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## Here's where the fun begins!



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

The Chapter is holding its annual election for officers and board members; the ballot is printed on page 10. There is no candidate for secretary on the ballot and if you wish to serve in that position or another you are welcome to write-in in your name or someone else whose permission you have. Please consider joining the board and please vote.

Chapter dues for 2025 are due in December. Please plan ahead to pay yours at the holiday party, or through the mail or use Pay Pal. The Pay Pal link is on the web site under the Membership tab.

If you'd like to keep track of legislation around the country affecting our hobby then you'd might like to subscribe to the SEMA (Specialty Equipment Market Association) Action Network newsletter at <https://www.seman.com/driving-force-quarterly-online>

You are welcome to continue to make submissions for upcoming newsletters. A new editor will appreciate having material at hand as he/she gets started.

Thanks to this issue's contributors - Michell Eastburn, Dan Kuhl, Steve Fein, Gary Willoughby, Robyn Souder, Dennis Lynde, Tim Painter, Frank Ambrogio and Sue Ulrich.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving. *Chris*



## BEWARE OF SCAMMERS

**B**eware of scammers impersonating club officers and asking you to pay a bill for some other officer claiming that you will get reimbursed by them.

No Chapter officer will contact you via email to pay a bill or donate to a charity. Simply delete the email if you get one.

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## STATE OF THE CHAPTER

By Michell Eastburn, President

Fords, Chevys, Dodges oh my. I'm thinking we can all relate to the fact that at one point in our driving career we have driven something other than a Studebaker. Shoot, I learned to drive in '67 Volkswagen Beetle and a '62 Champ 4x4, my first driver was a Mercedes Benz, and my current drivers are GM. I've been raised to appreciate all 'wheels' of life and treat every vehicle as if it was my own. We must all remember that we all have different taste in what we think is a 'nice looking car/truck' and what we think is 'one ugly looking son-of-a-gun'. Take pride in your Studebakers, Fords, Chevys/GMs, Dodges, Volkswagens, Audis, Mercedes, whatever you drive and remain respectful to those with that 'nice car/truck' and even that 'ugly son-of-a-gun'. Promote those car/truck enthusiasts who want to drive, show, customize and continue to work on their vehicle(s) no matter what hood emblem it may have.



The month of October had a wide variety of car shows for our Studebakers to join. Thank you to all who attended the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Orphan Car Show, hosted by the Hudson Essex Terraplane Club, and gathered in the shade and enjoyed lunch and fellowship. Big shout out to Carl Reid for reserving and cleaning shady parking spots for us and to William Eastburn, Domenica Eastburn, Carl Reid, Carol Westfall, Tim Phillips and John Rodhouse for helping set-up and break down. And, thank you to Kent Musgrave, Jerry Day, John Rodhouse and Domenica Eastburn for helping with the fun judging. As for all who drove a Stude, participated in festivities, and helped to promote Studebakers (and other makes) throughout the month of October, Thank You for your continued support.

The upcoming November membership meeting will be a tour towards Tortilla Flat to enjoy this beautiful Arizona weather. Please plan to join in your Studebaker, hot rod, brand X, bicycle, or however you would like to enjoy the tour. Pack your lunch, or pick something up along the way...there will be something for everyone to enjoy.

December will be here before we know it, and we will be celebrating our Annual Holiday Party on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Welcome back to our Sunny Birds; we look forward to seeing them and everyone else in these cooler months!



# WELCOME

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## STUDEBAKER EXECUTIVE and DEMONSTRATOR CAR SALE

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# ORPHAN CAR SHOW

When the Chapter gathers for an outdoor event, and this seems true no matter what time of year, we wonder what the weather will hold in regard to the temperature. Although not oppressive, the temperature on Sunday, October 27th for the Orphan Car Show at Los Olivos Park was 10 degrees above normal for the day but thanks to Carl Reid who arrived early for the show and marked off the parking lot in the only shady area available we were able to have good coverage from the sun as we sat in the grassy area and visited and enjoyed lunch.

The event runs from 9am to 2pm and the event hosts, the Grand Canyon Chapter of the Hudson Essex Terraplane Club, were ready to welcome show goers by 8am with packets for those pre-registered who then parked their cars and immediately rummaged for the free coffee and donut ticket which were quickly acquired. Also included in the packet was a dash plaque, a People's Choice ballot and a windshield ID card.

