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## Hobo Stew at John L. Lewis's Home August 3, 2019 by Ann Pearson

Thirty members attended the luncheon at John L. Lewis's home on Saturday, August 3, 2019. The stew turned out magnificent and there was quite an array of homemade cornbreads to choose from. Thank you Anne Magee for making the gluten free cornbread!

We celebrated Maggie Wheeler's 90th Birthday. She looked stunning! I told her that she should be a model! John L. had purchased Maggie's favorite, carrot cake. Nora was the ice cream hostess. Members in attendance and cars driven included: Mike Borens, Brand X; Deb Crooks, Brand X; Lou Fencil, '56 Transtar Pick-up; Randy Goble, '56 Commander; Fred and Nora Gooch, Brand X; Mike and Evelyn Hodges, Brand X; Jerry and June Kaiser, '92 Corvette (Jerry's new Studebaker!); John L. Lewis and Sue Aslin, '50 Land Cruiser, Bob and Eileen Loshbough, Champion Pick-up; Stan and Charlotte Luczycki, Brand X; Darel and Anne Magee, Brand X; John and Jan Noble, Brand X; Ann Pearson, Brand X; Bruce Sandburg and Delores Schurtz, Brand X; Chuck and Louise Stanford, Brand X and Maggie Wheeler, Brand X.

John Noble won the 50:50 raffle. He won \$55.00 and the club was given \$55.00. Thank you John L. for your hospitality!



Photo by Ann Pearson

Maggie Wheeler  
 The Birthday Girl!



Photo by Ann Pearson

The Boys Relaxing!  
 L-R Mike Borens, Bob Loshbough, Lou Fencil and Jerry Kaiser



Photo by Ann Pearson

The Big Celebration!  
 L-R John Noble, Jan Noble, Maggie Wheeler, Delores Schurtz, Evelyn Hodges and Michael Hodges

**Birthday and****Anniversary****Wishes****September**

06 Steve Fein  
 06 Jim Hill  
 08 Jenny Miles  
 09 Chuck Collins  
 09 Terry Lewis  
 09 Chuck & Louise Stanford  
 10 Mike & Violet Borens  
 10 Barbara Olsen  
 21 Barbara Angerhofer  
 22 Chuck Stanford  
 30 Gail Ault

**October**

01 Bob Loshbough  
 01 Suzanne Fort  
 02 Gloria Schmetzer  
 04 Joe McKee  
 10 Keith Amb's  
 10 Violet Borens  
 12 Barry & Pam Hackney  
 13 Bruce & Gilda Eneboe  
 16 Barry Hackney  
 18 Colin Fort  
 19 Terry & Ruth Lewis

**INTERESTING WEBSITES AND VIDEOS**

The Grand Canyon Chapter of the SDC:

[www.grandcanyonsdc.com](http://www.grandcanyonsdc.com)

SAC website: <http://soazsdc.org/>

Chapter email: [so.arizona.sdc@aol.com](mailto:so.arizona.sdc@aol.com)

The Studebaker Museum

[www.studebakermuseum.org/](http://www.studebakermuseum.org/)

Classic Enterprises <https://tinyurl.com/y6jactlo>

'53 Studebaker <https://tinyurl.com/y5bqyu3d>

Clean your Engine <https://tinyurl.com/yxzwfzvv>

Antique Automotive Club of America <https://tinyurl.com/y5ponoe6>

GEAR HEAD TUESDAY – 1964: THE

HAWK'S LAST FLIGHT <https://tinyurl.com/y6czbn8b>

GEAR HEAD TUESDAY — George Krem's 64

Studebaker "Plain Brown Wrapper" <https://tinyurl.com/yxhllqem>

Studebaker Today: <https://youtu.be/Vci57Zi2XsQ>

The Wheels that Bond <https://tinyurl.com/y4kudd9w>

Ninth Annual All Originals Car Show <https://tinyurl.com/y38sq3vm>

Does Everyone Love Mayor Pete? <https://tinyurl.com/y6ocxa7a>

[tinyurl.com/y6ocxa7a](https://tinyurl.com/y6ocxa7a)

**MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT:**

I can't remember when the dog days of summer have been so warm. When you are still working most of the time in a climate-controlled shop, I guess you just don't notice how hot it is outside. Well, when you are still working, I guess you have to work regardless. Speaking of work, our local chapter needs to fill the position of Secretary on the Board of Directors. If any member would be interested, please contact me or join the rest of us at our next board meeting. I call it work, but we meet for lunch and usually have a good time. The board and members attending get a chance to set up our activities, hear about other member's projects and visit.



