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March Gathering

By Larry Northington

Wow, did we get lucky with an absolutely gorgeous day for our March 9th event. 33 members and 13 Studebakers made it to Freddy's Frozen Custard and Steakburger in Vail. We set up in a parking area sectioned off just for us where we could enjoy the day with friendship and a little Car Talk. Freddy's provided free custard for all to enjoy. Quite a few members brought items for the Chapter to raffle off, and they seemed to be a big hit. Barb Olsen won the 50/50 drawing, and then generously donated it right back to the Chapter. Congrats to John Rodhouse for winning the People's Choice award for his beautiful '50 Starlight Coupe. The other Studebakers at the event were Fred and Nora Gooch's '37 Dictator, Clay Nallin's '53 Commander, Randy and Donna Goble's '57 President, Garry Klinger's '52 Commander Starlight Coupe, Lou Fenc'l's '56 Power Hawk, Larry and Dee's '54 Commander, Jerry Kaiser's '59 Pickup Deluxe, Lenny and Barb Olsen's '37 Coupe Express, Marj Scooros' '50 Champion Starlight, Bob Loshbaugh's '61 Champ, Jim Hill's '56 President Classic, and Jay Bodle's R5 Pickup.

Public gatherings with old cars always attract the curious. It was fun to see the looky-loos wander around the cars enjoying the uniqueness of the cars and of course asking questions.

Keith Graham and Garry Klinger from the Grand Canyon Chapter drove from the Phoenix area and decided to also join our Chapter. Welcome to our two new members.

Thank you to all who contributed, and especially to Randy and Donna Goble for arranging everything and the early morning setup, and Donna Goble, Marj Scooros, Ann Pearson, and Dee for managing sign-in, raffles, etc.

(See Page 4 and the back page for additional pictures.)



Ann Pearson and Dee Northington calling out raffle numbers



A nice showing of Studebakers

Birthday Wishes**May**

- 1 Bruce Sandburg
- 3 Randy Goble
- 10 Don McGraw
- 11 Kenneth Keller
- 15 Bonnie McGraw
- 15 Keith Graham
- 18 John Noble
- 26 Danuta Jakubowski

June

- 2 Lou Fencil
- 7 Steve Ault
- 8 Jim Nereau
- 12 Peggy Eastburn
- 17 Ron Williams
- 22 Donna Goble
- 26 Anne Magee
- 26 Mike Borens

**Anniversary Wishes****May**

- 20 Hugh & Cynthia Adam

June

- 1 Jeff Jones & Helen O'Brien
- 2 Lenny & Barbara Olsen
- 3 Jerry & June Kaiser
- 7 Chuck & Chris Collins

Dear Studebaker Members:

Happy May! The time is going so fast. Another two months has passed since the last newsletter. I hope all of you are doing well. I wanted to thank all of you for changing your plans to come to the last board meeting on a Thursday when I was supposed to be available; however, I had to go back to Indiana for a family emergency and I missed the board meeting.



Ann Pearson

Randy Goble has been working so hard to set up our fun get togethers (and running board meetings!), Thank you, Randy, for arranging our March Gathering at Freddy's. So many members worked hard to set this up. Randy and Donna got up very early to put up the tent and tables and stake out the parking lot. Dee Northington and Marj Scooros manned the registration tables along with Donna Goble. And thank you Dee for making the goodies!

Last weekend, Bob and Steve Lanz had a barbecue at their home in Sahuarita. See the article on page 5. I enjoyed driving in the caravan from the Roadrunner to Bob and Steve's house and attending the barbecue. Just being part of the caravan is fun!!

I hope to see many of you at the Pancake Breakfast at Agua Caliente Park on Saturday, May 4th. Please see the details in the newsletter as well as other future plans for the Club. I have heard a little bird whisper in my ear that John L. Lewis will be coming to breakfast as well. I knew he couldn't stay away from us for too long!

See all of you soon,

Ann Pearson

From the Editors:

Sadly, we missed the potluck last week. We had just returned from a nice two part vacation: seeing the eclipse in Texas and relaxing at Orange Beach in Alabama. Unfortunately, we caught Texas size head colds at the end of the vacation, which was right before the potluck. I hear the potluck was fun.



Larry and Dee Northington

We did really enjoy the March Gathering, and we look forward to our upcoming events.