The Chapter board provided a lunch for all driving their Studes or other collectible cars and for other members who came to enjoy the show and see their Stude friends. It was a large friendly bunch with nearly 40 members with all taking a walk around the parking lot to get a look at other orphans - Hudsons, Kaisers, Metropolitans, Desotos and more.

After lunch Michell convened a Chapter meeting making announcements about upcoming events including the November 16th driving tour to Tortilla Flat. Dennis Lynde, the tourmaster, had taken the drive recently and suggested lunch at Superstition Mountain-Lost Dutchman Museum then continuing on to Goldfield Ghost Town and Mine and finally on to Tortilla Flat. He warned that although the road is blacktop, from Goldfield it is quite winding with a lot of ups and downs and to consider this if your Stude has a manual transmission. Then Michell noted the Holiday Party on December 14th at Larry Polhill's collection with a full holiday dinner provided by the Chapter with sides and desserts brought by members. She asked for volunteers to host a table by providing a centerpiece and being prepared to introduce the table guests. Finally she reminded all that nominations for officers and board are requested by the end of the month and that a secretary is needed as well as someone to fill the editor position. Before adjournment, Sid Rosen made a suggestion for a future event - a tour of Lucid Motors, an electric car maker, near Casa Grande.

The host chapter then gave out door prizes and fun judging awards. Chapter members receiving awards were Michell Eastburn for Multi-Car Entry, John Rodhouse - It's A Hit and Kent Musgrave and Jerry Day - People's Choice. Congratulations to all. Assisting the HET Club with the fun judging were John Rodhouse, Michell Eastburn, Domenica Eastburn, Kent Musgrave, Jerry Day.

Thank you to Peggy and Michell for preparing and bringing the lunch and sides and thanks to all who attended and helped make the 32nd Annual Orphan Car Show a big success. Photos courtesy of Steve Fein. ~ Chris Collins



Attending were Carl Reid, 1963 GT Hawk; Rick Melms, 1988 Avanti convertible; Garry Klinger, 1952 Commander SLC; Carol & Bob Westfall, 1950 Ford; John Rodhouse, 1950 Champion SLC; Bill & Peggy Eastburn; 1964 Champ; Dennis Lynde & Linda Saar, 1963 GT Hawk; Michell Eastburn, 1962 Champ 4x4; Will Eastburn, 1964 GT Hawk; Butch Summers, 1948 Champion Street Rod; Scott & Maria Grainger, M15; Tim Phillips, 1955 Commander; Matt Green & family, 1952 Land Cruiser; Kent Musgrave & Jerry Day, 1924 EM Light Six Roadster; Kregg & Kimberly Lea, 1963 Wagonaire; Jim Fischbach, 1953 Street Rod; Steve Fein, Maserati Chrysler; Kolton Kroulik, Studebaker Jr. Wagon; Ron Dryden, 1952 Champion Street Rod; Sid Rosen, Jaguar, Rick Paitl, Triumph; Jon Carter, Bianchi Bicycle and Chapter members without their Studes: Domenica Eastburn, Denny Lockmon, Keith Graham, Chris Collins, Dan & Corlean Kuhl, Chuck Plevich, John Kroulik & Christine.

Visit the Chapter Facebook page for more photos at Studebakers Grand Canyon State Chapter.

# GRAND CANYON STATE CHAPTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**NOVEMBER 16**  
**Saturday**

**ROAD TRIP TO TORTILLA FLAT.** THE HISTORIC FORMER STAGECOACH STOP OFFERS A SCENIC ESCAPE FROM THE CITY AND AN AUTHENTIC TASTE OF THE OLD WEST. MEET AT 9:45AM AT FOOD CITY PARKING LOT, BROWN RD. AND MESA DR. PLAN TO LEAVE BY 10AM FOR DRIVE WITH STOPS AT LOST DUTCHMAN MUSEUM, 4087 E. APACHE TRAIL WHERE THERE WILL BE A SHORT MEETING WITH PRIZES, THEN ON TO GOLDFIELD GHOST TOWN AND MINE TOURS, 4650 N. MAMMOTH MINE RD. FOR LUNCH. CONTINUE ON TO TORTILLA FLAT AT 1 MAIN ST. FOR SIGHTSEEING. THERE ARE OTHER LUNCH SPOTS ALONG THE WAY. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS CONTACT DENNIS LYNDE, THE TOURMASTER, AT 480-203-0560 OR PEGGY AT 623-936-6116 [peggyeastburn@hotmail.com](mailto:peggyeastburn@hotmail.com) AND SEE PAGE 6.

