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by Bob Miles

An **oil breather** system allows this build up of pressure to escape. If this pressure is allowed to build up and is not vented efficiently it can result in **oil** leaks from around the gaskets, crank seals, dipstick tube, and any other engine **oil** seal as the **oil** is effectively blown out by the increased crankcase pressure. Since we don't need to add to any leaks in our **Studebakers**, maintaining a clear oil breather cap is one of the maintenance items to check off.

When I got my '56 home, the first thing I checked was the oil breather cap. The underside with the vent holes was a black completely dirty filter mesh. This is very easy to clean. In a shallow pan, soak part in either gasoline or solvent. Solvent is not as flammable as gasoline but may cost a bit more.

Replacement caps are available at your local **FLAPS** (friendly local auto parts store). You can also find them online as well.

Our Annual Labor Day Meet

Monday, September 7, 2020

by Steve and Gail Ault

The Annual Studebaker Labor Day Meet has always been a favorite of ours since our first in the late '80s. After crossing Wyoming, northern Minnesota, North Dakota, and arriving in South Dakota, it's been great to see smiling faces. We've got to congratulate the SD Governor who endorsed personal responsibility and freedom in her state.

The meet included a pancake breakfast one day, and coffee and muffins the next plus a bag lunch and, of course, the awards banquet. The Black Hills are a great place for scooters, topless sports cars like our "toad", and Studebakers. We always enjoy the Saturday cruise chasing corners and this was no exception.

We missed our Canadian friends, but enjoyed folks from 10 states: Arizona, Colorado, Iowa, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wyoming. And then, Sunday's car show brought out 36 Studebakers/Packards. Thanks Dakota Chapter and all the volunteers!!

Steve 'n Gail Ault

(With Jim Hill and Virginia Stuart)





L-R Jim Hill, Steve Ault, Virginia Stuart and Gail Ault

INTERESTING WEBSITES AND VIDEOS

SAC website: http://soazsdc.org/ Ninth Annual All American Originals Car Show The Grand Canyon Chapter of the SDC: www.grandcanyonsdc.com https://tinyurl.com/y38sg3vm Chapter email: so.arizona.sdc@aol.com Ted and the Tomato: 1967 Pontiac GTO vs 1963 Studebaker Lark, Pure International Studebaker Museum Stock Drag Race https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rng7uJcgJug www.studebakermuseum.org "1958 Buick Limited Convertible " The Chrome King " in Black & Ride -Studebaker Spotlight info@studebakermuseum.org My Car Story with Lou Costabile" Antique Automobile Club of America http://www.aaca.org/ https://youtu.be/QI0yNkJ8FK0 GEAR HEAD TUESDAY - 1964: THE HAWK'S LAST FLIGHT 7 brake system basics you should know https://tinyurl.com/y6czbn8b https://tinyurl.com/y5ky2pf4 The Wheels that Bond, Jonathan Wong and Grandpa, Pete Yuen 5 tips to stay organized in the garage Hagerty Media https://tinvurl.com/v4kudd9w https://tinyurl.com/y5md5ru2

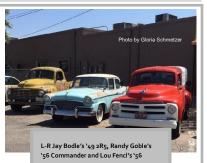


PAST EVENTS

Photo by Gioría Schmetzer The Group Filling Two Tables

Lunch at Kappy's Bar and Sandwich Shop

Fifteen members attended our luncheon at Kappy's on Thursday, September 24, 2020. Members in attendance and Studebakers driven included: Jay Bodle, '49 2R5; Deb Crooks; Lou Fencl, '56 Transtar; Randy Goble, '56 Commander; Mike Hodges; John L. Lewis, '61 Hawk; Bob and Eileen Loshbough; Bob Miles; Bruce Sandburg and Delores Shurtz; Gloria Schmetzer, '63 Hawk; Marj Scooros, '50 Champion; and Chuck and Louise Stanford.



Lunch at VFW Post 459, Taco Tuesday

On Tuesday, October 6, 2020, thirteen members attended the Taco Tuesday luncheon at the VFW Post 459 in Tucson. Five Studebakers were driven. Members in attendance and Studebakers driven included: Randy and Donna Goble; Michael Hodges; John L. Lewis, '61 Hawk; Bob and Eileen Loshbough, '61 Champ Pick-up; Bob Miles; Dusty Ray Arizona Rivers, '50 Land Cruiser; Gloria Schmetzer, '63 Hawk; Chuck and Louise Stanford; and Paul and Leann Storm, '62 Lark.



