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Pancake Breakfast

May 3rd 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. And it was also a celebration, as it was Randy's birthday. We gathered under the shade of the trees, and food was in abundance with the Chapter supplying pancakes, coffee and utensils, and many members bringing sausage, bacon, fruit, pastries, other goodies, and of course doughnuts. Randy cooked most of the pancakes with blueberries. And a special highlight this year was the fresh chicken eggs provided by Aaron and Belinda Scott from their egg co-op. Dee scrambled the eggs with a mixture of mild peppers, cheese, and ham. Everything was absolutely delicious.

It was a large turnout, with 25 members and guests attending and showing off seven Studebakers.



Randy enjoyed several "Happy Birthday" hugs and well wishes.



See additional pictures on Page 4

Birthday Wishes**July**

- 5 Maggie Crowdes
- 6 Gene Schreiner
- 7 June Kaiser
- 11 Robert Lanz
- 13 Mary Powell-McConnell
- 13 Ann Pearson
- 17 Sharon Ware

August

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

**Anniversary Wishes****July**

- 1 Reed & Sue Richards
(It was a Fantastic Wedding)

August

- 23 Randy & Donna Goble
- 30 Larry & Dee Northington

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

Mike Borens
Michael Hodges
Steve Lanz
Stan Luczycki
Mary Powell-McConnell
Jim Nereau
Chuck Stanford
Rosalie Torske

IN MEMORY (See Page 8)

Marj Scooros

Message from Our President:

Dear Studebaker Members:

I hope everyone is surviving this heat. It has been hard on everyone. But just remember, it is a dry heat! My horses and chickens and ducks have been enjoying the misters that I have put up!

Things have been pretty quiet this past month. Last month, we had the annual picnic in the park at Agua Caliente. This annual event is always so much fun, good company and good food!

We had some very sad news last week with Marj Scooros' passing. Marj will be sorely missed with her cheerful smile and wit. She had such a good presence and was very good for the Club. We are working on a date to have a lunch at Holy Smokin Butts to toast Marj soon. Gloria Schmetzer suggested this good idea.

We do have a breakfast scheduled on June 28 at the Happy Rooster. Thank you Randy for setting this up. It will be so nice to see everyone. And, don't forget, we have our monthly Board Meetings at The Hungry Fox on the second Monday of the month. All are welcome!

Warmly,

Ann Pearson



Ann Pearson

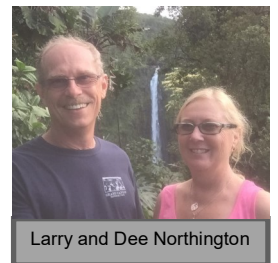
From the Editors:

It's hot, but it's never too hot to drive the Studebaker. We drove it to a small car show at a senior living facility a couple of weeks ago, and I still drive it around the neighborhood weekly.

A little about Marj. Dee and Marj shared a passion to be creative, especially with the sewing machine. You might say they spoke the same language. As Marj's health was getting worse, and she knew her time was getting near, she asked Dee to come over, and if Dee would complete a couple of projects that she was doing for charity. Dee of course said yes. Not only did Dee come home with the projects to complete, but also additional material and items that Marj insisted she wanted Dee to have. Marj was certainly a generous and noble soul.

As always, we welcome suggestions, pictures and story submissions. Email is the best way to submit contributions, but even a hand written article works great. Thank you to Bob Miles, and Steve and Gail Ault for the contributions, and to Donna Goble for proofreading.

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Larry and Dee Northington

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Upcoming Mondays on:
July 14, August 11, and
September 8.

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

Saturday,
June 28,
8:30 am

SAC Breakfast at the Happy Rooster: Please join us for breakfast at one of the most unique restaurants in Tucson, the Happy Rooster, located at 1114 S Sarnoff Dr. No RSVP needed, we have room for 20 people. Hope to see you there.

Events are light for our intensely hot summer.

*Look for the announcement in our next newsletter about our plans for the
International Drive Your Studebaker day.*

SAC/SDC Contact:

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Vice-Pres / Tourmaster
520-749-4484 or
dgrg0823@comcast.net

***Notice: A reminder 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.

**Tough Studebaker Trivia Question**

Hello everyone.

Here is a tough Studebaker Trivia Question. The winner of this quiz will be given a free meal at the October Board meeting. Send your guesses to Larry Northington but if you can't, you can still win with the correct answer at the October Board Meeting.

