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THE MARCH STUDEBAKER GATHERING IN SOUTHERN ARIZONA

By Bob Miles (with pictures from the editors)

Our annual All Studebaker Gathering (formerly called March Madness) was held on March 12, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. We in Tucson do not have Nor'Easters, instead we had a Sou'Wester. We had wind there which, of course, stopped when we ended the meet at 2:00 p.m.

Freddy's Frozen Custard and Steakburger located in Vail, AZ was our host and gave us the use of the parking lot. People would stop for a burger then stroll the parking lot to view the cars. I was able to pass out membership applications and two people joined that day.

We had 50 people that signed in and had 28 Studebakers and Avantis . The vehicles ranged from Fred and Nora Gooch's '37 Dictator Coupe to Gene and Mary Jane's '90 4 door Avanti.

(Continued on Page 8, and additional pictures on the back page)



Our banner proudly waving



A beautiful day for a Studebaker gathering



A friend of the editor said "I can't believe how many beautiful cars there are, and the variety"



Relief from a warm sun

Birthday Wishes

<u>May</u>

1 Bruce Sandburg
3 Randy Goble
8 Lance Angerhofer
10 Don McGraw
11 Kenneth Keller
15 Bonnie McGraw
18 John Noble
26 Danuta Jakubowski

<u>June</u>

1 Virginia Stuart (Hill)
2 Lou Fencl
7 Steve Ault
8 Jim Nereau
12 Peggy Eastburn
15 Pamela Pryor
17 Ron Williams
21 Richard Dormois
22 Donna Goble



26 Mike Borens 27 Sidney Rosen

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26 Anne Magee

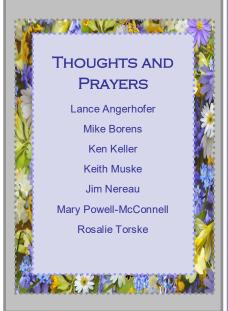


<u>May</u>

20 Hugh & Cynthia Adam

June

1 Jeff Jones & Helen O'Brien
2 Lenny & Barbara Olsen
7 Chuck & Chris Collins
19 Lowell & Norma Jensen



MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT:



I won't be fishing but I will be 'Gone Traveling' during the month of April. Before Donna and I leave,

I wanted get a letter into the hands of our Editors for the upcoming issue.

Thanks to everyone for their support of the Freddys' Car Show in March. I feel it was a success. Although we could have done without the wind, the mix-up on custard tickets and the broken bull horn.



Randy Goble

Our next gathering will be the Pancake Cookout at the park (see details in calendar). Fortunately, we won't need custard tickets or a bull horn, but nice weather would be good. This is an outing we have done many times before and everyone has a good time.

Until I get back from visiting family, John L. Lewis will have to struggle through one more meeting at the Hungry Fox. Don't be too hard on him.

Randy

PS. Earliest President's letter yet 4/5/2022.

From the Editors:

Dear Members:

It has been another great two months of club activity for our Chapter, and great activities are planned for the future. Hooray, our '54 Commander made it to the March and April events. The tail lights and a door trim piece are still at the chrome shop, but otherwise it is mostly done.



We welcome pictures and story submissions. We took some great pictures of the cars at the events, too many to fit in this newsletter. We apologize if your car wasn't included. Just ask if you would like a full resolution picture emailed to you. Our email is LD54Studebaker@gmail.com.

Thank you to Bob Miles for his article contributions, and to Ann Pearson for proofreading.

Dee and Larry Northington, SAC/SDC Newsletter Editors LD54Studebaker@gmail.com

**A reminder, the deadline for publishing newsletter contributions is the 20th of the even numbered months.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mondays, May 16, June 20, July 18, and August 15 of 2022

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

Saturday, May 7, 2022

Breakfast at Agua Caliente Park: 7:30 a.m., 12325 E. Roger Road, Tucson, AZ. Bring your own meat, such as ham, sausage, bacon to share with the Chapter. Stan & Charlotte Luczycki will bring the pastries. Bring your own chairs. The Chapter supplies pancakes, eggs, orange juice, utensils, charcoal and griddle. John L. will bring the coffee. Randy Goble & Larry Northington will tend to the grill. Come on out with your prized Studebaker and have a great breakfast. Let's see how many Studebaker's we can get in the park this year. We will have a 50/50 drawing. See you there on May 7th.