Randy Goble

I have reviewed the status reports for May, June and July from the National Chapter that Chris Collins forwarded to me. I would like to thank everyone that renewed their dues for the Studebaker Drivers Club. At some later time, I would like to explore the possibility of getting renewal dates of our local club's dues to coincide with the individual dates of the National Chapter.

I had better close as this President's letter is already late getting to our Editor for the newsletter.

Thanks,  
*Randy*

**From the Editor:**

Dear Members:

We have a lot to look forward to! See our long calendar of events! I was fortunate to attend The Hobo Stew luncheon at John L. Lewis's home. Thank you John!

Thanks to June Kaiser and Donna Goble for proofreading. Thanks to Fred Gooch for writing an article and Steve Ault for a contribution. Also, thank you Maggie Wheeler for submitting an article and for letting me know about Mayor Pete of South Bend, Indiana and his revitalization of Studebaker buildings. Marj Scooros, I can't thank you enough for my steering wheel cover! See page 9. Photographs were provided by Ann Pearson, Gloria Schmetzer (and also the last edition of the Copper Starlight) and Steve Ault. I hope everyone has a safe and restful Labor Day.

*Ann Pearson, SAC/SDC Newsletter Editor*

\*\*A reminder, the deadline for publishing newsletter contributions is the 20th of the month.



Ann Pearson

**THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS**

**Fred Gooch**

**Jerry Kaiser**

**John L. Lewis**

**Bob Miles**

**Keith Muske**

**Mary Powell McConnell**

**Rosalie Torske**

**IN MEMORIAM**

**Evelyn Hodges,  
 Wife of Michael Hodges**

## UPCOMING EVENTS/SOUTHERN AZ CHAPTER OTHER AUTO RELATED EVENTS

**Mondays September 16, October 21,  
November 18 and December 16, 2019**

**Board Meetings:** 11:30 a.m., Hungry Fox Restaurant, 4637 E. Broadway, Tucson, AZ. 520-326-2835.

**Wednesday through Saturday,  
September 11-14, 2019**

**55th Studebaker Driver's Club International Meet:** Richland County Fairgrounds, 750 North Home Road, Mansfield, Ohio 44906. Contact Dave Hamblin, Chair, 419-947-1360 or [daveh2949@centurylink.net](mailto:daveh2949@centurylink.net) Jim Thompson, JoAnne Hamblin Co-Chairs, 614-235-6682 or [jet1649@att.net](mailto:jet1649@att.net), 419-947-1360 or [jlh6225@centurylink.net](mailto:jlh6225@centurylink.net)

**Saturday, September 14, 2019**

**Drive Your Studebaker Day and Membership Appreciation Day:** 11:00 a.m., meet at the Longhorn Grill & Saloon in Amado, AZ near Green Valley, 28851 S. Nogales Highway. Lunch will be paid for by our Chapter excluding alcoholic beverages. Some folks want to caravan to Amado, so we will be meeting at two different locations, for we have folks spread out all over the city. One group will meet at 10:00 a.m. at the American Fence Co. at 1111 E. Valencia Rd. The departure will be at 10:15 a.m., heading to Amado. Take I-19 to exit #48, drive west on Arivaca Rd, then immediately turn right on South Nogales Hwy. The big Skull will be on your right. The east side folks and Benson folks will meet at 10:00 a.m. at the corner store/gas station in Corona de Tucson at Houghton & Sahuarita Rd. and depart at 10:15 a.m. Once we get to Amado, we will kick some tires outside, and get ready to eat.

**Saturday, September 21, 2019**

**First Cnoa Cup Collector Show Fundraiser:** 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Historic Cnoa Ranch in Green Valley, AZ. See page 9 for information and registration.

**Thursday, October 10, 2019**

**Lunch at Kappy's Bar and Sandwich Place:** 11:30 p.m., 2190 N. Wilmot Rd., Tucson, AZ, 520-296-9500. They have an awesome lunch menu recommended by our member, Darel Magee. It is located just south of Mercedes Benz of Tucson and Costco, off of Grant Rd., Please RSVP John L. Lewis at [lewishoot@cox.net](mailto:lewishoot@cox.net) or 520-954-0904.

