable, it was decided that only 3 years of *Turning Wheels* magazines would be made available. For those that want digital versions of past magazines, the SDC offers a "Digital Library" available on a flash drive. The flash drive contains *Turning Wheels* magazines from 1963 - 2023. The magazines are presented in a PDF format on the flash drive. The Digital Library can be purchased for \$99.00 US.

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### How to Read Your Digital *Turning Wheels*

1. Start at [studebakerdriversclub.com](http://studebakerdriversclub.com) and select: Member Area.
2. Select: LOGIN - I am already a member.
3. Enter your Membership ID & Password. Click: Login
4. Select: View Digital Magazine from the side box or the first line menu.
5. Select the magazine you would like to read. ENJOY!

Articles can be printed from the site.  
Includes zoom, grid display and search functions.  
Save money! Membership with digital magazine only is available for \$29.00 per year.

Courtesy of *Turning Wheels* magazine.

## CELEBRATE!

### February Birthdays



- |                    |                    |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Anita MacFadden  | 20 Brian Millette  |
| 3 Will Eastburn    | 21 Laura Summers   |
| 7 Linda Smith      | 22 Sandie Keating  |
| 8 Nancy Bradfield  | 22 Kevin MacFadden |
| 8 Richard Hertline | 24 Paul Wolff      |
| 10 Jim Clever      | 25 Harold Manley   |
| 10 Terri Main      | 26 Jim McDonald    |
| 11 Tim Wright      | 26 Jim Pruitt      |
| 15 Brian Serbin    | 28 Kim Rodhouse    |
| 20 Pete Mensing    | Amanda Willis      |

### February Anniversaries

- 16 Bill & Judy Barker

### Children's Birthdays

- 5 Aubrey Eastburn  
(daughter of Chris & Rachel)
- 14 Callan Rodhouse  
(son of John & Kim)
- 18 Sydney Tietz  
(daughter of Dana & Meridith)



## CONDOLENCES .....

The Chapter extends its condolences to **Frank Wenzel** on the loss of his husband, **Kent Vandenberg**, who passed away January 18th. Kent was well known to many Chapter members as he and Frank often visited the Phoenix area for Chapter events. Airplanes were a hobby for Kent and a memorable visit was an event held a few years ago at the Deer Valley Airport Restaurant when Kent and Frank flew into the airport from Palm Springs to join us for lunch. Kent had many other interests including collecting radios and demonstrating his culinary skills when the duo hosted ASC and other meets at their Palm Spring home. Kent will be missed.

It is with sadness we learned **Maryann Lemley** passed away Sunday, January 28th after a short illness. We were fortunate to see and visit with Maryann at our Holiday Party and prior to that she and Denny attended the Orphan Car Show in October. Maryann was kindhearted and had a wry sense of humor. Our deepest sympathy to **Denny Lockmon** for the loss of his partner.

Also, on Sunday the 28th **Sharon Ware** lost her mother to an illness. The Chapter sends its condolences to **Sharon and Russ** on the passing of a beloved mother and mother-in-law.

<b>GRAND CANYON STATE CHAPTER TREASURER'S REPORT 9/1/23 - 12/31/2023</b>			
Submitted by John Rodhouse			
<b>CHECKING ACCOUNT</b>		Coffee Maker	152.30
Beginning Balance as of 9/1/2023	\$4,373.49	September Food/Raffle Prize	33.00
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		October Event (Orphan Car Show) Food	212.06
SDC Dues	12.00	November Event Food	52.54
2024 Chapter Dues	840.00	November Event Raffle Prizes (Gift Cards)	105.00
<i>ECHO</i> Ads	50.00	December Event Food	614.30
Donation from Gateway Car Show	200.00	December Event Decorations	106.18
50/50 Raffle - December	741.00	Name Badges	<u>6.75</u>
Name Badges	10.00		<u>\$2,203.84</u>
Member Donation	<u>20.00</u>	Ending Balance as of 12/31/23	\$4,159.80
	<u>\$1,873.00</u>	<b>MONEY MARKET</b>	
	\$6246.49	Beginning Balance 9/1/2023	5,628.17
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>		Interest @.05%	<u>.18</u>
SDC Dues	12.00	Ending Balance 12/31/2023	\$5,628.35
<i>ECHO</i> Printing & Postage Sept - Dec	547.03	<b>PAY PAL</b>	
January 2024 Postage	52.80	Beginning Balance	120.10
Web Site Hosting	143.88	Chapter Dues	108.00
P.O. Box Rental - 1 year	166.00	Pay Pal Fees Paid	<u>-6.12</u>
		Ending Balance	\$203.17
		Cash on Hand	\$260.00
		Grand Total 12/31/2023	\$10,251.32