Thursday, May 26, 2022

Wayne's Toys, Tucson Auto Museum: 10:00 a.m., 990 S. Cherry Ave., Tucson, AZ. 520-207-5715. About three years ago the chapter visited Wayne's Toys, and everyone enjoyed it. Some folks missed out, and we have some new members, so we will tour the museum again. Admission pricing: Seniors & Veterans \$8.00. If you want to learn more about The Museum, Google www.tucsonautomuseum.com, We will meet at 10:00, and do the tour, and then around noon we will head for lunch at Micha's Restaurant (Mexican Food) at 2908 S. 4th. Ave, Tucson, AZ, (520) 623-5307.

Please send an RSVP to The Tour Master John L. Lewis, lewishoot@cox.net, if you plan to attend.

Thursday, June 9, 2022

Holy Smokin Butts BBQ: 11:30 a.m., 6940 E. Broadway Blvd., Tucson, AZ. 520-329-3088. At the corner of Broadway and Kolb, near the Gas Light Theatre and Little Anthony's Restaurant. We will meet at 11:30 for lunch. Lots of good food is served there. Visit https://www.holysmokinbutts.com/ to check out their menu.

Please send an RSVP to The Tour Master John L. Lewis, lewishoot@cox.net, if you plan to attend.

SAC/SDC Contact:

John L. Lewis, Vice-President 520-954-0904 or lewishoot@cox.net ***Notice: A reminder from John L. Lewis 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.



RECENT CHAPTER EVENTS

Ryan Airfield April 14, 2022 By Larry Northington

What can I say, I love airports, and especially small airfields. There is always unique aircraft to see, and usually a pretty good restaurant. Our outing at Ryan Airfield did not disappoint. The food was great, and the day was made extra special with John L.'s friend Bill McLearran attending with his Globe Swift airplane built in the 1940's.

Club attendees were Keith Ambs with his 1963 Avanti, Steve and Gail Ault with their 1953 Starlight, Jay Bodle, Fred and Nora Gooch, Michael Hodges, John L. Lewis with his 1961 Hawk, Bob Loshbough with his 1961 Pickup, Bob Miles, Larry and Dee Northington with their 1954 Commander, Larry and Pat Robinson, Bruce Sandburg and Delores Shurtz, Chuck and Louise Stanford, Maggie Wheeler, and Marj Scooros with her 1950 Champion Starlight.

The club ate at Richies's Café, where we had a semi private area to enjoy conversation and food. After a very enjoyable lunch, Bill McLearran led a group of those interested outside to see his airplane up close. The Swift is a beautiful aluminum airplane built with rivets in the same fashion as WW-II airplanes of the day,









ODDS AND ENDS

Caught on Camera

This 1949 Studebaker pickup was seen driving on Broadway Blvd., on the far East part of Tucson.





Logo Printed Shirts



Our Chapter is polling interest for a new run of T-Shirts / Polo Shirts, printed with a color version of the Chapter's logo.

For an order of 48 T-Shirts the cost would be \$12.00 per shirt, light color with choice of colors.

For an order of 48 Cotton Polo Shirts the cost would be \$16.50 per shirt, light color with choice of colors.

Our Chapter would like to see if there is enough interest for an order of 48 shirts. They can be a mixture of T-Shirts and Polo Shirts. Bob Miles inquired about a smaller order, however the cost is close to double per shirt. Definitely not worth it.

To bring in your own light colored T-Shirt the cost would be \$9.60; however; most shirts are treated to lock in color and guard against staining, and therefore they are not good candidates for screen printing. Washing and drying can cause the colors to run, thereby ruining the shirt and possibly other clothes washed with them.

Please call Bob Miles at 520-465-9873 if interested, or have any questions.

New for our website: We now have a QR Code.



For those with newer phones, just open the camera and put the QR Code in the image.

It should show the following website: soazsdc.org

Select <u>soazsdc.orq</u> with your finger, and our website should come up.



CONTRIBUTIONS FROM OTHER CHAPTERS

Every Car Has a Story by James Bell

Another Car Rescue

When you get a call from someone asking if you want a Free Studebaker, you might assume it's a rusty hulk, but it always gets your curiosity flowing when you enjoy old cars.

We were contacted three times for different cars within three months asking that same question. We also get calls assuming you love them so much, you will buy their car and pay much more than they are worth. This time it was a realtor who is a friend of a friend and was selling an old house and property. We were told an old Studebaker was in a small barn and we could have it for free, but had to be removed within four days, or it would be scrapped with bulldozing and demolition of house and barn. They weren't sure what model, or year, but thought it was from the 1940's, or 50's and was complete without any broken glass, etc. We said don't crush it and we'd find a way to remove it, then went for a drive to find out what it was!