As always, we welcome suggestions, pictures and story submissions. Email is the best way to submit contributions, but even a hand written article would be great. Thank you to Ann Pearson, Bob Lanz and Bruce Sandburg for the contributions, and to Donna Goble for proofreading.

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

**THOUGHTS, PRAYERS, AND
GET WELL WISHES**

Mike Borens
Michael Hodges
Ken Keller
Mary Powell-McConnell
Jim Nereau
Rosalie Torske

UPCOMING EVENTS

Upcoming Thursdays on: **Board Meetings:** 11:30 am, Hungry Fox Restaurant, 4637 E. Broadway, Tucson, AZ.
May 9, June 13, and
July 11 520-326-2835.

(Second Thursday of the month)

Note: Randy is waiting for the Hungry Fox to confirm our new meeting day of the second Thursdays of each month at the same time (11:30 am). Please check emails or our website for any updates to the day for the board meeting.

Saturday,
May 4,
7:30 am – 11:00 a m

Pancake Breakfast Let's get together at Agua Caliente Park, 12325 E Roger Rd. Bring your own breakfast meat to share. Bring your own chairs. The Chapter supplies pancakes, eggs, coffee and utensils. Randy Goble will tend the grill. Any help cooking will be appreciated. Come out with your Studebaker and have a great breakfast.

Saturday,
May 11,
8:30 am – 9:30 am -
Breakfast
10:00 am – 12:00 pm -
Auto Museum

Breakfast and Toy Museum: Breakfast will be at the Egg Connection, 3114 E Fort Lowell Rd at 8:30 am. We will leave the restaurant at 9:30 and drive to Wayne's Toy/Tucson Auto Museum, 990 S Cherry Ave, 520-207-5715. General admission \$10 and Seniors \$8. RSVP to Randy at dgrg0823@comcast.net by May 9, if you plan to attend.

SAC/SDC Contact:

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Vice-Pres / Tourmaster
520-749-4484 or
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***Notice: A reminder from that everyone should have an approved fire extinguisher displayed at your left front wheel during all meets. 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 EVENTS

More Pictures from the March Gathering



John Rodhouse wins the People's Choice award



Jim Hill proudly showing off the hand bag he won for his friend Lillian



Nora Gooch won this whirligig based on a 2013 Studebaker



Hang 'in among the cars



More Studebakers looking great at the event



Jay Bodle with his '49 R5 Pickup

RECENT EVENTS

The Barbecue and Potluck at Steve and Bob Lanz's Residence

By Ann Pearson

On Saturday, April 20, 2024, Steve and Bob Lanz opened their beautiful home in Sahuarita, Arizona to our Club for an amazing Barbecue. Little did we know, but Steve is quite an accomplished chef! He said that when the designated start time comes, he has all of the food ready. Bob and Steve made hamburgers, and turkey burgers with other barbecued meats along with all of the fixings. Every type of pickle was available! Steve and Bob Miles made their signature chili. Lillian, Jim Hill's friend, made the most delicious potato salad with Vienna sausages and deviled eggs. That potato salad looked like it took a while to make! Steve, thank you for the gluten free Key Lime Pie. You went all out! My goodness, that was good. Donna, your gluten free brownies and Marj your gluten free gingerbread cake was just to die for. I almost had to roll away from the party!

Twenty-two members were in attendance. Attendees and Studebakers driven included: Steve and Gail Ault and granddaughter, Elizabeth, Randy and Donna Goble, Jim Hill and Lillian Nowski, Michael Hodges, Steve and Bob Lanz, Bob and Eileen Loshbough with their Champ Pick-up, Bob Miles, Ann Pearson, Bruce Sandburg and Delores Shurtz, Marj Scooros, Gary Spies, John and Jan Noble, and Paul and Leann Storm. Randy drove the Pilot Car from the Roadrunner. It was amazing that we all stayed together the whole time from the Roadrunner to Bob and Steve's place.

In addition to delicious food, there was also the thrill of the 50:50! Delores Shurtz won this time. She took home half of the \$50.00 in the kitty. Bruce Sandburg was trying to hide the fact that it was

Delores's winning ticket. Marj told on Bruce! Congratulations Delores! Quite a few of the members visited with Bob Lanz and his beautiful green Studebaker in the garage. It was a big deal that he was switching out his Studebaker engine for another automobile manufacturer's engine. This sounds very hard to me. I sure hope all of the connections are the same. Bob wants his car to be a daily driver.