L-R Bob Miles, John L. Lewis Jay Bodle, Bob Loshough and Michael Hodges



Drive your Studebaker Day and Membership Appreciation Day

By Fred Gooch (Continued)

The meeting place for caravanning was way out of our way, so we decided to leave Green Valley and travel south on I-19. Our GPS led us down the

Primrose Path to Land of The Lost, but we lucked out and ran into the intersection where a whole bunch of Studebakers were found. It was great seeing all the Fabulous Studes and all our friends. We met some new young members and enjoyed good conversation, or as Nora said "Old men nonsense talking!" The food was great, and prices were hard to beat as the Club paid the tab.

When we started the club 45 years ago, we never had any idea it would last this long. Studebakers are GREAT. Studebaker people are the GREATEST! Our Club is at a crossroads now. Many of our officers are entering middle age and would like to take a well-deserved break. SO, if any of you-all would like to help our Club keep going strong another 45 years, please step up to the plate. Speaking of the plate (as in baseball), Whitey Ford passed the other day. What a Great Guy! Now we need some of you Great Guys. Nora and I are hoping to get away for a while and head up to the cool Grand Canyon. We want to go to the value where other takes are up to the great of the other to the day.

Williams where The Antique Studebaker Club had a good meet (70 people and 19 cars). In addition to the fabulous train ride, there is a Great aeronautical museum in Valle just north of Williams, which has a 1963 Hawk with factory Hallibrand mag wheels. That's all folks!



The Girls Having a Good Time! L-R June Kaiser, Delores Shurtz, and Eileen Loshbough in Bob and Eileen's 1961 Champ Pick-up

Fred Gooch, Historian

Twenty-eight members and guests attended and 12 Studebakers were driven for Drive Your Studebaker Day on Saturday, September 12, 2020. Members and guests attending and Studebakers driven included: Emily Acevedo and son Lucas; Guy Atchley, The Photo Man!; Lou Fencl, 1956 Power Hawk; Randy and Donna Goble; Fred and Nora Gooch, 1937 Dictator; Michael Hodges; Jerry and June Kaiser, 1959 Deluxe Pick-up; John L. Lewis, 1961 Hawk; Bob and Eileen Loshbough, 1961 Champion Pick-up; Bob Miles, 1956 President Classic; Larry and Dee Northington; Gary and Pam Pryor, 1954 Champion; Arric Rankin, 1963 Champ; Dusty Rivers, 1950 Land Cruiser; Bruce Sandburg and Delores Shurtz; Gene H and Mary Jane Schreiner, 1990 4-door Avanti; Marj Scooros and Gloria Schmetzer, 1950 Champion; and Paul Storm, 1962 Lark. Thank you to John L. Lewis, our Vice-President and Tourmaster for all of the time and phone calls spent on arranging this activity and to Guy Atchley for his photography skills!



John L. Lewis and his 1961 Hawk



Paul Storm with his 1962 Lark



The line-up at the Steakout

MEMBER CONTRIBUTION

My Purchase of a 1956 3E40 Two Ton Transtar Manure Spreader by Ann Pearson

In the spring of 2017, I found myself visiting the estate of Chuck Naugle more than one time. I could not stay away. There were so many Studebakers to see and much more. Chuck had collected many different models and types of cars and trucks. I found myself very connected with a 1956 Transtar Two Ton Manure Spreader. It may be my agricultural background or the fact that I drove a ma-

nure spreader many times throughout my life that I was so attracted to the truck. I did purchase the truck from Patricia Naugle Daniels, Chuck's daughter. I got to know Pat with my six times of visiting and purchasing many items of Studebaker interest. I felt like I was totally immersed in the Studebaker culture. John L. Lewis and Randy Goble helped with finding anoth-



Feeling Right at Home!

The Manure Spreader on the

way to a new home

er door for the truck and figuring out the logistics of moving the truck.

Since that time, I have started paying attention to other Studebaker trucks from the period of time of which my truck was made. It has been interesting to find more photos and information that explains the different types of trucks that were made and their purposes. The photo of a red Studebaker farm vehicle was on a newsprint within a frame that I brought home from the Naugle Estate.

