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Banquet and Business Meeting

By Larry Northington

Before I retired, business meetings were always something to dread. But our Chapter's banquet and business meeting was filled with great food, great conversation, and just pure fun. Our meeting on January 14th was held at the White Stallion Ranch on a picture-perfect day. Forty-three members came to enjoy the festivities, with many arriving in their beautiful Studebakers. Nine Studebakers in all. The ranch set us up in a private facility which was perfect for the occasion. We enjoyed a buffet of salad, grilled chicken, and hamburgers with all the fixen's. And for those with a sweet tooth, a nice selection of cookies.

Part of the festivities was Ann Pearson assisted by Randy Goble doing the live auction as a fundraiser for the Chapter. A variety of donated items from generous members fetched a pretty penny. Also, Marie Amb's won the 50/50, which she generously donated back to the Chapter. Thanks to all for everyone's generosity.

The Studebakers at the event were Randy and Donna Goble's '57 President, Gary and Gayle Spies' customized '53 Commander, Lou Fenc'l's '56 Transtar, Larry and Dee's '54 Commander, Jerry and June Kaiser's '59 Pickup Deluxe, Paul and Leann Storm's '62 Lark, John and Jan Noble's '53 Starlight, Keith and Marie Amb's '63 Avanti, and Jim Hill got to show off his beautiful '56 President for the first time.



Dee Northington smiles as she is ready to get in line for the buffet



Ann Pearson and Randy Goble congratulate Marie Amb's for winning the 50/50

{See Page 4 and the back page for additional pictures.}

Birthday Wishes



March

- 2 Duane Cowan
- 7 Jay Bodle
- 10 Clay Nallin
- 20 Alice Alianza
- 28 Bruce Eneboe

April

- 5 Louise Stanford
- 5 Marjorie Scooros
- 15 Jeff Jones
- 18 Mike Nallin
- 19 Jerry Kaiser
- 19 Dan Bailes
- 27 Marie Ambs
- 28 Craig Harm



Anniversary Wishes



March

- 18 Gene & Mary Jane Schreiner

April

- 10 Gary & Pamela Pryor
- 12 Bill & Peggy Eastburn
- 24 Paul & Leann Storm

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

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

Dear Studebaker Members:

I hope this letter finds all of you healthy and in good spirits. Since the Holidays, we have had several get togethers. The Annual Southern Arizona Chapter Banquet was held at the White Stallion Guest Ranch on Sunday, January 14, 2024. The food was delicious, and we had a good turnout. This year, the weather was beautiful. It was just perfect for our Studebaker line-up! The auction was so much fun! Randy and I took turns holding the auction items and running the auction. Randy did a great job organizing this activity.



Ann Pearson

Recently, I heard that there was a record number of SAC members at the Board meeting at the Hungry Fox. I was told that 26 members were in attendance. I heard this from John L. Lewis later in the day. I am sure that many of the members were there to visit John! It is always big news when he is here for a visit. Fortunately, I am recovering from my second bout of Covid. I am almost back to normal. I was sorry that I missed the Board meeting on Monday.

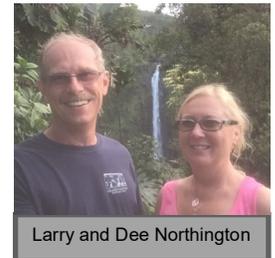
Don't forget, we have the March Gathering to look forward to on Saturday, March 9, 2024. It will be held at Freddy's Frozen Custard and Steakburger on Old Vail Road. The newsletter has the details.

I hope to see many of you at the March Gathering!

Ann Pearson

From the Editors:

We sure enjoyed our recent Chapter events, and we made the drive to Glendale for the January Grand Canyon event. What a fun time. We drove our Studebaker to the local events, but we weren't brave enough to drive it to Glendale. Did anyone notice the imposter in the previous newsletter. A picture of Ann Pearson's Chevy truck was on the back page. No one called us out on it.