**NOVEMBER 17**  
**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.

**DECEMBER 14**  
**Saturday**

**CHAPTER HOLIDAY PARTY** AT LARRY POLHILL PRIVATE COLLECTION, 7856 N. GLEN HARBOR BLVD., GLENDALE. GATHER AT 11AM, LUNCH AT NOON. DINNER OF HAM, TURKEY, POTATOES, STUFFING, GRAVY AND ROLLS WILL BE PROVIDED BY CHAPTER ALONG WITH WATER, TEA, COFFEE AND LEMONADE. PLEASE BRING TO SHARE YOUR FAVORITE SIDE DISH OR DESSERT. 50/50 RAFFLE. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR A TABLE BY PROVIDING A CENTERPIECE, LET PEGGY KNOW WHEN YOU **RSVP BY DECEMBER 8TH** AT 623-636-6116 / [peggyeastburn@hotmail.com](mailto:peggyeastburn@hotmail.com)

PLEASE PLAN TO PAY YOUR 2025 CHAPTER DUES OF \$20 EITHER WITH CASH OR A CHECK.

**MARCH 15, 2025**  
**Saturday**

SOUTHERN ARIZONA CHAPTER WILL CELEBRATE ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY, VENUE AND TIME TO BE ANNOUNCED. VISIT <https://soazsdc.org/>

**SEPTEMBER 16-20**  
**2025**

61st INTERNATIONAL SDC MEET IN WASHINGTON, PENN. HOSTED BY ALLEGHENY REGION CHAPTER. YOU CAN BOOK ROOMS NOW AT THE HOST HOTEL, THE DOUBLE-TREE HOTEL, FOR ROOM RATE OF \$99.00 PER NIGHT. CALL THE HOTEL AT 724-222-6200 TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION AND MENTION EVENT NAME - SDC AOAI MEET - TO RECEIVE THE DISCOUNTED RATE.

ANNOUNCING!



61st International Meet, September 16-20, 2025  
Watch *Turning Wheels* for more information.

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

*If any event plans change we will let you know with an e-mail or phone call and through the Chapter website or Facebook page.*



## UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENT

### TOUR TO TORTILLA FLAT

**NOVEMBER 16**

**Time: Meet at 9:45am, depart Mesa by 10:00am, arrive around 11:00am**

**Location: Tortilla Flat - 1 Main Street Tortilla Flat**

Get your Studebaker ready for a day road trip out of Phoenix to Tortilla Flat to enjoy this historic former stage-coach stop offering a scenic escape from the city and an authentic taste of the Old West. We will meet at 9:45am at the Food City parking lot on the southwest corner of Brown Road and Mesa Drive (338 E. Brown Rd., Mesa) and plan to leave at 10:00am on our adventure to Tortilla Flat. Our first stop will be the Superstition Mountain Lost Dutchman, 4087 E. Apache Trail, Apache Junction where there will be a short meeting and prizes. Then, proceed to the Goldfield Ghost Town and Mine Tours, 4650 N. Mammoth Mine Rd., Apache Junction for lunch.

Then, all who wish to make the drive to Tortilla Flat can continue on keeping in mind the road is curvy with lots of ups and downs and may be a challenge if your car has a manual transmission.

As much as we would love to see all our Studes on the road for this trip, if yours is unable to make, please

don't let it be the reason you don't join us for this interesting day trip. Drivers will be entered to win an awesome prize!

If you have questions please contact the tourmaster Dennis Lynde at 480-203-0560 or Peggy at 623-936-6116 or [peggyeastburn@hotmail.com](mailto:peggyeastburn@hotmail.com)

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### WEB SITES OF INTEREST

<https://www.caranddriver.com/features/a62789568/3d-printing-technology-keeping-old-cars-running/>  
How 3D Printing Technology Is Keeping Old Cars Running

Aaron and Belinda Scott have set up a Facebook page for the Southern Arizona Chapter. Please take a look here:  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/749035523960935>  
Belinda is the administrator.