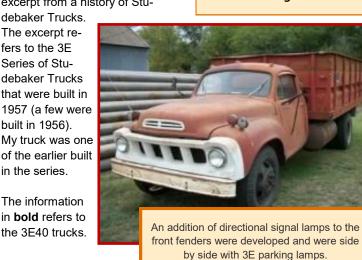
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The excerpt refers to the 3E Series of Studebaker Trucks that were built in 1957 (a few were built in 1956). My truck was one of the earlier built in the series.

The information in **bold** refers to the 3E40 trucks.



The Newspaper Clipping from the Naugle Estate



A Brief History of Studebaker Trucks: by Skip Lackie (Excerpt regarding the 3E Series)

Studebaker was hemorrhaging money on both its car and truck lines in 1956, and chose to spend what little restyling dollars it had on its cars. Nevertheless, something had to be done to refresh its truck styling for the 1957 3E series, and stylist Robert Doehler of Studebaker's in-house studio was given the job. Doehler came up with an aggressive-looking, full-width fiberglass grille that attempted (largely successfully) to make Studebaker's outdated cab design look fresh and new. What this new grille did not include was any place to put parking lights, so free-standing round lamps with clear lenses were mounted atop the front fenders, like an extra set of directional signal lamps. Directional signals were still separate, optional equipment in many states and provinces in 1957, though most truck-buyers ordered them. (Effective with the 2E-series, models with pickup beds could be ordered with "class B" directional signals that operated through the parking lights and existing tail/brake lamps; however, many buyers continued to opt for the traditional, separate class A signal lights, both front and rear.) The addition of directional signal lamps to the front fenders made the 3E parking lamps look like an afterthought. Fortunately, this design flaw was corrected (quite nicely) in 1959. The extra set of freestanding lamps on the front fenders is the easiest way to identify most 3E-series trucks. (Continued on page 7)

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There was also a new, more integrated two-tone scheme that used the natural breaks between the hood, fenders, and grille, and extended them into the doors and cab via thin stainless moldings. The large front bumper, previously only attached to the bigger models, was now standard equipment on all models as well.

The dashboard was redesigned, and did away with the cut-out panel for a radio. As a result, Studebaker was forced to offer a truck-only radio that had to be hung, aftermarket-like, under the dashboard. This change is difficult to understand, as it was contrary to the trend at the time, which was to make truck interiors more integrated and more car-like. The instrument cluster was new, and followed a common mid-1950s trend: the ammeter and oil pressure gauges were gone and replaced with indicator ("idiot") lights. One model was added to the lineup for 1957 -- a new heavy-duty 2-ton model designated 3E40. The 3E40 was the sales surprise of the 3E series, almost matching the production of its slightly lighter-duty sister 3E38, and also outselling all other 3E models except ½-ton pickups. Wheelbase availability remained the same, except the 195-inch frame returned on the 3E40.

The 259-ci Power Star V8, now with 170 hp, was now the standard engine on all V8-powered models except the 3E40, which came with the heavy-duty truck version of the 182-hp, 289-ci "Torque Star" V8. A new HD-version of the 259-ci was now optionally available in the ½-ton 3E7, ¾-ton 3E12, and 1-ton 3E13. The HD 259, the standard 289, and the HD 289 were all optionally available in the larger trucks. Studebaker had long had a reputation for being willing to make exceptions from their catalog in order to make a sale, and it is likely that both the standard 289 and the HD 289 were installed in pickups as well. Engine numbers for newly available power plants began with the following prefixes: standard 289: 7E, HD 289: 6E, HD 259: 5E. Heavy-duty engines were further identified by a stamped cloverleaf symbol on the engine number boss. The Champion and Commander 6 engines remained available in the ½, ¾, and 1-ton models. The Studebaker New 1957 Transtar Confidential Price List printed on November 8, 1956 showed a factory list price of \$1562 for a 3E5 pickup and \$1683 for a 3E7 pickup.

Permission was granted to re-publish the excerpt from the above article by Ann Turner, Editor of Turning Wheels.



MEMBER CONTRIBUTION AND PREVIEW OF FUTURE RAFFLE ITEMS

The Desert Ark and Desert Lark By Bob Miles

Founded in 1952, the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum is widely recognized throughout the world as a model institution for innovative presentation and interpretation of native plants and animals featured together in ecological exhibits. The Museum is regularly listed as one of the top ten zoological parks in the world due to its unique approach in interpreting the complete natural history of a single region (in our case this is the Sonoran Desert and adjacent ecosystems).

