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A reason to CELEBRATE!!!

And wow, what a celebration it was. 90 people joined together to celebrate our Chapter's 50th anniversary on March 15th. Can you imagine a better place to hold a car club party than the Tucson Auto Museum? And we nearly filled the museum's meeting room to capacity. We had poster boards filled with some of the Chapter's history, a slideshow with hundreds of pictures from the Chapter's past, and great items for the silent auction. The event was actually a dual event, combined with the annual March Gathering joined with the Grand Canyon Chapter. Special prizes of custom license plates given to the People's Choice winners for best in class



Studebakers. Thank you to the Grand Canyon Chapter for providing the prizes. And to honor the two founding members still with the Chapter, a commemorative plate was given to Fred Gooch and Bruce Sandburg.



Ann Pearson and Dee Northington present the commemorative plates to founding members Fred Gooch (left) and Bruce Sandburg (right)

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Birthday Wishes**May**

- 1 Bruce Sandburg
- 3 Randy Goble
- 10 Don McGraw
- 15 Bonnie McGraw
- 15 Keith Graham
- 18 John Noble
- 22 Aaron Scott

June

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

**Anniversary Wishes****May**

- 20 Hugh & Cynthia Adam

June

- 2 Lenny & Barbara Olsen
- 3 Jerry & June Kaiser
- 7 Chuck & Chris Collins

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

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

Message from Our President:

Dear Studebaker Members:

I hope this letter finds all of you well and enjoying the spring weather. The Chapter has been quite busy lately. Our 50th Anniversary in March was a huge success. So many members put a great deal of effort into making our event a very special one. I have heard from a number of people thanking us for such a nice time. Everyone really came together for this one!

Larry and Dee Northington had a luncheon at their home two weeks ago. I was so sorry that I missed the event. I was down with Covid for the third time! I must have the most antibodies of anyone around. And, thank you to Dee and Larry for thinking of me and bringing me food. That was do thoughtful and meant so much to me!

One good thing about being down, was that I had a lot of free time to study Studebaker trucks. Randy and I had a good talk about the different models and it looks like I may get one of his trucks. What is a Studebaker President without a Studebaker? All will be good on that front soon!

We have the Annual Picnic in the Park at Agua Caliente Park on Saturday, May 3. Please see the newsletter for details.

I am look forward to seeing all of you soon at the Park!!

Ann Pearson

P.S. We are in need of a new secretary. Marj has had health concerns which are forcing her to retire as Secretary.



Ann Pearson

From the Editors:

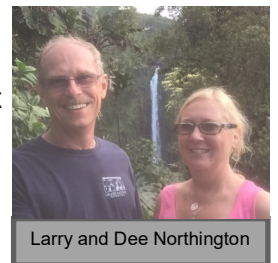
Five years ago I started the process of restoring our Studebaker. It had been collecting dust for 25 years, and took a year and a half to get back on the road. It was around that time that we re-joined the Studebaker Drivers Club, and joined the Southern Arizona Chapter. *(We were members of the SDC in the 80's when we lived in California.)*

A couple of weeks ago we hosted a lunch at our house for the Chapter. It was a way to celebrate our 5th anniversary with the Chapter, and just enjoy everyone's company. We hope everyone enjoyed it. We certainly did.

I would say something about our Chapter's 50th celebration, but I think this newsletter will cover that pretty good.

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 Belinda Scott, and Steve and Gail Ault for the contributions, and to Donna Goble for proofreading.

*Dee and Larry Northington,
SAC/SDC Newsletter Editors
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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:
May 12, June 9, and July
14.

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)