<https://tinyurl.com/5cb2uz55> This article contends the 1959 Hillman Minx sedan has more than a little bit of 1953 Studebaker in its lines, and there's a good reason for that: It was styled in collaboration with designers from Raymond Loewy Associates, Do you agree?

## ALL THE NEWS THAT IS NEWS, CHAPTER NEWS, THAT IS

In the October *Turning Wheels*, **Pete and Karen Mensing's** 1960 Lark, "**Little Mo**" is featured on the inside front cover with a photo, on page 25 with another photo and then on page 26 with their story about its colorful history. We miss seeing it and the Mensings here in Phoenix but are happy they made the big time on the pages of our wonderful magazine.



**Dennis Lynde and Linda Saar** sent photos from Run to Pines Car Show, an annual event held the last weekend of September in Pinetop-Lakeside and which attracts 575 cars, trucks and various other motor vehicles. They also saw **Jim and Kimberly McDonald's** 1951 SLC and members **Carol and Bob Westfall** attended with their 1950 Ford.

Dennis said their '63 GT didn't win any awards but he and Linda enjoyed the great weather.



**Tim and Joen Painter**, Yuma members, wrote as a matter of interest that the latest edition of *Collectible Automobile* features a cover picture of a 1953 Commander Starlight. Their own '53 Commander is out of commission, needing a complete engine rebuilt which he is having Ken Tully at Acclaim Collector Car in Scottsdale perform.



The Speedster and trailer in the photo are owned by **Robyn and Ervin Souder**, Studebaker friends from Canada, who would often attend Chapter events when they visited the Valley in the winter. They wrote they plan to be down this year but then will sell their Arizona home and possibly the car and trailer in the photo (which was used in *Vintage Trailer Magazine* calendar several years ago.) By the way, that is a solar panel atop the trailer. What a great looking unit.

Robyn wrote they will miss Arizona and all the good people and said thanks "for the wonderful times we had with your super friendly club. Studebaker people are the BEST!"

## STUDEBAKER QUIZ

Here are the answers to the quiz printed in last month's newsletter.

1. Who designed the 1934 Hupmobile before coming to Studebaker? A: Raymond Loewy
2. Studebakers for what year featured dash board crash pads? A: 1956
3. What did Studebaker call the wide pickup box introduced in 1961? A: Spaceside or P2
4. What was established in 1852 in South Bend with \$68 and two forges? A: H. & C. Studebaker Blacksmiths
5. Name the four Hawk models produced in 1956. A: Flight, Power, Sky, Golden

Although there was no contest for this quiz there was one correct response to the questions received. Thanks to Frank Ambrogio, editor of the 56J Owners Registry newsletter, for joining in the fun. [www.1956GoldenHawk.com](http://www.1956GoldenHawk.com)

Here's another quiz for your entertainment and information. Enjoy!

1. What year was the SDC established?
2. What inspired the 1963 Avanti radio knobs?
3. What model was "completely new from the ground up"?
4. Who drew the sketch that the bullet nose design came from?
5. What is the name of Clement Studebaker's home, which remains today as a fine restaurant?

*Quiz questions courtesy of Sue Ulrich.*



**November 11th**



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## CELEBRATE



### November Birthdays

2	Scott Grainger	18	Mike Barany
2	Sam Powell	18	Al Frink
2	Dennis Roeper	23	Denny Lockmon
4	Deb Baker	24	Bob Baker
5	Aaron Scott	26	Bob Halgren
8	Mary Barany	29	Bob Gasson
9	David Otis		Eric Willis
16	Don Engstrom		

### November Anniversaries

1	Brian & Julie Serbin
4	Bob & Deb Baker
5	Brian & Aleta Millette
8	Al & Denise Frink
19	Ed & Linda Costell
25	Roger & Teri Main
27	Jim & Gerry Carr



### Children's Birthdays

D.B. Willis  
(Son of Eric & Amanda)

### DOOR PRIZE/RAFFLE/SILENT AUCTION ITEMS WANTED

Should you have anything taking up space around your garage/house that you think might be of use as a future door prize, can raffle item and/or silent auction item, please bring it/them to one of the upcoming Chapter events or reach out to Peggy for Pick-up/Drop-off coordination. Contact Peggy at [peggyeastburn@hotmail.com](mailto:peggyeastburn@hotmail.com) or 623-936-6116.