The Museum's other education programs have also developed over the years, most notably by Hal Gras who created a program to take live animals to schools and other venues. His program, begun in 1955, dubbed "The Desert Ark" by Joseph Wood Krutch, touched tens of thousands of people. The first car that was used was a 1953 Plymouth 2 door Station Wagon. Even though Gras retired from the Museum in 1985, many people today recall being inspired to learn about the desert from Gras. Through the generous support of the Red Acre Farm and Bert W. Martin Foundations the "Desert Ark" program has been reimplemented and is visiting children and schools throughout southern Arizona.

The Desert Lark came about in conjunction with the Desert Ark program. Due to the efforts of Mary McConnell Powell, and the late Chuck Naugle plus members of the Southern Arizona Chapter, a 1960 Studebaker Lark 4 Door Station Wagon was refurbished, and donated to the Museum. It is prominently displayed under a new ramada at the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum. It serves in semiretirement at the museum as a reminder of the education programs the Museum provides and is also pressed into service to continue education programs. The Desert Lark has been displayed at some Studebaker Gatherings.

My thanks to the Arizona Sonora Desert Museum and the Arizona Daily Star.

Bob Miles



school presentation



The Studebaker Desert Ark located under a New Ramada at the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum



The Desert "Lark" today at the Museum.





Raffle tickets will be available for purchase at our Thanksgiving Dinner at John L. Lewis' Home, our Christmas Dinner at Ann Pearson's Home and at the sign-in table at the SAC Annual Banquet in January. The price of the raffle tickets will be six for five dollars.



Model Car Kit



Studebaker Sign





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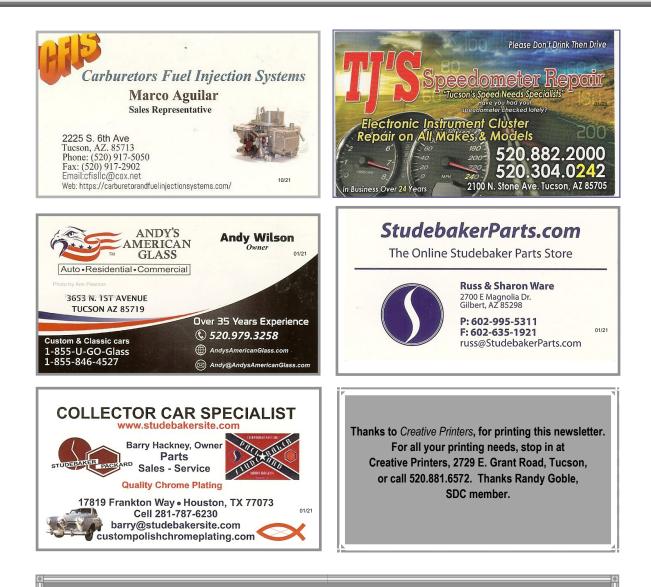
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TECH TIP, MEMBER CONTRIBUTION AND INTERESTING WEBSITES AND VIDEOS

The Oil Breather Cap

by Bob Miles

An **oil breather** system allows this build up of pressure to escape. If this pressure is allowed to build up and is not vented efficiently it can result in **oil** leaks from around the gaskets, crank seals, dipstick tube, and any other engine **oil** seal as the **oil** is effectively blown out by the increased crankcase pressure. Since we don't need to add to any leaks in our **Studebakers**, maintaining a clear oil breather cap is one of the maintenance items to check off.

When I got my '56 home, the first thing I checked was the oil breather cap. The underside with the vent holes was a black completely dirty filter mesh. This is very easy to clean. In a shallow pan, soak part in either gasoline or solvent. Solvent is not as flammable as gasoline but may cost a bit more.

Replacement caps are available at your local **FLAPS** (friendly local auto parts store). You can also find them online as well.

Our Annual Labor Day Meet

Monday, September 7, 2020

by Steve and Gail Ault

The Annual Studebaker Labor Day Meet has always been a favorite of ours since our first in the late '80s. After crossing Wyoming, northern Minnesota, North Dakota, and arriving in South Dakota, it's been great to see smiling faces. We've got to congratulate the SD Governor who endorsed personal responsibility and freedom in her state.