**Friday through Sunday,  
October 25-27, 2019**

**Verde Canyon Railroad Train Trip to Clarkdale and Cottonwood, AZ:** We plan to leave Tucson on Friday, October 25th and meet at The Cracker Barrel at 8400 N. Cracker Barrel Rd. for breakfast and then caravan to Cottonwood. Phoenix members can join us as we pass thru Phoenix, or we will just meet you in Cottonwood. The folks that have signed up to go so far are staying at The Best Western, 993 S. Main St. in Cottonwood 928-634-5575. The price is around \$110.00 plus tax per night. The other hotel is The Super 8, 800 S. Main St., 928-639-1888, for about the same price. On Saturday the 26th, we need to be at The Verde Canyon Railroad, 300 N. Broadway in Clarkdale at 12:00 noon, for a departure at 1:00 p.m., and return at about 5:00 p.m. Being this is in Oct. with Oct. fest going on, they will be selling German Sausage, sauerkraut, potato salad, and other items on the patio at the train station. So if you want to eat maybe adjust your time. When we board the 1st class seating on the train, we will be served a glass of champagne with a toast. Hors d'oeuvres and other cash services will be offered with the 1st class accommodations. For reservations on the train, call 800-293-7245, and ask for Ellen, she handles the group tours. Mention Studebaker Group, and John L. Lewis and our order # 115011. 1st class is \$89.95 and coach is \$64.95, and children 2 to 12 years old is \$44.95. A portion of all revenue is donated to The Liberty Wildlife Raptor Program. As we make reservations with Ellen she will keep me up to date on who has signed up to go on the tour, so then I know who is going, and who to communicate with. As of August 8th, we have 9 people signed up in 1st class, and they had 67 seats still available in 1st class. Should be a fun trip, and the weather will be a lot cooler. If you have any questions, please contact John L. Lewis the Tour Master, [lewishoot@cox.net](mailto:lewishoot@cox.net) or 520-954-0904.

**Thursday, October 31, 2019**

**Halloween!**



**Saturday, November 2, 2019**

**Car Show at The Forum at Tucson:** 10:30 to 2:30 p.m., 2500 N. Rosemont Blvd., Tucson, AZ 520-319,4313. We have been asked to participate in a car show at The Forum. The Forum is north of the IHOP. The Forum is a care center, and the residents requested to the staff, that they wanted a car show in the Fall. The Forum will do the advertising. They will have some snacks and a food truck where you can purchase food as needed. All car clubs are welcome. Just show up with your car. If you have any questions, please contact John L. Lewis at [lewishoot@cox.net](mailto:lewishoot@cox.net) or 520-954-0904.

**Thursday, November 21, 2019**

**Annual Thanksgiving Dinner at Bubbs Grub:** 4:00 p.m., 16010 N. Oracle Rd, Tucson, AZ, 520-825-6510. This year we have different plans for our annual Thanksgiving Dinner. Thanks much to Susan and Steven Gilsdorf for their hospitality the past seven to eight years. It was a pleasure to share your home through the years with all the outstanding Thanksgiving trimmings. Recently, we have heard that Bubbs Grub serves a turkey dinner every Thursday, so we looked into that and we will have this year's Thanksgiving Dinner there. The price per person is \$14.25, and they may still have an increase in price prior to November 21st. We are looking forward to a change this year, and a lot less work on everyone's part, and will just relax, and let someone else do the work. We will do a 50/50 drawing as usual, so drive your Studebaker, and the winner will take 100% of the pot home. Feel free to try a Thursday night Turkey Dinner at Bubbs Grub from 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. prior to Thanksgiving. Please RSVP John L. Lewis at [lewishoot@cox.net](mailto:lewishoot@cox.net) or 520-954-0904.

**Saturday, December 21, 2019**

**The Gaslight Theater:** "Secret Santa" is playing, 3:00 p.m., 60 seats available. Adults, \$26.03, Seniors, Students, Military, \$23.86, children 2-12 years old \$15.16. Please contact Chuck Stanford for reservations, 520-888-1563 or [cstanford2@cox.net](mailto:cstanford2@cox.net)

**June 20 to 28, 2020**

**Hemmings Motor News Great Race:** San Antonio, TX to Greenville, SC. \$150,000 in prize money. A time-speed-endurance-rally for vintage cars 1974 and older. To enter, call: (800) 9897223 or email [jeff@greatrace.com](mailto:jeff@greatrace.com)



PAST EVENTS AND STUDEBAKER NEWS

Lunch at the Happy Rooster  
July 11, 2019

Thirteen members attended our monthly luncheon at the Happy Rooster Café in Tucson Arizona on Thursday, July 11, 2019.

Members in attendance and cars driven included: Lou FencI, '56 Transtar Pick-up; Craig Harm, Brand X; John L. Lewis, Brand X; Bob and Eileen Loshbough, Brand X; Bruce Sandburg and Delores Schurtz, Brand X; Gloria Schmetzer and Alice de Buhr, Brand X; Marj Scooros, Brand X; Chuck and Louise Stanford; Brand X; and Maggie Wheeler, Brand X.