The property was overgrown by trees and plants with an empty house that looked like someone grew too old to maintain. Near it was the small barn (more like a shed) that had no door and the nose of the car sticking out. There were remains of a blue tarp that once served as a door covering the front of the car and the wooden shed had sunk down to where the car couldn't go under the opening!



Going under the wobbly looking shed with blackberry stickers, we could see the car was covered in dust, but actually straight without any bad visible signs of rust! Appearing to be a 1948 Champion, it had a unique outer sun visor and was a Starlight Coupe! Upon further inspection it also had a nice dash and the interior looked like it might clean up decent! It was almost as if the previous owner backed the car in and perhaps got too old to drive it.

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Then I noticed a sign on the front windshield under the dust. Since the front end of the car could have been visible from the street, I thought maybe the owner had a For Sale sign on it when he no longer could drive it. Wiping the dust away, the sign showed what he/she wanted to do. The owner likely got tired of people wanting to buy it and couldn't part with it!







With no place for us to keep it, and removal requiring chain saws and four days to save it, I immediately thought about a friend in the Studebaker Club named Tony!

Tony, once was a tow truck operator and despite his age, is a very hard-working go-getter. He was already working on a crusty 1948 Champion Coupe. It was in sad condition that many people would scrap, but Tony got it together and running well again. If there was anyone who could make it happen and rescue another car quickly it was Tony! When I told him he could have it, free if he was able to remove it quickly. He said he had access to a trailer and could winch it out of the barn, after using a chain saw to cut an opening in the building and removing the tree!

He and his son rescued the car from certain fate and did so much work on it so it could be on the road again ASAP! After getting the other 48 coupe driving, the owner of a local auto parts store recognized it, since it was originally owned by his family and all his children learned to drive in it, so he wants it (making a happy ending for both cars and owners!).

Tony said he would like to not only clean this one up, but **repair the frozen engine, brakes, etc. and drive it to our upcoming SDC Club Chapter Meeting!** The day of our next meeting we had record rainfall and flooding, but guess who drove a 1948 Champion to the meeting? Thanks to Tony, another Studebaker was saved and back on the road in record time!

----Thanks to James Bell, Bell's Studebaker Museum, Bellingham, Washington





RECENT CHAPTER EVENTS

The March Studebaker Gathering in Southern Arizona (Continued from Page 1)

Some of the people that drove to Tucson from out of town were: Denny Lockman, John Rodhouse, whose 1950 super straight black Champion Starlight Coupe. John also owns a 914 and related to me he and his wife bought the Starlight so they could put their young children in the back seat to go on tours. John's car won the peoples choice award and a cash prize of \$50.00. Russ and Sharon Ware brought their 51 Landcruiser (LC) from Gilbert. Board Director Ed Smith and wife, Linda, brought from White Mountain Lake their '51 Stakebed. We also had Ivan Hawkins bring his White Avanti Convertible.

Now on to the fun stuff. We had a 50/50 drawing won by John L Lewis for a total of \$197.00 dollars. The runner up prize was a \$200 Gas Gift card won by Eric Willis. There were 13 raffle items that had both items of interest for the Ladies and Men.

A big thanks to Deb Crooks and Marj Scooros for running the registration and selling of raffle and 50/50 tickets.

See you all next year in Phoenix





Winner of the People's Choice



Jay Bodle's '49 R5



Fred and Nora's '37 Dictator Custom Coupe, and Steve and Gail Ault's '53 Starliner in the background



Ed and Linda Smith's '51 Stakebed



Larry and Dee's '54 Commander – First time at a club event!



The new members, Aaron and Belinda Scott 's '63 Champ Pickup



STUDEBAKER ADS ~ WANTED AND FOR SALE OR TRADE



<u>Wanted:</u> 1957- 1959 Silver Hawk. Contact Connie Olsen: 702-540-6218, house@go-olsen.com

<u>Wanted</u>: Dealership license plate frames, such as, Frost & French or Palm Springs Studebaker. Fred Gooch 520-883-7418, email nora.gooch@yahoo.com

<u>Wanted</u>: Two Studebaker emblems or letters (don't care about year or model) for plaque. Contact Steve Ault: email gsajourney@yahoo.com or phone or text 520 603 5342.