The meet included a pancake breakfast one day, and coffee and muffins the next plus a bag lunch and, of course, the awards banquet. The Black Hills are a great place for scooters, topless sports cars like our "toad", and Studebakers. We always enjoy the Saturday cruise chasing corners and this was no exception.

We missed our Canadian friends, but enjoyed folks from 10 states: Arizona, Colorado, Iowa, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wyoming. And then, Sunday's car show brought out 36 Studebakers/Packards. Thanks Dakota Chapter and all the volunteers!!

Steve 'n Gail Ault

(With Jim Hill and Virginia Stuart)





L-R Jim Hill, Steve Ault, Virginia Stuart and Gail Ault

INTERESTING WEBSITES AND VIDEOS

SAC website: http://soazsdc.org/ Ninth Annual All American Originals Car Show The Grand Canyon Chapter of the SDC: www.grandcanyonsdc.com https://tinyurl.com/y38sg3vm Chapter email: so.arizona.sdc@aol.com Ted and the Tomato: 1967 Pontiac GTO vs 1963 Studebaker Lark, Pure International Studebaker Museum Stock Drag Race https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rng7uJcgJug www.studebakermuseum.org "1958 Buick Limited Convertible " The Chrome King " in Black & Ride -Studebaker Spotlight info@studebakermuseum.org My Car Story with Lou Costabile" Antique Automobile Club of America http://www.aaca.org/ https://youtu.be/QI0yNkJ8FK0 GEAR HEAD TUESDAY - 1964: THE HAWK'S LAST FLIGHT 7 brake system basics you should know https://tinyurl.com/y6czbn8b https://tinyurl.com/y5ky2pf4 The Wheels that Bond, Jonathan Wong and Grandpa, Pete Yuen 5 tips to stay organized in the garage Hagerty Media https://tinvurl.com/v4kudd9w https://tinyurl.com/y5md5ru2

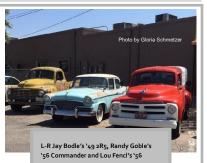


PAST EVENTS

Photo by Gioría Schmetzer The Group Filling Two Tables

Lunch at Kappy's Bar and Sandwich Shop

Fifteen members attended our luncheon at Kappy's on Thursday, September 24, 2020. Members in attendance and Studebakers driven included: Jay Bodle, '49 2R5; Deb Crooks; Lou Fencl, '56 Transtar; Randy Goble, '56 Commander; Mike Hodges; John L. Lewis, '61 Hawk; Bob and Eileen Loshbough; Bob Miles; Bruce Sandburg and Delores Shurtz; Gloria Schmetzer, '63 Hawk; Marj Scooros, '50 Champion; and Chuck and Louise Stanford.



Lunch at VFW Post 459, Taco Tuesday

On Tuesday, October 6, 2020, thirteen members attended the Taco Tuesday luncheon at the VFW Post 459 in Tucson. Five Studebakers were driven. Members in attendance and Studebakers driven included: Randy and Donna Goble; Michael Hodges; John L. Lewis, '61 Hawk; Bob and Eileen Loshbough, '61 Champ Pick-up; Bob Miles; Dusty Ray Arizona Rivers, '50 Land Cruiser; Gloria Schmetzer, '63 Hawk; Chuck and Louise Stanford; and Paul and Leann Storm, '62 Lark.



L-R Bob Miles, John L. Lewis Jay Bodle, Bob Loshough and Michael Hodges



Drive your Studebaker Day and Membership Appreciation Day

By Fred Gooch (Continued)

The meeting place for caravanning was way out of our way, so we decided to leave Green Valley and travel south on I-19. Our GPS led us down the

Primrose Path to Land of The Lost, but we lucked out and ran into the intersection where a whole bunch of Studebakers were found. It was great seeing all the Fabulous Studes and all our friends. We met some new young members and enjoyed good conversation, or as Nora said "Old men nonsense talking!" The food was great, and prices were hard to beat as the Club paid the tab.

When we started the club 45 years ago, we never had any idea it would last this long. Studebakers are GREAT. Studebaker people are the GREATEST! Our Club is at a crossroads now. Many of our officers are entering middle age and would like to take a well-deserved break. SO, if any of you-all would like to help our Club keep going strong another 45 years, please step up to the plate. Speaking of the plate (as in baseball), Whitey Ford passed the other day. What a Great Guy! Now we need some of you Great Guys. Nora and I are hoping to get away for a while and head up to the cool Grand Canyon. We want to go to the value where other takes are up to the great of the other to the day.