Thank you John L. Lewis for arranging the luncheon and thank you Gloria Schmetzer for the photographs!



L-R Bob Loshbough, Eileen Loshbough, Marj Scooros,  
Back of John L. Lewis and Craig Harm



L-R John Noble, Gloria Schmetzer and Jan Noble



L-R Chuck Stanford, Louise Stanford,  
Bruce Sandburg, John L. Lewis,  
Delores Schurtz and Gloria Schmetzer

Lunch at Club 21  
June 27, 2019

Twenty-four members attended the luncheon at Club 21, a Mexican food restaurant in Tucson, Arizona. Everyone enjoyed good food and interesting conversation. Unfortunately, our new found restaurant has since closed!

The members that attended and some other brand of car driven included: Dan Enwright; Randy and Donna Goble; Fred and Greg Gooch; Jerry Kaiser; John L. Lewis and Sue Aslin; Stan and Charlotte Luczycki; Darel and Anne Magee; Don and Bonnie McGraw; Bob Miles; Keith Muske; John and Jan Noble; Bruce Sandburg and Delores Schurtz; Gloria Schmetzer; Chuck and Louise Stanford; and Maggie Wheeler.

Thank you John L. Lewis for arranging this luncheon!



LR Jan Noble, Stan Luczycki, Charlotte Luczycki and  
Bob Miles



Great Attendance!

Studebakers in the News  
As summarized by  
Ann Pearson and written by  
David Smith in  
South Bend, Indiana

David Smith wrote an article, titled: "Does Everyone really love Mayor Pete?" The article was published in The Guardian, US Edition on April 17, 2019.

Pete Buttigieg, the Mayor of South Bend, Indiana announced his run for the US Presidency in the cavernous former Studebaker Factory. The Studebaker Factory shut down in 1963, two weeks after President Kennedy was assassinated.

Mayor Buttigieg has instituted the revival of old Studebaker buildings and is converting mixed use spaces for tech start ups.

Thanks goes to **Maggie Wheeler** for telling the editor about this subject.

## MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS

## The Highest Paid Woman Artist In America Designed Cars For Studebaker

by Sharon L. Simonson

Not many people know who she was in today's world, but in the 1920's, she lived and worked in Toledo, Ohio, for the Dura Company. Helen Dryden was an art director who designed items for Dura's product line and that included household objects like candle sticks, whiskey stoppers and other industrial items.

Helen Dryden was born in Baltimore, Maryland and moved to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, with her family at the age of seven. Very early in her life, she showed an artistic talent when she began designing and selling clothes for paper dolls.

Later on, she sold a set of her paper dolls and dresses to a newspaper and was hired by the "Philadelphia Public Ledger" and also "The Philadelphia Press" as an illustrator for fashion articles.

Although, she had received some training in landscape painting, she decided that wasn't for her. Largely self-taught, Helen Dryden moved to New York City and tried to break into working for "Vogue" fashion magazine.

They rejected her until the magazine was bought out by "Conde Nast Publications." Soon, she was creating designs for Vogue and other publications for over ten years. All of her illustrations and magazine covers were colorful and romantic representations of women's dresses. During these years, she also started a career as a costume designer and was well-received.

She left "Vogue" to work for another magazine called the "Delineator". Her art work took on an art deco look and by 1925, she was noticed by Toledo's Dura Corporation. Helen Dryden was interested in Industrial Design and took the job at Dura for the sum of \$35,000 a year. In the late 1920's this was a lot of money for an artistic director.

Dura hired Dryden to produce designs for chrome decorative objects, textiles, tableware, lamps and glassware. When the Great Depression hit the country, Ms. Dryden lost her job at Dura like many others in the company. The next art director, George Walker, took her old job for \$200 a month.

Ms. Dryden became the highest paid woman artist in the United States when she started working for Studebaker in South Bend, Indiana. She earned \$100,000 a year designing the interior of the 1936 Studebaker "President" and "Dictator" vehicles.

Studebaker's advertising slogan, was, "Its Styled By Helen Dryden." The Press marveled that a woman could be so important in the mechanical engineering field.

She received much acclaim for her redesign of the 1937 Studebaker "President" model.

(Sharon L. Simonson is a freelance writer from Perrysburg, Ohio.) Permission for reprinting was given by Sharon L. Simonson. The article was printed originally in the **Bend of the River Magazine**, in Maumee, Ohio. This magazine focuses on partially General American History.