What famous multiple World Champion race car driver started his automotive career with a Studebaker garage, and when he retired, raced Mercedes Benz around the time that Mercedes Benz were starting to be affiliated with Studebaker dealerships?

Have fun with this!

Bob Miles

RECENT EVENTS

Some pictures from the Pancake Breakfast



SPECIAL INTEREST

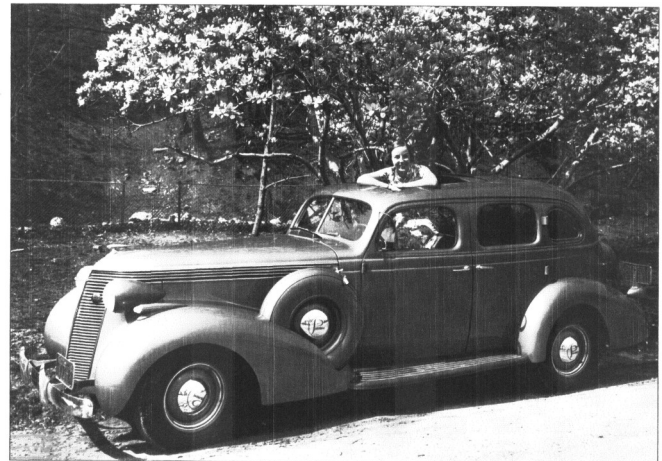
Ode to the '37

By Larry Northington, with some words, pictures and inspiration from Fred Gooch

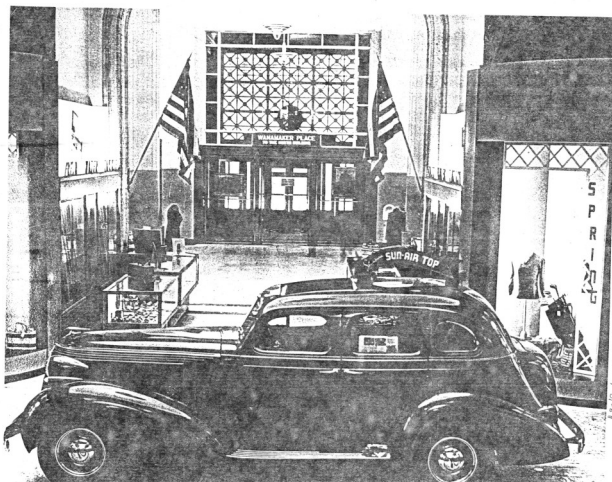
It has been some months now since we have seen the 1937 dictator owned by Fred and Nora Gooch. Fred decided it was getting too difficult for him to drive and maintain. But when they had it, they drove it. During the nearly 30 years that they had the car, they put over 31,000 miles on it including three trips to Palm Springs California for the Antique Studebaker Meets. Fred says the '37 is now at a new and good home. On this page are some of the pictures that Fred has of 1937 Studebakers. The color picture / caption was copied from an article on America's First Highway, published in the March 1998 National Geographic magazine. The other pictures show Fred's interest in Skytops (Sunroofs).



Less than two decades after it stopped making covered wagons, the Studebaker company built this 1937 President coupe, still cruising the National Road in Columbus, Ohio. Cattle driven to town along the road helped give rise to the city's nickname: Cowtown.



1937 President cruising sedan with optional sun roof.



RECENT EVENTS AND SPECIAL INTEREST

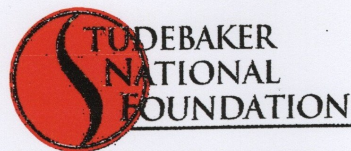
Father's Day Classic Car Show at the Park Senior Villas on Houghton By Larry Northington

Randy Goble was asked if our Chapter could participate in a "Father's Day Classic Car Show", being held for the senior residents living at the Park Senior Villas, many of whom have fond memories tied to classic cars. The show was held on Friday, June 13th, at the Park Senior Villas on Houghton. It was free to enter, and they had live music, a snow cone truck giving out free snow cones (asking for a small donation), and prizes for the participating cars. Randy, Bob Loshbough, and Dee and myself showed up with our Studebakers. There was a crazy mixture of cars, from a very nice exotic to a completely custom hot rod, and everything in between. About 18 cars total. It's was a nice little gathering, and I'm glad I went to it.



