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Our New Website is Here!

By Larry Northington

Bob Lanz, our Webmaster, has our new website up and running. And it is a beauty. Don't worry, it uses the same address/link as before: <https://www.soazsdc.org/>

[Studebaker Drivers Club Southern Arizona Chapter | Tucson, AZ](https://www.soazsdc.org/)

The website has a fresh polished look that invites the visitor to explore further. It has easier navigation, and updated content to make finding information about events, photos, and resources much simpler with easy to click on tabs for *Club Activities*, *Newsletters*, *About Us*, *Resources*, and a *Join Us* tab for an easy way to join our chapter.



New on our website is an online form to join our chapter. Simply fill in the blanks and hit submit.

We are extremely fortunate to have Bob as our Webmaster. He developed and runs his own media consulting company, of which a big part is development of customized websites for his clients.

How can people find our website? Just use any internet search method, such as Google, and search for "Studebaker Tucson", or "Studebaker Southern Arizona", and a link to our website is one of the first websites to show up. How sweet is that.

You can help improve our website. Tour the website. Bob is looking for recommendations to make it even better.

Submit your own story to Bob to put into the website. This is a chance to share a little about yourself and your history with Studebaker.

Whether it be a few sentences, or a multi-page story. Stories can be an inspiration to others that may be looking to do something similar. My story is in there. Want a little help? I will gladly help you. Hand me something handwritten with maybe some pictures, and I will put it into the computer.

Birthday Wishes



September

- 6 Jim Hill
- 9 Chuck Collins
- 10 Barbara Olsen
- 11 Steve Lanz
- 22 Chuck Stanford
- 27 Paul Storm
- 30 Gail Ault

October

- 1 Bob Loshbough
- 2 Gloria Schmetzer
- 4 Dee Northington
- 10 Violet Borens
- 15 Larry Northington
- 22 Gloria Bodle



Anniversary Wishes

September

- 9 Chuck & Louise Stanford
- 10 Mike & Violet Borens

October

- 22 Aaron & Belinda Scott
- 31 Gary & Pamela Pryor

THOUGHTS, PRAYERS, AND GET WELL WISHES

Mike Borens
Michael Hodges
Steve Lanz
Stan Luczycki
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 surviving the heat. The last two months have been somewhat quiet with the Club, save for a couple of lively Board meetings. Much progress has been made for the new Club website by Bob Lanz.

Randy is planning a get together to remember Marj Scooros. And, we have Drive Your Studebaker Day coming up on September 13 with an exciting visit to Rolling Thru Time Auto Museum. We are meeting for breakfast before our tour. You can refer to the newsletter for all of the details along with contact information for myself for reservations.

I was just made aware that a long time client and friend has purchased a Studebaker and is going to join the Club! The more of us, the better!

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at Drive Your Studebaker Day!

Warmly,

Ann Pearson



Ann Pearson

From the Editors:

Dee and I were married on August 30th, 1975. Yes, 50 years ago. Our first date was in our Studebaker, and it is just nice that we still have it, and drive it, especially for special occasions. Of course, now it looks much better than it did back then.

Every once in awhile I try to put something funny in the newsletter. Something that most people won't even notice. In the last newsletter I put "Reed and Sue Richards (It was a Fantastic Wedding)" in the celebrate anniversaries section. This was in celebration of the new Fantastic 4 movie just released. Congrats to Paul Storm for figuring it out. Did anyone else catch it?

I hope you enjoy this newsletter. 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 for the contribution, and to Ann Pearson 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:
October 13.
November is TBD.

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

Saturday,
September 13, 2025
10:00 am

International Drive Your Studebaker Day at Rolling Thru Time Museum : 4750 South Park Avenue, Tucson, Arizona 85714 (520) 372-2160. The museum is located between E Ajo Way and E Irvington Rd. Museum gates are open at 10:00 am. Please RSVP to Ann Pearson at annpearson1960@yahoo.com or 520-975-0660 by September 10. The Chapter will be paying the admission for our members, so you need to notify museum staff when arriving that you are part of the SAC/SDC. You're on your own for breakfast. However, some of us will be at the Denny's, 2630 E Valencia Rd, Tucson, AZ at 8:30 am.