Saturday was a most enjoyable day, the weather was gorgeous and the Lanz's patio was perfect for hosting the Club. Thank you so much Bob and Steve for your hospitality!



MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS

The Lark Daytona Drivetrain Swap (Part 1)

By Bob Lanz



I am thrilled to share the upcoming project to breathe new life into our '62 Lark Daytona. In the past year and a half, the problematic/poorly rebuilt powertrain prevented us from getting it out and about to meets, shows, and daily driving. We are going the same route that Studebaker itself did in its final years of production putting in an SBC 305 engine paired with a heavy-duty 700R4 transmission. We have all the major parts and are embarking on the journey. Currently, the complete drivetrain is out and the front fenders/grill have been removed to facilitate the swap. We look forward to the challenges of making this a reality, sort of like putting a giant jigsaw puzzle together.

Our aim is to keep the car as original as possible while making it easier to travel with and solving some of the parts availability issues we've

encountered in the past year. My uncle worked in the engineering department in South Bend in the late 50's/early 60's, I never dreamed I'd be re-engineering one myself. Stay tuned as we meticulously document the journey from teardown to triumphant return on the road, showcasing each step of this captivating restoration. Better yet, look for our Lark later in the year as we plan to finish this project by mid-summer.

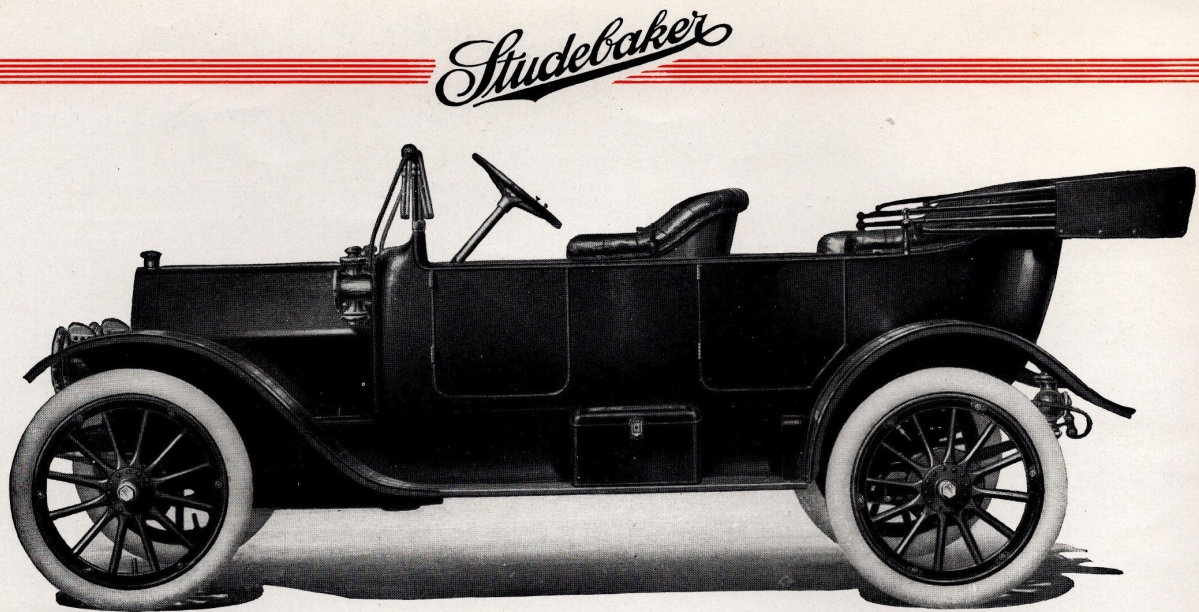


HISTORIC

Fun Stuff from Bruce Sandburg's Collection

By Larry Northington

Below is an excerpt from a "Studebaker Announcement" booklet of eight pages from Bruce Sandburg's collection of Studebaker collectables. It is believed to have been produced in the mid to late 1910s, though it was interesting that there were no dates in the booklet at all. The Model 25 discussed below is particularly interesting in its price. At \$885 it was around half the price of some of the other Studebakers. The Model 35 Touring Car was \$1,290, and the Model 35 sedan was \$2,050. It is also fun to note that the phrase "extraordinary power" was used, though the car only had 25 horsepower. We are certainly spoiled with the power of today's vehicles.