Playing Around with AI By Larry Northington

I asked ChatGPT, an artificial Intelligence program, to create an image with my car on a covered bridge. This is what it came up with.



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IN MEMORY

In Memory: Marj Scooros 1941 - 2025
Saying Goodbye
By Dee Northington

It's never easy to say goodbye to someone who was loved and liked by all who came to know her. Marj was one of those people.

Now let me tell you some things about Marj. She was born in Washington DC. Bart said that Marj got her first Studebaker from her father when she was in high school. It was a 1950 yellow Studebaker Champion. Her dad paid \$75.00 for it, and later sold it for \$75. When Marj joined the SAC, she purchased her green 1950 Champion Starlight from John Lewis. Marj volunteered as the SAC secretary and Webmaster. After years

with the club, she said that it was starting to get too difficult to drive the Studebaker. Recently she exchanged the Champion Starlight with Randy Goble for his green 1967 T6.

Needless to say, Marj had a love for cars. She got a British Morgan in Northern California when she was looking to purchase a new sailboat. I don't know if anyone in the club knew that she was a competitive sailor.

She didn't find a sailboat, but saw her Morgan in Los Gatos and purchased it. She was very active in the Morgan club in the 80s and 90s where she met Bart.

Marj gave back to her community by making quilts for Emerge and cat pads for Hermitage. She also was in a group called Banjo Blasters. She was the secretary of this group also and played at assisted living communities. Marj loved crafting. Bart said she did anything and everything. Her craft of the week.

Bart and Marj have been together for 25 years. I briefly talked with Bart at their home around the end of May. He informed me of how Marj's health had started declining this last year. But she said she has had a good life with no regrets. Marj planned out and took charge of how she was going to leave this earth. It was on her terms. Marj left this world on June 11th, 2025. Bart and her daughter Tina were with her. She will be greatly missed.





STUDEBAKER ADS ~ WANTED AND FOR SALE OR TRADE



Wanted: Truck suitable for regular use. Would prefer an automatic or standard with overdrive. Working trucks only, Cosmetic blemishes are okay but nothing rusted through. Contact Paul at paulstorm@comcast.net

Wanted: 1957- 1959 Silver Hawk. Contact Connie Olsen: 702-540-6218, house@go-olsen.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: 1963 GT Hawk "Skyhawk" With Steel Sunroof, 289 V8, Flightomatic. Wrecked on Right Front, Repairable, Includes replacement Fender And Hood, Has Local History. \$2500. Keith Graham 602-818-8376, Leave Message. Also Hawk And Lark And 1956 Sheet Metal For Sale

For Sale: '64 GT Hawk

Very late production. Looks and runs great. \$14,000 OBO. Bruce 520 586-0403

For Sale: '64 Cruiser PS/PB (Disc)/AT, solid , \$4,500 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

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 \$8,000 OBO. Call Don Senn at 520-290-5623.



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
2 reground V8 cams \$50 each
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Several Fiber cam gears \$10 each
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V8 intake 2 bbl manifolds \$15 each
Hawk rocker moldings \$10 each
Champ truck grill painted \$30
GT Hawk headliner bows, very nice \$30 for full set.
'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: Studebaker 6 bladed cooling fan. Should fit most V8 engines 1951-1964. \$25 OBO

New in box Magnetic mount towing lights. Wiring harness plugs into your tow vehicle so that you have turn signals & brake lights. \$25 OBO

Buick Skylark script-2 pair for different years-good condition all tabs good \$25 for all 4 pieces OBO

Contact Fred Gooch at 520-883-7418 or nora.gooch@yahoo.com for pics or questions.

For Sale: 1989 2-door blue Avanti convertible. 350 GM V-8, 26,000 miles on the engine, about 80,000 on the car. Air conditioning rebuilt and working well. The car is located at Jerry Kaiser's residence. For sale by owner. Contact Chuck Stanford, 520 743-8380.



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Car Shows and Cruise Nights

July 24, 2025: The Hannagan Meadows Antique Studebaker Club Tour. Meeting July 24th at the Hon-Dah in Showlow at 08:30, and leave at 09:00 for an all day tour. Email swstudebaker@live.com, or call Malcolm Stinson at 928-368-7442 for more 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:

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Application Form
Southern Arizona Chapter Studebaker Drivers Club

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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)

I am willing to help my club in the following ways:

- ☐ 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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