This article was submitted by Maggie Wheeler.



**Studebaker's art designer, Helen Dryden, was the  
highest paid woman artist in America.**



## TECH TIPS

10 Tricks To Remove That Stuck, Seized, or Stripped Bolt or Nut  
by Bobby Kimbrough

One of the biggest frustrations when disassembling a vehicle for restoration, or even repair, is the dreaded seized or stripped bolt. Stuck hardware occurs when a bolt, nut or screw gets corrosion between the threads and they won't budge. Many times, this leads to breaking the bolt off and having to drill and re-tap the hold or trying to remove it with a bolt extractor. I won't even mention what happens when the drill, tap or extractor breaks off in the same hole!! Below are my top 10 ways to deal with getting these suckers extracted without wrecking the precious part they are in. This includes tips on how to remove a rounded bolt or a bolt with a stripped head in addition to those that are seemingly stuck in place for all eternity.

1. Blunt Impact/Force – This is usually my first step when attempting to loosen stubborn bolts. I always use this method before I begin removing exhaust studs from a cylinder head. There are a few methods for this. One is to hit on the head of the bolt in the center with a chisel or punch. Another is using an impact wrench/gun and hit it a few brief times in reverse and forward. Either of these methods work on the theory of freeing the corrosion bond between the threads by vibration or impact. It works sometimes on lightly seized bolts, but isn't a 100 percent winner every time. Keep in mind, though, that it can be combined with many of the other methods to help make the job easier.
2. Heat – If you paid attention in chemistry class, you would have learned that when you heat and cool metal, it expands and contracts. The way that I have used this in the past for removing a corroded bolt is to heat the head/body of the bolt until it is almost red hot. By doing this the bolt expands due to the heat, and when it cools it will contract, thus breaking the corrosion in between the threads. A similar method is to heat the area around the bolt to make the hole it is threaded into expand and open a little bit. The bolt then fits a bit looser and can be threaded out. Use of an impact wrench or gun helps when initially breaking it loose since the force from the hammering of the impact wrench breaks the corrosion apart as well. Use penetrants like Kroil or CRC Freeze-Off to aid in the removal process.
3. Relief Cuts – This is my "sure-fire" method for removing most stripped bolts/nuts. It isn't as clean/civilized as the others, but it is a heck of a lot faster! With this method you will be putting 2-3 cuts in the bolt head or nut. You want to cut just enough that you are almost all the way through the head of the bolt or the nut. You then can hit the cuts with a chisel and a hammer a few times, thus splitting the nut or bolt and relieving the tension on them. With nuts, you can normally just split it from the bolt, clean up the threads, and install a new nut. With bolts, you can use some locking jaw pliers to grab the bolt head and turn the bolt out, usually the relief cuts will let the pliers squeeze the head of the bolt enough that you can turn it out easily.
4. Rock the Bolt – This is another one to try early in the bolt removal process and in conjunction with other methods. You want to slowly work the bolt/nut back and forth. I like to take a ratchet and loosen the nut/bolt a little bit until it gets a bit of tension behind it again, then go back the other way and turn it to almost where you started, before loosening a little bit further than last time. As you expose some of the hidden threads, you want to spray some penetrant on those threads so that the penetrant works its way back into the hidden threads. It can be a slow process, but I've gotten some stuck bolts out this way with a little bit of patience.
5. Driller Out! – This is the same concept as the relief cuts with a couple small twists or surprises that can occur along the way. I like to use this one as more of one of my last-ditch efforts or if the bolt has broken off flush with the surface. What you want to do is take a small drill bit and drill all the way through the bolt. This uses a bit of the chemistry a few of the other methods use. It heats the bolt by drilling it, and it also makes a hollow portion in the bolt so it can contract more as you attempt to remove it. I've had times where just drilling the bolt will allow the bolt to turn out quite easily. Other times, you may have to keep stepping up your size of the drill bit with a drill index until you are just a bit smaller than the diameter of the bolt. At this point, you may be able to carefully chisel or break the bolt apart in the hole. You can then extract the pieces and clean the threads back up with a tap set or a universal tap tool.
6. Weld'er Up! – This is one method for how to remove a stripped bolt that can be used if the nut or bolt head is so severely stripped you can't turn it with locking jaw pliers. It is also useful if the head is broken off the bolt. You can simply take a washer and a bolt of a slightly larger size and tack weld it to the bolt body. Once you have it tack welded, I like to fill the nut with weld and run a bead around the base of where it meets the bolt body. This allows you to put a socket on the bolt again as well as putting heat into the bolt that will allow it to expand and contract, breaking some of the corrosion. I prefer to use a MIG Welder to do this job as it allows for a little more control than with a stick welder.
7. Air Hammer/Chisel – This combines a few of the methods already mentioned. Its biggest advantage is that it can be used when the bolt head is stripped. This makes it helpful when you're trying to figure out how to remove stripped lug nuts and door bolts. You basically chisel/hammer it so that the bolt loosens. I have had it work with moderate success, but it needs to be on a bolt/nut that is an open area.
8. Bolt or Screw Extractor – There are many styles/gimmicks. Some work, but many do not. They use hardened bits that grab into the inside of the bolt or nut to remove it. Many require you to drill a small hole in the bolt, then thread these bits in. Whatever you do, do not break the extractor off inside the hole, or you are in for a long, horrible process. Normal drill bits will not touch these, so you will need specialty drill bits to drill through them.
9. Pipe Wrench – This is a basic way to tackle a stripped bolt, and most everyone has a pipe wrench kicking around their shop. Tighten the pipe wrench down on the bolt/nut and as you crank on the bolt with the pipe wrench, it grabs harder onto the bolt head. Just watch you knuckles if it slips off!
10. Reinstall Bolts That Surround the Stuck Bolt/Nut – Sometimes, several bolts in an area will hold a part on. Occasionally, these are meant to be removed in a specific order. Make sure you check your manual for any installation/removal order. If there is none, I like to work from the center and work your way to the outside. Reinstalling some of the bolts around the stuck bolt may take some of the force from the stuck bolt and allow you to remove it. This can take some time when you are removing a broken bolt, but is also less likely to damage surrounding areas than some other methods.

