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Pancake Breakfast

By Larry Northington

May 4th was a beautiful sunny day in Tucson and the hot weather hadn't quite hit yet. It was a perfect time to get together with wonderful people sharing breakfast in the park. The Studebaker Club of Southern Arizona had a fantastic breakfast at Agua Caliente Park. We gathered under the shade of the trees, and food was in abundance with the Chapter supplying pancakes, eggs, coffee and utensils, and many members bringing fruit, pastries, other goodies, and of course doughnuts. It was a large turnout, with 30 members and guests attending, plus showing off eight Studebakers. We had a special guest with us: Bill Frick. Bill has a long family history with Studebaker as his father was the creator of the Studillac, which was a 1953 Studebaker Starliner Coupe fitted with an OHV 210-250 hp Cadillac V8 engine. 200 Studillacs were produced in all.

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A beautiful day in the park



L to R: Marj Scooros, Barbara Bemer, and John L. Lewis (John visiting from South Dakota)



Beautiful smiles from Fred and Nora Gooch

Birthday Wishes**July**

- 5 Maggie Crowdes
- 6 Gene Schreiner
- 7 June Kaiser
- 11 Robert Lanz
- 13 Mary Powell-McConnell
- 13 Ann Pearson
- 16 Helen O'Brien
- 17 Sharon Ware
- 18 Eileen Loshbough

August

- 9 Chris Collins
- 13 Fred Gooch
- 15 Charlotte Luczycki
- 17 Tory Cowan
- 21 Michael Hodges
- 26 Mary Jane Schreiner

**Anniversary Wishes****July**

- 15 Fred and Wilma Flintstone

August

- 2 Keith and Marie Ambs
- 10 Carl and Kelly Holmberg
- 23 Randy & Donna Goble
- 30 Larry and Dee Northington

Dear Studebaker Members:

I hope this letter finds all of you well. It rained on me today and I was ecstatic! It was in the nick of time as my sprinkler system just went down. It has been so hot recently and we are due for some relief.

The Club has had several activities over the last two months. The Breakfast in the Park at Agua Caliente was a success in early May. We had a big turnout. Randy also made arrangements for a well-attended breakfast at the Egg Connection and to Wayne's Toy/Tucson Auto Museum. Randy stays very busy with planning our activities. He has a few new places for us to visit soon. Stay tuned to the Newsletter for details.

I have recently been notified that Steven Gilsdorf has passed away. It saddened me to learn of his passing. Steve and his wife, Sue, held the Thanksgiving Dinner get-together several times and I only remember how kind Steve was. The last time I remember seeing him was when we were all taking turns sitting in his Pierce Arrow for photos. Sue and family, you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Another reason to say our prayers is for one of our most treasured Club members, Chuck Stanford. Chuck has been ill and is now in a rehabilitation facility. Chuck, we miss your smiling face, and you had better get well soon!

Paul Storm is going to attend the National Convention in Dubuque, Iowa and attend the President's Meeting. It is wonderful that he will represent the Club for us. We are going to be 'in the know' about the goings on at the top! Thank you, Paul!

I hope to see everyone soon,

Ann Pearson



Ann Pearson

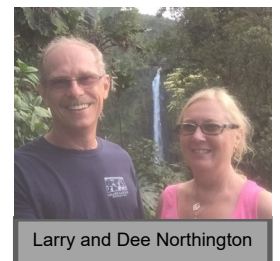
From the Editors:

We really enjoyed our outings the last couple of months, and it was fun driving to them in our Studebaker. Now Summer has hit so we will be limiting our driving to around the neighborhood once a week. The car definitely does not like the heat, and we don't like driving without AC. (Wimps)

In addition to our Chapter events, we went to the La Palma Studebaker Car Show in May. We loved it. Please see the story and pictures on page 6.

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.