Larry and Dee Northington

We hope to see a lot of members and Studebakers at 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 Aaron Scott and Jerry Kaiser 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Upcoming Mondays on:
March 18, April 15, May
20

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

(3rd Monday of the month) **Note: This may change! Please check emails, or our website for any updates to the day for the board meeting.**

Saturday,
March 9,
10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Our Studebaker March Gathering will be held on Saturday, March 9, 2024 from 10 am to 2 pm at Freddy's Frozen Custard and Steakburger, 10205 E Old Vail Road, Tucson, 85747. We will have the usual 50/50 drawing, raffle items and have yet to confirm the valve cover race. Please bring any raffle items the day of the show. We will also have People's Choice award. Please RSVP to Randy Goble at dgrg0823@comcast.net or 520-749-4484 by March 2nd if you will be attending with a car, so that I have an idea how many cars we will have to display. Hoping for good weather.

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.

Membership Dues is Overdue

By Larry Northington

Great news, most of our members have already renewed their membership. But for those that haven't, please do. A strong membership helps make it fun for everyone. Just write a check or money order payable to Southern Arizona Chapter, SDC. The dues is only \$19, or \$15 if you don't need a mailed copy of the newsletter (saving \$4.00). Fortunately, our dues has stayed the same price for years (\$15). However the price to mail the newsletters has continued to increase, therefore the slight increase to get a mailed copy of the newsletter. Please remember that membership dues are due in January.

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Tucson, AZ 85732

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Vice-Pres / Tourmaster
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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 AND MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS

More Pictures from the Banquet and Business Meeting



A nice room for the event



Lots of goodies for the raffle



Look at all these beautiful Studebakers



Jim Hill with his '56 President

The Return of Studebaker?

Derived from a Fox News report (forwarded by Jerry Kaiser)

Colorado man plots return of Studebaker

The Studebaker Motor Company is currently owned by Ric Reed, a Denver-area entrepreneur. He is looking for partners to help him put Studebakers back on the road. Reed's goal is to build a lineup of modern, hybrid vehicles using the names of classic Studebaker models like Lark, President, Hawk and the Champ pickup. To read the entire article, visit the website:

<https://www.foxnews.com/auto/colorado-man-plots-return-of-studebaker>



Studebaker Motor Company Lark Concept
(Studebaker Motor Company)

RECENT EVENTS

Grand Canyon Chapter Winter Gathering

By Larry Northington

Quite a few of our Chapter members made it to the Grand Canyon Chapter's Winter Gathering held January 20th at the Larry Polhill collection in Glendale, Arizona. I counted around 20 Studebakers that made it to the event, plus we enjoyed a nice lunch, sitting at tables among all the cars of Larry Polhill's collection. It was just a perfect day for any Studebaker enthusiast.



Some of the cars that made it to the event



Some of the cars of Larry Polhill's collection

Tech Tip: One Person Brake Bleeding

By Aaron Scott

I took a rubber expandible freeze plug, drilled a center hole in the bolt, and connected my master pressure bleeder to it. Worked great on the '56 Stude.

Editors note: A pressure bleeder is designed to apply pressure to the master cylinder, thereby forcing brake fluid to all the wheels for easy one person bleeding of the brakes. Unfortunately, they work best with an adapter that fits onto the master cylinder. The adapters are usually specific by vehicle. Obviously, adapters are not readily available for a Studebaker. Aaron's method of using a rubber expansion plug is brilliant.



MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS

The Manta Ray

By Larry Northington

Jet fighter inspired concept cars were popular in the 1950s, but the 1952 Manta Ray started from a 1951 Studebaker commander. This concept car was the brainchild of aircraft designers, Glenn Hire and Vernon Antoine.