## MEMBER CONTRIBUTION

## SKYTOP SAGA PART DOS

By Fred Gooch

We started building a twelve car garage in 1987. After pouring 100 yards of concrete, we were tapped out, so construction came to a grinding halt. Other things happened and I didn't get back to working on the garage until a decade later. I decided it would be neat to have a picture of twelve cars on the slab. Some cars ran good, others barely ran, and some were dead in the water, so to speak. After several days work, twelve cars were on the slab and ready for photographic history. Unfortunately, I misplaced the picture and haven't seen it in years. The other bad thing that happened was I inadvertently backed the 1962 Champ into the driver's door on Skytop. UPSETTING!!!

We saw some Studes at car meets that had Offenhauser valve covers that looked so neat I just had to have some. I found a used pair at a Stude swap meet reasonably priced, so they found a new home. At the recommendation of Woody Allen, I took valve covers to Royal Plating for polishing. THAT WAS NOT A REASONABLE PRICE! Royal has a picture of Woody's black 1936 President coupe. That was an impressive car.

You know how life is—suddenly. It was now 2017 and I was no longer able to take care of our home-garage and four acre yard, so we up and moved to a retirement place in Green Valley. We had been liquidating our treasures (read junk) to make our life simple, but quickly realized that we needed to sell a LOT MORE! Two cars, 6,500 Stude and Morris parts and 2,500 pieces of antique car literature found new homes. Thanks to all our friends who bought our stuff.

For some time, we thought we would have to let the Skytop go, but our retired mechanic friend, Julio, decided to take on one last job. So, my son, Greg and I loaded it on the trailer and off to Julio's it went for about eight months. In addition to normal things like belts-hoses-seals, etc., we made some changes to the car. Imagine our surprise when Julio called and said our shiny Offenhauser valve covers were not Studebaker! After checking with Jerry Kaiser and Stan Luczycki, it seems that they may be Caddy and or Olds. In the early 80's, I met a retired engineer at a California Stude meet, who was selling Delrin bushings of his own design for Stude front ends. WE bought a set, installed them on our 1952 Commander hardtop and loved them. It seemed that they would last forever and keep the front end in alignment. When the engineer developed health problems, he let me take over selling the bushings. I changed the design slightly and added a concurrent spiral, the inner surface and cross drilled the end to accept a grease zerk. Now the A arm will never rust. The only downside of Delrin, is that being a harder material than rubber, the ride is harsher. Eventually, we would install Delrin bushings in all our 1951 and up Studes.

In 1986, my brother Tom became paralyzed from the neck down. His Olds Cutless was rebuilt with hand controls, but required too much effort to operate. I had an engineer friend of Tom's measure the bushings and had them reproduced in Delrin and installed in his car. The difference in required effort was unbelievable. Tom was able to drive his Olds until he passed in 1991.