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Larry and Dee Northington

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

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

IN MEMORIAM

Steve Gilsdorf

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Upcoming Thursdays on:
July 11, August 8, and
September 12

Board Meetings: 11:30 am, Hungry Fox Restaurant, 4637 E. Broadway, Tucson, AZ.
520-326-2835.
(Second Thursday of the month)

Saturday,
July 20, 2024
11:30 am - lunch

Maria Bonita Mexican Kitchen: 2708 E Fort Lowell Rd, Tucson, AZ 85716, (520) 326-5827.
RSVP please to Randy Goble dgrg0823@comcast.net by July 18, if you plan to attend.

Saturday,
September 14, 2024
11:00 am

IDYSD (It's Drive Your Studebaker Day): Longhorn Grill and Saloon, 28851 S Nogales Hwy, Amado, AZ 85645 (520) 398-0700. RSVP please to Randy Goble dgrg0823@comcast.net by September 12, if you plan to attend. Check the September/October 2024 newsletter for more details.

Sunday,
December 15, 2024
12:00 am

Christmas Pot Luck: Ann Pearson is hosting this year's potluck. Save the Date. Check the September/October 2024 newsletter for more details.

This beautiful image was part
of a Father's Day card by
Jacquie Lawson ecards of
JacquieLawson.com.

I thought it was nice enough to
share with everybody in the
newsletter.

Larry Northington

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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

Pancake Breakfast (Continued from Page 1)

By Larry Northington

Bill Frick was still young at that time, but fondly remembers helping out in the shop. Bill brought pictures and a wealth of stories to the gathering. Ann Pearson did a nice two page article on Bill, his father, and the Studillac in the 2019 November/December newsletter.

The Studebakers at the event were Fred and Nora Gooch's '37 Dictator, Larry and Dee's '54 Commander, Craig Harm's '51 2R6 Pickup, Marj Scooros' '50 Champion Starlight, Bob and Eileen Loshbough's '61 Champ, Belinda and Aaron Scott's '63 Champ, Jim Hill's '56 President Classic, and Paul and Leann Storm's '62 Lark. Thank you to all who contributed, and especially to Randy and Donna Goble for arranging everything and the early morning setup.

(See pictures of some of the cars on the back page)



L—R: Bob Miles, Bill Frick, and Stan Luczycki



Craig Harm cooking to perfection



Great Conversations



Bob Lanz and Paul Storm hanging by some of the Studes

RECENT EVENTS

Breakfast and Toy Museum

By Larry Northington

Quick - before summer really hits. Let's enjoy a great breakfast and then over to the local auto museum. On May 11, we got together for a delicious breakfast at the Egg Connection in Tucson, then most of us made the short drive over to the Tucson Auto Museum. As usual, the Egg Connection was able to seat all of us together at a long table, and the service was great considering there were 16 of us. The food was delicious with large enough portions to share or take some home. The Tucson Auto Museum (some also know it as Wayne's Toys) was fantastic. For me, this was another "how come I've lived in Tucson for 30 years and have never been here before" moment. Unfortunately, if you're reading this and thinking I'll go see it tomorrow, you'll have to wait till they reopen in the fall. We caught the last day before they closed for the season. Paul Storm, and Dee and I drove our Studebakers and received preferential parking in front of the museum's cars that were parked outside. Not to worry, there was plenty of parking for those who arrived in their non-Studebakers. Once inside, there was a definite wow factor. The museum holds over 70 road worthy vehicles, including some Studebakers. Many of the cars are one of only a handful ever built—or even the only one of its kind. There were plenty of volunteers at the museum to provide a wealth of information on the cars and answer all of our questions. Next fall, the museum plans to be at their new location at 4825 N. Sabino Canyon Road. Maybe we can plan another visit there next year?



Fueling up for the museum



L-R: Dee Northington, Jim Hill and Delores Shurtz with a rare Italian sports car behind them, 1968 Intermeccanica Italia Spyder



Paul Storm and Larry Northington with the museums highly modified 1949 Studebaker Champion Business Coupe in the background



A beautiful 1934 Pierce Arrow 836A



Fred getting Nora to laugh out loud



A 2017 Peel P250 single seater from England

IN MEMORIAM AND MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS**In Memoriam: Steve Gilsdorf**

By Larry Northington

Sue Gilsdorf wrote: *"Just wanted to let you know that Steve Gilsdorf died on June 3rd. He had a genetic lung cancer for over 12 years."* Steve and Sue Gilsdorf were former members in our club. Please see Ann Pearson's touching memory of Steve in her letter to the Chapter on Page 2.