## TRAVEL ID INFORMATION

Now is a good time to make an appointment to get your Arizona Travel ID at a Arizona Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Division office. The federal deadline is May 7, 2025 for those who wish to use their state-issued credential for air travel. Without the Arizona Travel ID or other form of federally compliant identification such as a valid U.S. passport, fliers risk missing domestic airline flights because Arizona's standard driver license, which will remain valid for state purposes, will not be accepted at TSA checkpoints.

The Arizona Travel ID requires added proof of identification to ensure that your license or identification meets strict requirements of the federal REAL ID Act of 2005. A gold star on the card shows that you've provided this additional information.

Because the Arizona Travel ID is compliant with the federal standards, you will need to provide extra documentation. This includes:

- Proof of identity: a birth certificate or U.S. passport
- Social Security Number: just the number, not the card
- Two documents proving Arizona residency: rental or bank statements, credit card or cell phone bills in your name with your current Arizona address, etc.

More information and a full list of qualifying documents are available at [azdot.gov/TravelID](http://azdot.gov/TravelID)

If you are traveling this season, be safe and make sure to schedule an appointment for your Travel ID in 2024 to be ready for the 2025 deadline.



You can celebrate Leap Year with a special cocktail: In 1928, legendary English bartender Harry Craddock invented a special cocktail in honor of Leap Day. Dubbed the Leap Day Cocktail, this drink is similar to a martini and is said to have been responsible for more proposals than any other drink on record! Luckily, Craddock put more thought into the ingredients of his famous drink than he did into its name. To make his historic Leap Day Cocktail, you'll need:

- ½ ounce sweet Vermouth
- ¾ ounce orange liqueur (ex. Grand Marnier)
- One dash of lemon juice
- 2 ounces London Dry gin



# LAST LOOK AT STUDEBAKER-PACKARD

By Dan Kuhl

(In a previous article it was suggested that Studebaker be recognized with the “Big Three”, making a new grouping, as did S-P (Studebaker- Packard) management believed in 1954.)

In the early 1950's, following the sellers market created by the returning WWII veterans, the independent auto makers found themselves in a very difficult situation, trying to compete against the Big Three. All of the independents believed a merger with one or more other independent competitors was necessary to ensure a future in the auto manufacturing business.

Even with excitement over the Packard Panther (Center of poster photo) and the Studebaker X-car (Porsche-Studebaker concept car from a previous article), the future looked bleak for Packard and Studebaker in 1954, especially with a six million loss during the first quarter of 1954 and the announcement of the creation of the American Motors Corporation. Studebaker's high wages and cut in defense contracts following the Korean War didn't help matters either. There was a distinct urgency in the air for Packard and Studebaker to make a decision about a future merger. It should be noted that Packard failed to see Studebaker's lack of profits, due in part by payment of the previously mentioned highest wages in the industry.

With a declining number of dealerships, Packard's Board of Directors agreed to merge with Studebaker. The new corporation would be known as the Studebaker-Packard Corporation. Pictured with this article is a poster showing America's fourth full-line auto manufacturing company. Standing in the center is James J. Nance the President of the new company. Even with this announcement, Associated Press considered the new corporation to be part of the “Little Three” with American Motors and Kaiser Motors.