The plan had always been to replace the 2-barrel carb with a 4-barrel, but ended up taking 22 years. Carrol Studebaker and I discussed several options on installing 4 barrels on a Stude V8 and eventually decided on the new Edelbrock. Carrol said the parts house in Dayton, Ohio was quite high and could I do better in Tucson? R&S on South 4th made me a deal on 5 new carbs—three for Carrol and two for us. For some reason or another, neither of those carbs ever made it on the Skytop. One day Ken Michaels and I were talking about his 2-barrel intake manifold conversion project to 4-barrel. I bought one with heat shield and longer studs. Later on, Greg and I would attend the Pima College car show and swap meet where we would find an almost new Edelbrock still in the box. I bought it and a correct air cleaner. Somehow or another, none of these parts were lost or sold and I was able to take them to Julio. Occasionally, I would go visit our car at Julio's and check on the progress. Boy, was I excited when the engine with 4-barrel went back in the car and I heard it run!

The automatic transmission was good when I got the car in 1997, so I decided to have it resealed with new gaskets, seals and filter. BAD IDEA! It does not work well, so at some point in time, will have to come out and be rebuilt at Bob's Automatic.

The fuel tank was removed, boiled, painted and reinstalled with a new fuel sender gasket.

I always put power brakes on any Stude that doesn't already have them. John Kroulik got me a brake booster and I had it rebuilt by Midwest Rebuilders. Finding a master cylinder was a bit harder, but Russ and Sharon Ware came through on that and many other things that we needed.

About 100 years ago, John Kroulik and I were discussing cooling problems on Stude V8's and he said he had done a '63 GT with dual electric fans and no metal fan. It cooled very well. As a joke, I told him I would buy his electric fans when he got tired of them. Years later, he would call and say fans are for sale. Julio would install them on the Skytop.

Now, the car is mostly done and being stored in Vail, AZ while I get the garage ready. Hopefully, we can start driving it early next year.



Fred Gooch

MEMBER CONTRIBUTION, BLANKET RAFFLE AND GET A MEMBER

A Trip to the Black Hills of South Dakota and The Cool Deadwood Nites Meet by Steve Ault

Gail and I are in the Black Hills of South Dakota. The Dakota chapter for years has done a Labor Day event and John L. Lewis is planning to attend. Gail did the 4 chapter newsletter for over 10 years and many of those years we did it while away in our Motor Home. We attempted to always attend this fun event and it drew folks from Nebraska, Wyoming, both Dakotas, Colorado and Canada. We decided to lengthen our trip to take the event in to see if half these folks were still alive!! Currently, for four days, we're in a BOR campground for \$3/night just east of Sturgis and got in on the Kool Deadwood Nites (780 registrations) last weekend (see photos below) and then, next is the Stude meet.

Stay cool!  
Steve Ault



Studebaker Blanket Raffle!



Ticket

WINNER

A Big Thank You goes to Rosalie Torske for donating her beautiful Studebaker blanket! The blanket will be available to see and raffle tickets may be purchased at all events until the drawing on Studebaker Driver's Day, September 14, 2019.

**GET A MEMBER GET A MONTH!**

The best resource for recruiting new club members is YOU! Now we want to reward you. For every new member you get we extend your SDC membership by one month! Here's how:

- When you get someone to join make sure they mention your name to get credit.
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**SALE!!** SAC/SDC Men's Polo Shirts (two each small only) and Ladies' style in mint green and one in blue (seven large and seven small) polo shirts \$10.00 each. I will bring extra rosters and newsletters to all club events. Chapter name tags in either pin or magnetic type are \$10.87 for one or \$18.48 for two. Chuck Stanford at 520-888-1563 or [cstanford2@cox.net](mailto:cstanford2@cox.net)

**For Sale: Studebaker models:** beautiful '57 Studebaker Golden Hawk model in original box like new and a Studebaker transport truck, \$60.00 each. Call Joyce Mooney at 520-977-7864

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### For Beautiful Studebaker Steering Wheel Covers

Contact

Marj Scoros

[marjsbaubles@yahoo.com](mailto:marjsbaubles@yahoo.com)

One for \$20.00, two or more \$15.00 each.

For orders, the diameter of the steering wheel is needed along with the year, model and color of the car.



Thank you Marj for my steering wheel cover!  
Ann Pearson

### For Sale:

Champ truck grill painted good condition \$50.00  
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'62 Lark grill \$40.00 very nice  
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'53 sedan trunk lid \$40.00  
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Lots of other parts, if you don't see what you want, call me. I may have it.  
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\*\*\*Notice: John L. Lewis sent around a reminder that everyone should have an approved fire extinguisher displayed at your left front wheel during all meets in the future. As required as of January 1, 2017, the SDC requires a minimum of a LU type 1-A:5B:C, but a 1-A:10-B:C would be much better for added protection.