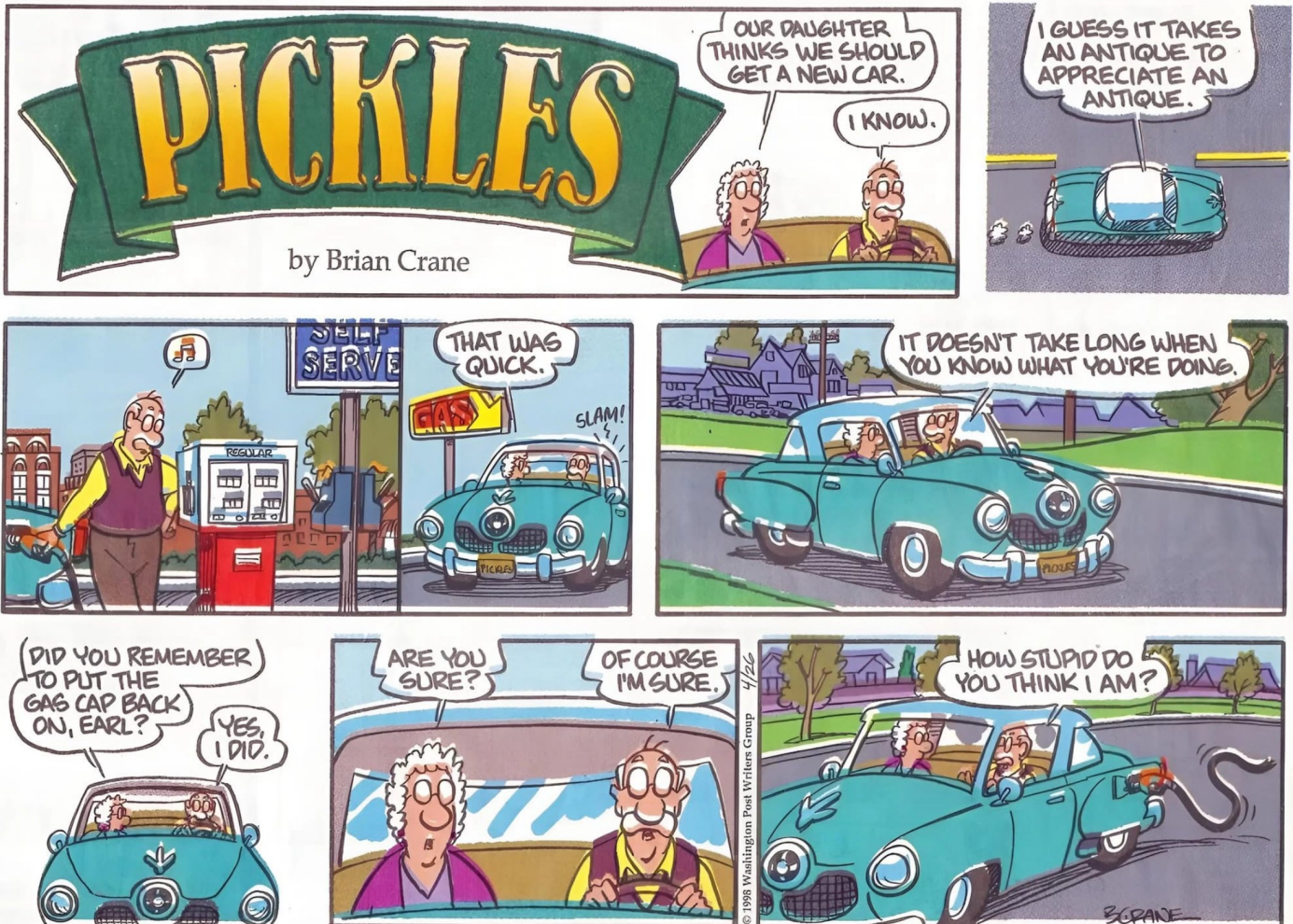
Saturday,
May 3,
7:30 am – 11:00 a m

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.

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.