La Palma 50th Anniversary Studebaker Car Show

By Larry Northington

Dee and I made it to the car show. And no, we did not bring our Studebaker. What an event, as there were almost 90 Studebakers there. Friends of ours were able to join us. They were really not familiar with Studebakers except for mine, so it was nice to see their eyes in amazement of all the different models. It was just great fun walking among all the Studebaker classics. Surprisingly, or maybe not so surprisingly, there were none like mine. No 1953 or '54 sedans. Also, almost all of the 53/54 cars that were there were retro mod with modern engines. The cars seemed extremely well cared for and I suspect a lot of money went to many of them. Also there from our chapter were Ed and Linda Smith, and Russ and Sharon Ware. Of course the Ware's had a nice booth set up showcasing some of their products. I grew up about 25 minutes from La Palma Park, and Dee and I still had friends and family in the area. So for us, it was a really fun get-away for the Memorial Day holiday weekend.



MEMBER FOCUS

Member Focus - Chuck Alianza

By Larry and Dee Northington

Did you know that one of our members is a published author? Chuck Alianza spent ten years writing his memoirs about his amazing life. In 1937, American-born Carlos “Chuck” Alianza, then a small child, departs from California with his American mother and Filipino father to the family sugar plantation in the Philippines. An idyllic future seemed possible. However, on December 19th, 1941—Chuck’s sixth birthday—everything would change. Shortly after the bombing of Pearl Harbor, a worst fear was imagined as the Japanese began bombing their province of Iloilo. What would follow is an arduous tale of survival in the jungles of the island country, and evacuation with his sister and mother, bringing them to America via submarine, and boat. Later on in life, Chuck returned to live in the Philippines with his American born wife and children as missionaries with New Tribes Mission. The hospital they built is still there.



Chuck made this wood table from a tree that was used for sacrifices. The tree had to be removed to make way for the hospital, and Chuck had to convince the natives that the hospital would help the people and they finally agreed.



An ornate machete that a native made for Chuck. Machetes like this were part of surviving in the jungle.

Chuck’s book is “Soon Comes Sunrise”, and is available on Amazon for \$19.99. John L. Lewis purchased a copy of the book which is now being read by Dee Northington. Dee highly recommends the book, saying it often keeps you excited to find out what God had planned for him next.

Chuck’s love of Studebakers? Chuck joined the Marine Corps at an early age, spent time in Japan, and was later stationed at Camp Pendleton in California. Chuck’s third car while at Camp Pendleton was an almost new 1953 Studebaker Coupe. He only had the Studebaker for around three years, but loved it so much that later on in life he found a very inexpensive 1954 coupe in desperate need of restoration. The car is now at his home where he is in the process of removing the worn out 232 engine and replacing it with a Studebaker 289 V8 engine. Chuck says he used to be a bit of a hot rodder and is not afraid to work on cars. Unfortunately, health and a bad back limits his restoration activities.

We pray that Chuck’s health allows him to keep working on his Studebaker as we know it can be a fun hobby and it would be beautiful to see the car on the road again.



Chuck and Dee Northington looking over Chuck’s Studebaker



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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: 1964 Daytona 2-door hardtop, V8 automatic, Runs, needs restored, solid California car, titled, \$3,000.

1961 Lark Regal 2-door hardtop, not running, \$2500.

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'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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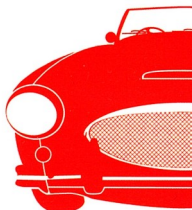
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Car Shows and Cruise Nights

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:

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Southern Arizona Chapter Studebaker Drivers Club

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



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