<u>For Sale: Studebaker models</u>: Beautiful '57 Studebaker Golden Hawk model in original box like new, \$60.00. Call Joyce Mooney at 520-977-7864.

<u>For Sale:</u> 1921 Packard Single Six, 1923 Studebaker 2 door Special Six, 1927 Studebaker 4 door and lots of Hawk parts. For more information, call John Nuell, a friend of a member, 289-441-1545.

For Sale: 1953 Studebaker Commander 232 CID engine long block. Bell housing, clutch disc, pressure plate and fly wheel are attached to the block and included. The bell housing fits a 3-speed manual transmission. This engine was a running engine when purchased some years ago. The engine turns over freely. The block serial No. is V263234. \$300.00. Call John Noble at 505-670-4180 or email: slow-bull1868@gmail.com

For Sale: Two New Tan Studebaker seatbelts with Studebaker emblem, with all hardware. \$30.00 each. Email John L. Lewis at, lewishoot@cox.net or call 520-954-0904

For Beautiful Studebaker Steering Wheel Covers Contact

Marj Scooros 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.



<u>For Sale:</u> 1947 4 Door Champion. Wheels powder coated, new Firestone tires, rebuilt carburetor, new fuel pump, rebuilt starter, and new radiator core. Motor runs. Needs radiator hoses, only run engine for a few minutes to hear it. No brakes, Paint not good shape, and windows are there but broken.

\$3,500. Call Maxx Decruz in Benson, Az

520-254-2422 or email xdirsadc@att.net



<u>For Sale:</u> '54 Champion 4 door. Only one family owned. "62 Lark engine, otherwise all original. Carmine red top over Sandusky beige.

Garaged over 65 yrs. Very good condition. \$12,200 and offers will be considered.

Call 760-877-4377



<u>Free:</u> 5x6 ft roll of Grey outdoor carpet. I used this to recarpet my trunk and it came out great. It was a 10' minimum buy, and I used less than half of the roll. This is not very expensive stuff, but perfect for a trunk.

Call Larry Northington at 520 990-5423, or email me at LD54Studebaker@gmail.com

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Car Shows and Cruise Nights

Sunday, May 29, 2022: The 48th La Palma Car Show & Swap Meet, in La Palma Park, Anaheim, California www.StudebakerSoCal.com. The largest Studebaker Car Show in the West! Scheduled for 8A.M. to 3P.M.

<u>Thursdays</u>: Freddy's Frozen Custard & Steakburger weekly Cruise-In, 3725 West Orange Grove Rd., Marana, AZ, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., 520-989-0314. If you are wearing a Freddy's cap or shirt, you will receive a free ice cream.

Thursdays: Freddy's Frozen Custard & Steakburger weekly Cruise-In, 10205 East Old Vail Rd., Tucson, AZ, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., 520-647-9816.

<u>Fridays:</u> Freddy's Frozen Custard Cruise-In & Car Show, Free custard, 11143 N. Oracle Road, Oro Valley, AZ, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. plus, 520-989-0067. They also have a car show the last Saturday of every month from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. plus. 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

Arizona Car Shows | AutoCarShow.Events https://autocarshow.events/car-shows/united-states/arizona/

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. Call Ray for information at 520-404-5090.

The Gaslight Music Hall in Oro Valley. Please check the website for future dates, email heather.gaslight@gmail. Nothing scheduled at this time for car shows.) Concerts will be held on selected evenings outdoors at 5:30 p.m. Please check the website. Bring your own blanket.

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.

Phone:



How to become a Member: 1) Complete the mem-Southern email: bership application below. 2) Write a check or mon-Arizona Chapter Studebaker Drivers Club Birthdays: ey order for \$15 for a full year, payable to Southern Wedding anniversary: Arizona Chapter, SDC. This includes an e-mailed National SDC Member#: If new member, referred by: copy of The Copper Starlight. An additional charge Expires: Studebakers owned: (Year/Model/Body Style & any of \$3.00 required for a mailed copy of the newslet-You must be a member of SDC to join SAC. This comments) ter. 3) Enclose an additional \$29.00 if you are a application will not be accepted without your Stu-I am willing to help my club in the following ways: new SDC member or the amount for one of the debaker Drivers Club National Number. Call people with club information categories below if you are a returning member. 4) Mail to Membership Director: Spouse: cookies or snacks Other family members: __Host a gathering Call Southern Arizona Chapter of me & I'll help The Studebaker Drivers Club Address: Mail out newsletters Other PO Box 12913 State: City: _

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