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**Mondays:** Freddy's, 7120 E. Broadway, Tucson, AZ, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Come hang out, show off your ride, and eat some good food and visit. Get a free custard when you bring out your ride. All makes and models are welcome. Info: [Chuck-603-8491](tel:603-8491), <http://www.cruisinarizona.com/cruisenites.htm>

**Wednesdays:** 8800 E. Broadway, Tucson, AZ in the old Safeway parking lot and behind the McDonalds, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

**Wednesday Night Cruise-In,** Cruise In at Hotrods Old Vail, 10500 East Old Vail Road, Tucson, AZ, 520-202-0987. Every Wednesday night beginning at 5pm. No fee, just cruise in and have a good time. All vehicle makes and models welcome.

**Thursdays:** Freddy's Frozen Custard & Steakburger weekly Cruise-In, 3725 West Orange Grove Rd., Marana, AZ, 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. 520-989-0314.

**Fridays:** Freddy's Frozen Custard Cruise-In & Car Show, Free custard, 11143 N. Oracle Road, Oro Valley, AZ, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., 520-989-0067. They also have a car show the last Saturday of every month from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. It is hosted by Obsessions Car Club and trophies are awarded. There is no Friday show when there is a Saturday show of that week.

Little Anthony's website for future car shows: <https://littleanthonysdiner.com/car-shows>

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For more fun events go to: <http://www.carnuts.org> And in the state of AZ: <http://www.cruisinarizona.com/>

Speedway Antique Mall Cruise-In Nights, 5045 East Speedway Blvd., Tucson, Arizona: Cars usually start showing up at 4:30 p.m. Actual start time is 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. **Second Saturdays** of the month in 2019, September 14, October 12, November 9 and December 14. Call Ray for information at 520-404-5090.

The Gaslight Music Hall in Oro Valley is hosting FREE EVENTS! Location: 13005 N. Oracle Rd, Oro Valley, AZ 85739 "At Rancho Visto-so". Classic car shows on **Saturdays** in 2019: September 14, 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Please check the website for future dates, or email [heather.gaslight@gmail.com](mailto:heather.gaslight@gmail.com)

# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

The Southern Arizona Chapter Studebaker Drivers Club is dedicated to the preservation, restoration, pride of owning and the joy of driving fine Studebakers; and to providing assistance on a local level to the National Studebaker Drivers Club, Inc. You DO NOT have to be a Studebaker owner to join; however, for insurance purposes, membership is required in the National Studebaker Drivers Club. SDC was founded in 1962 and has approximately 13,000 members worldwide. *Turning Wheels* is the monthly magazine of the SDC. *The Copper Starlight* is the Southern Arizona Chapter's official publication and is published every other month. Subscriptions are included in club membership dues.



## Membership Application

### Studebaker Drivers Club

To join SDC complete application, send with \$24.00 check or money order in US Funds to:

The Studebaker Drivers Club, Inc  
 PO Box 1715  
 Maple Grove, MN 55311-6715

Or use VISA or MasterCard and call 763-420-7829 or Fax 763-420-7849 or e-mail: [sdc@cornerstonereg.com](mailto:sdc@cornerstonereg.com) for information. Call or write with change of address. Give 2 months notice. DO NOT Send ADS with your membership; but send ADS to Turning Wheels Editor. All members of local SDC chapters must also be national SDC members.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdates \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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No. \_\_\_\_\_ Expires \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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**Renewal on subsequent years is \$31.00**

**How to become a Member:** 1) Complete the membership application below. 2) Write a check or money order for \$15 for a full year, payable to Southern Arizona Chapter, SDC. This includes an e-mailed copy of The Copper Starlight. An additional charge of \$3.00 required for a mailed copy of the newsletter. 3) Enclose an additional \$24.00 if you are a new SDC member or \$31.00 if you are a returning member of SDC. 4) Mail to Membership Director:

Southern Arizona Chapter of  
 The Studebaker Drivers Club  
 PO Box 12913  
 Tucson, AZ 85732

Application Form Southern Arizona Chapter Studebaker Drivers Club

National SDC Member # \_\_\_\_\_ Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

You must be a member of SDC to join SAC. This application will not be accepted without your Studebaker Drivers Club National Number.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

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I am willing to help my club in the following ways:

- Call people with club information
- Bring cookies or snacks
- Host a gathering
- Call me & I'll help
- Mail out newsletters
- Other
- Make arrangements for tour/location/meeting place