Williams where The Antique Studebaker Club had a good meet (70 people and 19 cars). In addition to the fabulous train ride, there is a Great aeronautical museum in Valle just north of Williams, which has a 1963 Hawk with factory Hallibrand mag wheels. That's all folks!



The Girls Having a Good Time! L-R June Kaiser, Delores Shurtz, and Eileen Loshbough in Bob and Eileen's 1961 Champ Pick-up

Fred Gooch, Historian

Twenty-eight members and guests attended and 12 Studebakers were driven for Drive Your Studebaker Day on Saturday, September 12, 2020. Members and guests attending and Studebakers driven included: Emily Acevedo and son Lucas; Guy Atchley, The Photo Man!; Lou Fencl, 1956 Power Hawk; Randy and Donna Goble; Fred and Nora Gooch, 1937 Dictator; Michael Hodges; Jerry and June Kaiser, 1959 Deluxe Pick-up; John L. Lewis, 1961 Hawk; Bob and Eileen Loshbough, 1961 Champion Pick-up; Bob Miles, 1956 President Classic; Larry and Dee Northington; Gary and Pam Pryor, 1954 Champion; Arric Rankin, 1963 Champ; Dusty Rivers, 1950 Land Cruiser; Bruce Sandburg and Delores Shurtz; Gene H and Mary Jane Schreiner, 1990 4-door Avanti; Marj Scooros and Gloria Schmetzer, 1950 Champion; and Paul Storm, 1962 Lark. Thank you to John L. Lewis, our Vice-President and Tourmaster for all of the time and phone calls spent on arranging this activity and to Guy Atchley for his photography skills!



John L. Lewis and his 1961 Hawk



Paul Storm with his 1962 Lark



The line-up at the Steakout

MEMBER CONTRIBUTION

My Purchase of a 1956 3E40 Two Ton Transtar Manure Spreader by Ann Pearson

In the spring of 2017, I found myself visiting the estate of Chuck Naugle more than one time. I could not stay away. There were so many Studebakers to see and much more. Chuck had collected many different models and types of cars and trucks. I found myself very connected with a 1956 Transtar Two Ton Manure Spreader. It may be my agricultural background or the fact that I drove a ma-

nure spreader many times throughout my life that I was so attracted to the truck. I did purchase the truck from Patricia Naugle Daniels, Chuck's daughter. I got to know Pat with my six times of visiting and purchasing many items of Studebaker interest. I felt like I was totally immersed in the Studebaker culture. John L. Lewis and Randy Goble helped with finding anoth-



Feeling Right at Home!

The Manure Spreader on the

way to a new home

er door for the truck and figuring out the logistics of moving the truck.

Since that time, I have started paying attention to other Studebaker trucks from the period of time of which my truck was made. It has been interesting to find more photos and information that explains the different types of trucks that were made and their purposes. The photo of a red Studebaker farm vehicle was on a newsprint within a frame that I brought home from the Naugle Estate.

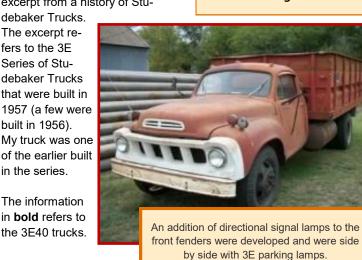
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The dashboard was redesigned, and did away with the cut-out panel for a radio. As a result, Studebaker was forced to offer a truck-only radio that had to be hung, aftermarket-like, under the dashboard. This change is difficult to understand, as it was contrary to the trend at the time, which was to make truck interiors more integrated and more car-like. The instrument cluster was new, and followed a common mid-1950s trend: the ammeter and oil pressure gauges were gone and replaced with indicator ("idiot") lights. One model was added to the lineup for 1957 -- a new heavy-duty 2-ton model designated 3E40. The 3E40 was the sales surprise of the 3E series, almost matching the production of its slightly lighter-duty sister 3E38, and also outselling all other 3E models except ½-ton pickups. Wheelbase availability remained the same, except the 195-inch frame returned on the 3E40.