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passengers. Notice the close resemblance to our other cars.

As in all Studebaker cars, everything has been made convenient. We have equipped the car with a gas primer, which altogether does away with the objection to hand cranking.

The Studebaker Jiffy curtains on the "25" are very handy, and from the spark and throttle controls, which are on the steering column, to the 30 x 3½-inch Goodrich tires, everything about the car is of the best quality, and will appeal to the purchaser who knows automobile value when he sees it.

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STUDEBAKER ADS ~ WANTED AND FOR SALE OR TRADE



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

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

Wanted: About a dozen license plates for a project. Steve Ault. 520-603-5342.

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: slowbull1868@gmail.com

For Sale: '54 Champion Coupe. has rebuilt Commander V8 engine, heavy duty OD transmission, master cylinder. New wiring, brake cylinders, and tires. All glass intact, all chrome trim intact. Needs upholstery, paint, minor body work. Asking \$4000 OBO. Call Chuck at 520-591-3652

For Sale: 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: Selling body repair tools. Air file, sand paper for same and paper for DA. Misc. Steve Ault 520-603-5342.

For Sale: V8 cylinder heads bare \$20 each
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 Several used V8 cams \$20 each
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 '56 1/2 ton C-Cab truck back glass \$30.
 Studebaker V8 Valley pans \$5.00 ea.
 '62 Lark grill \$20. very nice.
 '53 sedan trunk lid \$20.
 '62-'64 GT Hawk complete set good glass in chrome frames wing windows, side glass.
 Lots of other parts, if you don't see what you want, call me. I may have it. Large items for pick up, email for pictures. Contact Jerry 520 979-0065

For Sale: '64 Cruiser PS/PB (Disc)/AT, solid 4500 OBO.

Also, a '63 Cruiser (not running).

Superchargers: two good re-built ones, some that need rebuilt - prices vary, two 289 Engines (full flow), manifolds, distributors, transmissions (three OD, and a Five Speed Chevy), several carburetors, 53 Henry J (no engine or transmission). Lots of stuff, just call and I'll see if I have it.

Bruce 520 586-0403



STUDEBAKER ADS ~ WANTED AND FOR SALE OR TRADE



For Sale: '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. \$8,000 and offers will be considered. Call 760-877-4377.



For Sale: '50 Champion 4-door. 49k miles. This car was in the process of being restored when health issues stopped progress. It is in primer. The engine runs. All chrome is original and in great condition. Restored carb, radiator, fuel tank, seats. New rubber for the hood, trunk and doors. Includes many extra parts from a donor car, including hood. Asking for \$8,000 OBO. Call Don Senn at 520-290-5623.



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Car Shows and Cruise Nights

Sunday May 26, 8:00 am - 3:00 pm: La Palma 50th Anniversary Studebaker Car Show & Parts Exchange! La Palma Park, Anaheim California. Go to <https://www.studebakeroscal.com/> for additional information.

Wednesdays: Every Wednesday (3-5PM) cars gather at Continental Plaza in Green Valley (exit #63 off I-19). Some winter afternoons up to 40 cars are there. No club, no rules, no board!! It's a little east of the Safeway parking area. Never know what shows up Wednesday!!!

Thursdays: 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.

Fridays: 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, 7010 E Broadway, 520 296-0456. Car shows are usually twice a month: <https://www.littleanthonysdiner.com/> for information.

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.

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



How to become a Member: 1) Join the Studebaker Drivers Club if not already a member. The application can be found on line at: https://studebakerdriversclub.com/?page_id=24654

2) Complete the membership application below.

3) Write a check or money order payable to Southern Arizona Chapter, SDC. (The price can be prorated for a partial year) for \$19 for a full year, which includes a mailed copy of The Copper Starlight newsletter. or \$15 for a full year, which includes an e-mailed copy of The Copper Starlight newsletter.

4) Mail to:

Southern Arizona Chapter of the SDC
PO Box 12913
Tucson, AZ 85732

Application Form
Southern Arizona Chapter Studebaker Drivers Club

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Phone: _____

email: _____

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- Bring cookies or snacks
- Host a gathering
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- Make arrangements for tour/location/meeting place
- Call me & I'll help
- Other _____



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