### WANTED: EDITOR

The Chapter has an opening for a member who wishes to be involved and serve as the editor of the Chapter newsletter, *The ECHO*. You'll need a computer, software such as Word or a publishing program and some spare hours during the month.

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*Keep America Beautiful,  
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## "24 Zerks" or "How to get a grease job for \$425"

From Gary Willoughby

June of 2023 saw me and the GinnyHawk off to Memphis to catch the Hemmings Great Race. 120 vintage cars on an extended road rally from Florida to Colorado. What fun that was! So much that I intended to see them again this year, from the starting point of Owensboro KY, a neat town in mid Kentucky on the Ohio River.

The GinnyHawk has been running pretty well all winter, but for this upcoming trip she would need a chassis lube. Also, it was time for oil changes in the trans and rear differential.

You all probably know how involved a chassis lube for our Hawks can be. The lube chart looks like a schematic for your average Atlas booster rocket.

Grease fittings all over the front suspension and steering, lube points all over the engine and transmission, up and down the driveshaft...Did you know there is an oil cup on the heater blower motor? It helps to take off the right steer tire for that one! Mr. Rube Goldberg would have a tear in his eye (of laughter) on viewing our 'direction du grease'!

So, there's your dilemma. Or, as a mechanic friend of mine says, 'There's your Dinner!!'

Well, it's a job that can't be put off. The modern marvels we have today are practically maintenance free; an occasional oil change, maybe a recall for some computer glitch.

Yeah, they cost as much as we used to pay for a house, but really amazing longevity and performance. Midtwentieth century iron? A little more demanding. So, here we are. Do it yourself, or find a good, cheap mechanic that'll listen to your instructions. Ha, ha, pick two of three options!

Wait, don't leave just yet! I actually did that. At least I did for a while. Stay tuned.

Admit it to yourself, we are old. Except for the few of us new to Studebakers, we are old. Crawling under a car on ramps, protected by jack stands, trying to grease a demanding chassis, it sucks. It is past time to let someone else do this dirty work. So, go ahead, find a shop that will do the work, tell them what you've got, and hope for the best. Don't worry so much about the price. It will be worth it. However, there is the very real prospect that, regardless of the price, the well paid mechanic will miss one or more zerks, and you'll never know it.

"Yes sir, just wait here and we'll be through in a jiffy. No, sir, sorry but customers aren't allowed in the shop...insurance, liability, you know". You can give them a copy of your lube chart, but you know they won't use it.

And just try to explain the rear axle bearing procedure. I love watching their eyes glaze over on that one! All for an average cost of around \$100 an hour.

Alright, so, if you want a job done right, do it yourself. Gather up your grease guns, shop rags, creeper, or blanket, put her on the ramps, and get down under!

Now that you're committed, know that the discomfort of creeping under a chassis 2 feet off the ground is only surpassed by the joy of working on the instrument panel from below. At least the panel is a clean job. Ha ha, no, it's not! You'll find out just how much dust and crud has built up over the years when you go to pull out that faulty gauge and it lands directly in your face. But I digress.

A word about grease guns here. I spent my working career with tractor trailers, my own and others, and a proper oil change and lube was mandatory at regular intervals, 15-25000 miles, depending on the equipment, which could mean every two or three weeks if you're running hot and heavy. But in between those intervals, U-joints needed additional service if you wanted them to last. You could get into a shop and get an additional lube job between oil changes, but the cost and time loss was pretty large, so the best thing was to find a piece of parking lot between loads, preferably in the shade, put on your greasy old overalls, crawl under there and do it yourself.

This can be strenuous. Some of the fittings won't hold the grease tip, so you need three hands and, believe me, no one's going to help. So a gun with a hand pump, instead of a lever, gives you extra grip. Also a long flex tube helps, as you're on your back in a tight place, remember.

So here we go, starting up front, steering arms and bushings first, reach up into the front cross member for that hidden one on the bell crank pivot, did you remember to jack up the front wishbones to get grease to the top of the king pins? Of course you did! Bet that high priced shop mech would have missed that!