The 259-ci Power Star V8, now with 170 hp, was now the standard engine on all V8-powered models except the 3E40, which came with the heavy-duty truck version of the 182-hp, 289-ci "Torque Star" V8. A new HD-version of the 259-ci was now optionally available in the ½-ton 3E7, ¾-ton 3E12, and 1-ton 3E13. The HD 259, the standard 289, and the HD 289 were all optionally available in the larger trucks. Studebaker had long had a reputation for being willing to make exceptions from their catalog in order to make a sale, and it is likely that both the standard 289 and the HD 289 were installed in pickups as well. Engine numbers for newly available power plants began with the following prefixes: standard 289: 7E, HD 289: 6E, HD 259: 5E. Heavy-duty engines were further identified by a stamped cloverleaf symbol on the engine number boss. The Champion and Commander 6 engines remained available in the ½, ¾, and 1-ton models. The Studebaker New 1957 Transtar Confidential Price List printed on November 8, 1956 showed a factory list price of \$1562 for a 3E5 pickup and \$1683 for a 3E7 pickup.

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MEMBER CONTRIBUTION AND PREVIEW OF FUTURE RAFFLE ITEMS

The Desert Ark and Desert Lark By Bob Miles

Founded in 1952, the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum is widely recognized throughout the world as a model institution for innovative presentation and interpretation of native plants and animals featured together in ecological exhibits. The Museum is regularly listed as one of the top ten zoological parks in the world due to its unique approach in interpreting the complete natural history of a single region (in our case this is the Sonoran Desert and adjacent ecosystems).

The Museum's other education programs have also developed over the years, most notably by Hal Gras who created a program to take live animals to schools and other venues. His program, begun in 1955, dubbed "The Desert Ark" by Joseph Wood Krutch, touched tens of thousands of people. The first car that was used was a 1953 Plymouth 2 door Station Wagon. Even though Gras retired from the Museum in 1985, many people today recall being inspired to learn about the desert from Gras. Through the generous support of the Red Acre Farm and Bert W. Martin Foundations the "Desert Ark" program has been reimplemented and is visiting children and schools throughout southern Arizona.

The Desert Lark came about in conjunction with the Desert Ark program. Due to the efforts of Mary McConnell Powell, and the late Chuck Naugle plus members of the Southern Arizona Chapter, a 1960 Studebaker Lark 4 Door Station Wagon was refurbished, and donated to the Museum. It is prominently displayed under a new ramada at the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum. It serves in semiretirement at the museum as a reminder of the education programs the Museum provides and is also pressed into service to continue education programs. The Desert Lark has been displayed at some Studebaker Gatherings.

My thanks to the Arizona Sonora Desert Museum and the Arizona Daily Star.

Bob Miles



school presentation



The Studebaker Desert Ark located under a New Ramada at the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum



The Desert "Lark" today at the Museum.





Raffle tickets will be available for purchase at our Thanksgiving Dinner at John L. Lewis' Home, our Christmas Dinner at Ann Pearson's Home and at the sign-in table at the SAC Annual Banquet in January. The price of the raffle tickets will be six for five dollars.



Model Car Kit



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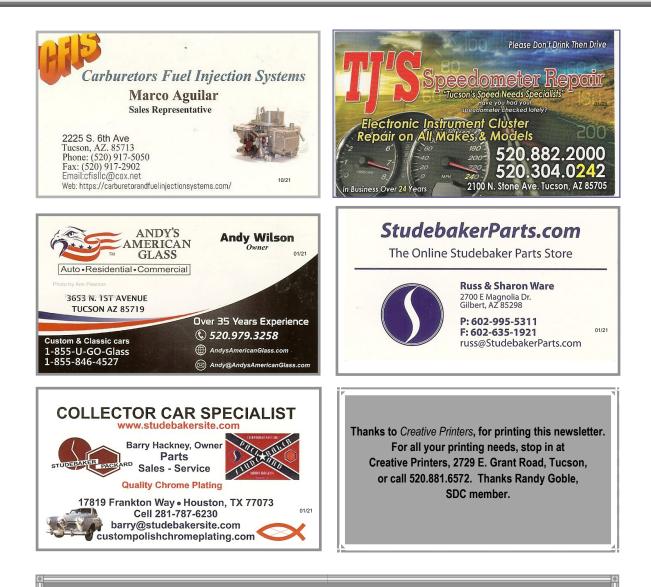
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