Before the merger James J. Nance declared that Packard would not join with any other manufacturer unless Packard benefited. After the merger he announced the benefit was in marketing because with Studebaker there were 3,900 dealerships with a full line of cars to sell from the cheapest Studebaker to the most expensive Packard limousine.

Had Nance been aware of the dire financial situation at Studebaker the merger may not have occurred. The situation was further complicated by problems at Packard. After October 1, 1954, the effective date of the merger, production problems continued to plague any future success. The problems included the move to the new Conner Plant, introduction of a new V8 engine and transmission, and manufacturing issues with new line of 1955 cars, styled by Richard Teague. *Motor Trend* magazine declared the new Packard a styling triumph for 1955.



Paul Hoffman, James J. Nance, Harold Vance in New York City – June 22, 1954, at the announcement of Studebaker-Packard Corporation. (Used with permission of the James J. Nance collection at Cleveland State University.)

The storm worsened in 1956, with a series of recalls at Packard. With a threat of bankruptcy Studebaker-Packard began negotiations with Curtiss-Wright. A “Joint Program” was initiated that exchanged a number of long term S-P plant leases for a badly needed 35 million dollars.

To say the least, 1956 was a pivotal year for Studebaker with the resignation of James J. Nance, who took the reins at Packard in 1952. He was replaced by Harold Churchill, who ushered in the highly successful 1959 Lark. The Studebaker-Packard era ended in 1962 when Packard was dropped from the corporate name.

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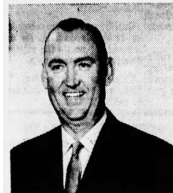


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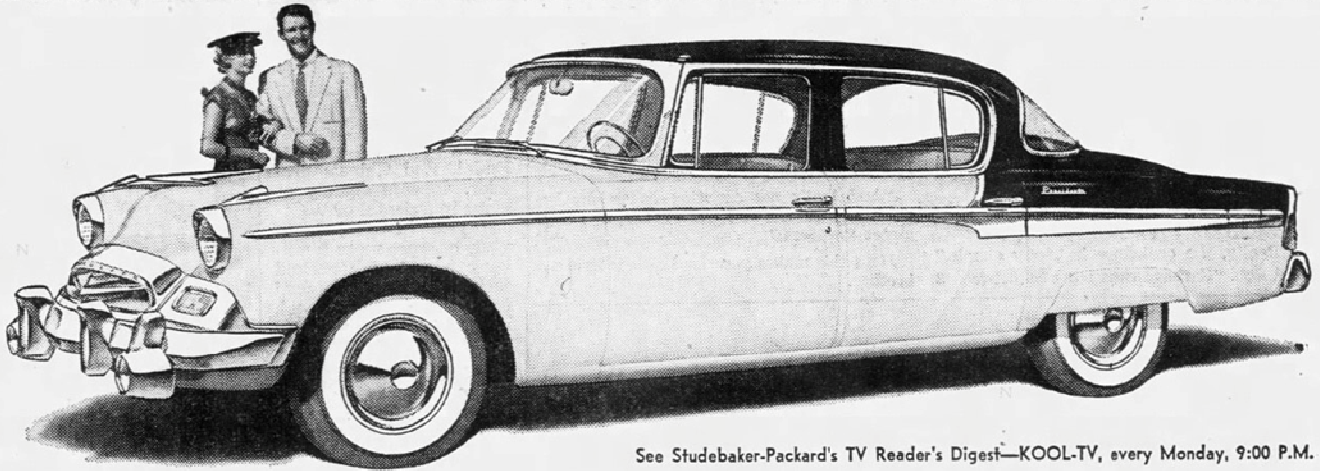
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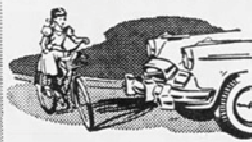
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