Now on down the drive shaft, oil on the shift rods and parking brake levers, working on down to the rear axle bearings. This is where your other gun, with the high temp grease and rigid tube, comes into play. Now, all you have to do is oil up the distributor, (petrol jelly on the cam), generator, shift levers (the top ones)...What'd I forget? Golly, I'm getting tired just thinking about it all.

O.K., let's try something else. Your friendly local Walmart has a really well equipped tire and grease shop; They don't do much more than change oil and tires, but they do have, listed separately, a chassis lube. This usually goes with an oil change, but you can specify it by itself. Cost? around \$10. It's in the computer, with modern vehicles in mind, very few zerks, if any. So nobody had much thought about the prospect of a 60 year old chassis with a gazillion grease fittings. So, let's fire up the old girl and go to Wally World! What could be easier? Or cheaper? No crawling around in the grease, just watching someone else doing the dirty work...What could go wrong?

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# THERE WAS NO TV IN THE HOME

By Dan Kuhl

In 1932 Franklin Delano Roosevelt (FDR) became President. I have a nice 1932 framed memento in my collection of his portrait with a thermometer which advertises a Studebaker dealership in Massachusetts. A side note: he was re-elected for three more terms; the only President to do so.

The very next year while the Studebaker Corporation was stumbling through the early days of the Depression, President Roosevelt began a series (30) "Fireside Chats" on the radio to help the public get through the trying times created with the downturn of the national economy and pending war in Europe.

There is an audio book I just finished that presents all 30 of these radio presentations from 1933 until his death in 1945. They really give the listener a new dimension on his plan to solve the hardship and uncertainty created by the Depression and WWII.

1914 saw the start of the "Great War" that was supposed to be the end of wars in the world. Yes, the whole world was involved but the majority of it was fought in Europe or on the high seas. And, the US did not enter the war until 1917, the year before it ended.

WWII was on a bigger scale affecting almost every continent to some degree with American troops sent to many of these places to destroy the menacing axis powers. FDR realized the huge sacrifice that America was making and wanted to help the citizenry know where their family and friends were stationed.

In February, 1942 he gave the "The Progress of the War" radio speech which became the "Map Speech" and told listeners what was going on and where. In 1943, Studebaker jumped in to help out with publication of the "Radio Listeners'" pocket atlas that showed the reader where all of the important war areas were located. Inside the back cover was an advertisement for the cyclone engines that powered the Flying Fortress, an airplane that was helping win the war. Studebaker was definitely instrumental in winning WWII as it was in WWI. That is a legacy that we should never forget.



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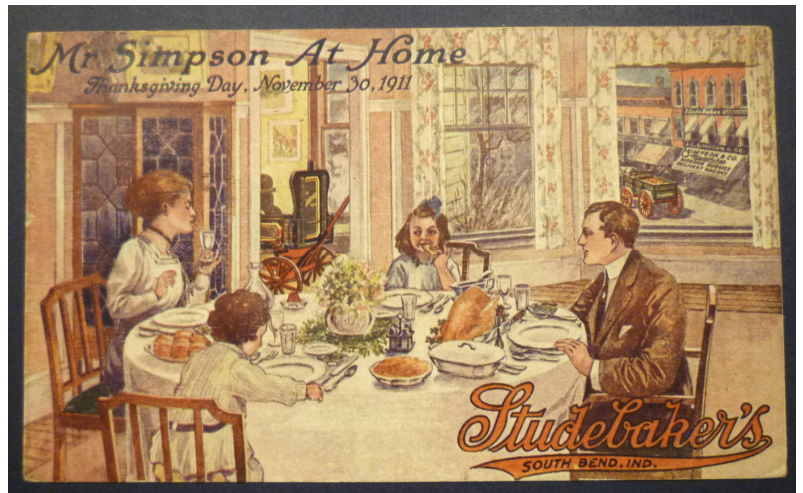
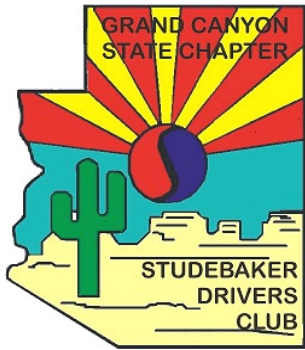
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