Both Hire and Antoine worked in aircraft design at North American at the time, and they had a vision of a fighter jet-like automotive design, so they purchased a 1951 Studebaker Commander to serve as the foundation for their new space age concept car they decided to call the Manta Ray. They stripped down the stock body design and added a three-seater roadster body made of fiberglass. Hire and Antoine then began adding designs of the jet-age. The first addition was the nosecone which they designed from scratch by first building a wooden cone mold and then they cast a ¼ - inch shell. Next, they added a triple tail lamp feature which they borrowed from the 1952 Lincoln design. They kept the Studebaker 232 cu.-in. V-8 engine and the Studebaker chassis, but they did chop off some 3 inches from the frame rails in their design.

The finished design was showcased in several automotive magazines, including the cover of Motor Trend in July 1953, the Rod and Custom Magazine in 1954, and other magazines such as Motor World, Mechanix Illustrated and Popular Science.



Hire and Antoine sold the Manta Ray to jet car builder Bob Yeakel. At some point, the old Studebaker engine was replaced with a dual quad Cadillac V-8 engine, and the car was repainted from gold to a light pink. By 1959, the car found its way into the hands of a used car dealer in Kansas where it was traded for a Volkswagen and a Crosley by collector, L.L. "Peanuts" Lacer of Junction City Kansas. He brought the vehicle to his home and put it into his warehouse full of unusual cars that nobody wanted and there it stayed until he died in 1990. Lacer's son D.E. received the vehicle when his mother Darlene, the widow of Peanuts Lacer, began liquidating the 120-car collection. D.E. has since got it up and running, and on display again.



For those interested, there is quite a bit of information on the Manta Ray on the internet, with some nice pictures.

Credits: <https://www.hemmings.com/>, <https://www.delmotors.com/>, <http://justacarguy.blogspot.com>

RECENT EVENTS**Members Helping Members**

By Aaron Scott

On Craig Harm's '51 2R6 he had his radiator rebuilt and then he pulled his freeze plugs to flush/drain the block. He then put new gaskets on the water pump, and a new thermostat on while it was apart. What a fun day. Some great work done on the ol' girl. I learned a ton!

**Unusual Studebakers**

By Larry Northington

Just an unusual Studebaker I seen on the web,
a 1937 Studebaker custom delivery van.
(Don't get any ideas Mr. Fred Gooch)





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: 1964 Studebaker Gran Turismo Hawk. 91K original miles, original am radio works fine, no air conditioning, excellent original perforated white headliner. Carpet and seats are like new. Has optional rear seat armrest and full tinted glass option. Recent awesome base coat clear coat for that sweet looking wet look. Numbers match in/out called Astro Ivory and blue cloth interior. Also, full black vinyl top in excellent condition, so very sharp 3-tone attractive colors! Good chrome on both bumpers. New headlight and tail light bezels. New weatherstripping and trunk mat. Original jacks, full working gauge package and even clock works. Stock 289 V8. Motor has original correct yellow valve covers. Very rare three speed power shift automatic and center console. Highway gears for cruising. New dual exhaust system and like new radial tires. Looks great and runs great, asking \$25,000.

Wayne
602-320-3771

wdawson@asuinc.com



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

For Sale / Free: V8 cylinder heads bare \$20 each
2 reground V8 cams \$50 each
Several used V8 cams \$20 each
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'51 Commander left front door \$45.now free
'51 Commander right rear door \$45.now free
'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.
Hawk and coupe center pan for
bucket seats and mounting for console \$20. now free
'59-'60 Lark or '60-'64 Champ truck hood \$40. now free
'59-'60 Lark trunk lid, \$35. good condition. now free
'60-'64 Champ truck front fenders, now free
'62 Lark rear quarters, no rust. \$55. for both now free
'63 Lark 4 door front doors \$30 ea. now free
'63 Lark rear doors for Wagonaire or 4-dr sedan now free
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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Spouse: _____

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Address: _____

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email: _____

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Wedding anniversary: _____

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Studebakers owned: (Year/Model/Body Style & any comments)

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- Call people with club information
- 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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