RECENT EVENTS

50th Celebration Continued

~~~ Steve and Gail Ault's Thoughts on the Celebration ~~~

Remember the Del Shannon song "Hats off to Larry" - well, we Studebaker aficionados need to sing that to Larry, and Randy, Donna, Dee, Ann, and on and on to those who worked so hard on the 50th Anniversary/March Madness celebration. We watched a slide presentation that brought back many memories and reminded us of active members from years past. There were sixteen beautiful Studebakers on display outside (and the rain abated so we had dry weather!) Four lucky owners went away with trophies for "People's Choice". There was a silent auction, door prizes, a raffle, and a 50th Anniversary keychain memento so most of us went away bearing gifts. Wow, what a great day, great collection and great food - all packed into just a few hours.



We were fortunate to be the very first group to tour the Tucson Auto Museum and I'd highly recommend this facility to anyone. Hopefully their opening will be forthcoming soon. This is not a Ford or Chevy show. This is a collection of unusual marquees and interesting cars. Many were foreign but the variety of primarily orphan cars is extraordinary. Oh, they had a first model Corvette, but the primary focus is on the unique. The '57 DeSoto brought back "favorable" (??) memories. The cost of tires on the rear of mine almost exceeded the fuel I inserted into the gas tank. I was 17 and it seemed like blue smoke was always coming off those tires. Although not all cars belong to the owner, Wayne, he obviously has a major investment in this museum. The staff was helpful and accommodating, the place was clean and the cars pristine. Watch for their opening and be sure attend if possible.



Steve and Gail Ault

Just two of the beautiful cars at the Tucson Auto Museum

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## RECENT EVENTS

## 50th Celebration Continued

The delicious hot lunch was catered by El Molinito restaurant, and Fred and Nora Gooch provided a beautiful and scrumptious cake. Not only were we able to wander around and peruse the museums 100 vehicles, we also brought our own nice selection of Studebakers to the party. Fifteen Studebakers in all: Don McGraw – Avanti, Brian McGraw – '63 GT Hawk, Bob Loshbough – '61 Champ, John L. Lewis – '64 GT Hawk, Steve and Bob Lanz – '62 Daytona, Craig Harm – '51 2R6, Randy and Donna Goble – '57 President, Marj Scooros - '50 Starlight, Larry and Dee Northington – '54 Commander, Aaron and Belinda Scott – '63 Champ, Gary Spies – '53 Starlight Coupe, Maggie and Tim Stevens – '55 President, Paul and Leann Storm – '62 Lark, and Dennis Lynde - '63 GT Hawk. And very special to the event was that Malcom Stinson brought his 1928 Roadster. And there was one other Studebaker: Michell Eastburn brought her beautiful Jr. Wagon.



(Pictures continued next page)





## RECENT EVENTS

## 50th Celebration Continued



Club Chapter History Storyboards and Artifacts



Eric Willis wins — again



Craig Harm wins one of the People's Choice Awards



Paul Storm calls out the winning 50/50 ticket

Gary Spies (R) shows off his '53 Restomod to  
Shan Northington (L)

Don McGraw's 1963 Avanti



## SPECIAL INTEREST

### Word Search

By Larry Northington

Here is a special word search celebrating our recent 50th anniversary celebration.

Every word here is contained within the letter grid. Words in the list can be found in a straight line horizontally, vertically, or diagonally. Words may be either forward or backward.

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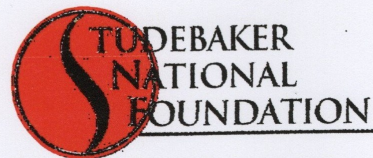
### Special Interest

There is a great article on driving a 1930 Commander 8 Studebaker in the Hagerty Drivers Club magazine, March April 2025 issue. The name of the article is "Back to Basics" with a subtitle of "Relearning the joy of driving in a wooden wheeled automobile". The article is 12 pages, filled with lots of pictures. The article is also available on-line at:

<https://www.hagerty.com/media/driving/a-wood-wheel-automobile-reignites-the-joy-of-driving/>



Picture from Hagerty.com, Photographer: Jordan Lewis



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## RECENT EVENTS

### Car Show at the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base By Larry Northington

DM50 held it's 15th annual car show on 12 APR. The car show benefits the Airmen of Davis-Monthan AFB. Aaron and Belinda Scott, John L. Lewis, and Bob Loshbaugh were there showing off three beautiful Studebakers. John L. was in the 51 to 70 Car class with his GT Hawk. Bob, Aaron, and Belinda were entered in the Jeep/Truck class with their Champs. John L. said it was a great event, however a little hot sitting in the sun. Hotdogs and water were free, and a military ID was not required to attend.



Pictures from Belinda Scott

### Lunch at the Northington's By Larry Northington

Dee and I hosted lunch at our house on April 13th. Okay, this feels a little like patting myself on the back, but I think it turned out really nice. Mainly thanks to Dee's cooking. We had BBQ pork sandwiches. Dee made potato salad, coleslaw, baked beans, and a variety of cookies. We cooked two pork shoulders. Dee cooked one in the oven, and I smoked one in the smoker for five hours, then wrapped it to finish cooking. I think it was all delicious. There were 21 of us. Some sat in the house, and others sat outside, which was a tad warm, but there was a breeze and we were in the shade. We sure hope everyone enjoyed it.







## STUDEBAKER ADS ~ WANTED AND FOR SALE OR TRADE



**Wanted:** 1957- 1959 Silver Hawk. Contact Connie Olsen: 702-540-6218, [house@go-olsen.com](mailto: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](mailto:nora.gooch@yahoo.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 for \$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  
Several used V8 cams \$20 each  
Several Fiber cam gears \$10 each  
V8 exhaust manifolds - \$20 left side, \$30 right side  
259 Crankshafts \$20 each  
V8 water pump manifolds \$15 each  
Truck V8 water pump manifold \$25  
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  
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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](mailto:nora.gooch@yahoo.com) for pics or questions.



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**Car Shows and Cruise Nights**

**May 1 - May 3:** The Antique Automobile Club of America announces Dual in the Desert III Western Springs Nationals - Grand Nationals. To be held at the Casino Del Sol Resort & Casino located at 5655 W Valencia Rd., Tucson. From stately pre-war classics to the muscle cars of the 60s and 70s, the AACA Grand Nationals and AACA Western Spring Nationals showcase automotive history in all its glory. Visit the following link for more information: <https://aaca.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/2025-Tucson-Dual-brochure.pdf> The deadline to register is April 15.

**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](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

National SDC Member#: \_\_\_\_\_ Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Other family members: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

email: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdays (month and day): \_\_\_\_\_

Wedding anniversary: \_\_\_\_\_

If new member, referred by: \_\_\_\_\_

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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