November 7-9, 2025

Helping at the Ball-Paylore House Museum: This historic place in Tucson displays a Studebaker Lark. Our Chapter volunteered to assist preparing the Lark for Tucson Modernism week at the Ball-Paylore house, 2306 E Waverly St, Tucson, AZ 85719. Let's help the community learn about Studebakers. If you would like to volunteer, we are going to have a table set up at this location. Contact Paul Storm paulstorm@comcast.net for more information. *We could really use volunteers for this.*

Saturday,
November 15, 2025
12:30 – 4:00 pm

Thanksgiving Pot Luck: Join us at John L. Lewis' digs at Far Horizons East, 7570 E Speedway in the Community Room. Far Horizons entrance is on the south side of Speedway between Kolb and Pantano, where the emergency light is across from the fire station. Dee Northington has graciously volunteered to be the Food Coordinator again this year. Please contact Dee at LD54Studebaker@gmail.com or 520-869-9956. Please RSVP to Randy at dgrg0823@comcast.net by November 12, if you are attending, so we can give a list of names to the security gate. Please plan on eating great food, and of course winning the 50/50!

Sunday,
December 7, 2025
12:00 pm

Christmas Pot Luck : Ann Pearson is hosting this year's potluck at her house. Dee Northington has graciously volunteered to be the Food Coordinator again this year. Please contact Dee at LD54Studebaker@gmail.com or 520-869-9956. Ann's address and phone number are: 10550 East Old Spanish Trail Tucson Arizona 85748. 520-975-0660. From Houghton Rd and Old Spanish Trail on the East side, East on Old Spanish Trail about one mile to the intersection of Calle Los Reyes on the right side. Ann's driveway comes out right at the corner. Make a sharp right onto a dirt driveway. Go past a white house with brown trim. The driveway goes all the way around the house. Parking is available in the front and in the back of the house. The house is an old ranch house with porches around the house. Please plan on eating great food, and of course winning the 50/50!

SAC/SDC Contact:

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

Save the Dates for our other upcoming events:

Sunday, January 18, 2026 - The SAC/SDC Annual Banquet will be held at John L. Lewis' digs at Far Horizons East, 7570 E Speedway in the Community Room.

For other upcoming events that you may be interested in, see page 10.

***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

SAC Breakfast at the Happy Rooster By Larry Northington

June 28th was a nice breakfast at the Happy Rooster Café. The café is a very unique restaurant on the East part of Tucson with the walls hand painted with a common farm theme. Wow! Not only are the murals impressive, but you just feel ready for a country breakfast. The food was delicious, and the service was pretty good considering the large group. 24 of our Chapter members attended, which is a fantastic turnout considering the hot summer day. Three Studebakers decorated the outside of the restaurant, one of them being Jerry and June Kaiser's 1959 pick up truck with its beautiful new paint job that Jerry did himself.



SPECIAL INTEREST

Popular Mechanics Car Compare Original article by Jim Whipple

The Popular Mechanics Magazine, January 1964, compares several cars including a Studebaker. The cover of the magazine peaks your interest stating "PM Compares Six Cool Compacts in Depth". The article was written by Jim Whipple. The words here are based on that article, edited by Bob Miles to focus on Studebaker, and augmented by Larry Northington. The cars were: the Chevrolet Chevelle, Ford Falcon, Plymouth Valiant, Studebaker Commander, Pontiac Tempest, and Rambler American. The magazine evaluated these cars based on criteria such as performance, handling, and comfort.

The Chevrolet Chevelle and Pontiac Tempest were new contenders for the 1964 model year, featuring a "senior compact" or intermediate size. The Tempest was essentially a re-badged version of the Chevelle.

The Ford Falcon was a solid, middle-of-the-road entry in the compact class. The magazine had previously conducted a long-term test on a 1960 Falcon.

The Plymouth Valiant was praised for its roominess and economy, although it was often criticized for its distinct, unconventional styling.

The Studebaker Commander was noted for its unique body-on-frame construction and classic styling. The Commander was an aging model, and the company was in financial trouble.

The Rambler American was another economical and well-built compact car, with a reputation for solid unit-body construction and practical design.

This on the spot road comparison made on the road racing course at Lime Rock, Connecticut and on hilly highways. All cars were six-cylinder automatics except the Chevelle as the six was not available. Because it is well-nigh impossible so early in the year to get six 1964 models which match closely in terms of engines, horsepower, transmissions and axle ratios, we don't pretend the comparison is perfect. This doesn't make the test results any less valid. But keep in mind that weight and horsepower of the six cars varied widely. The 195-hp Chevelle weighed 3155 pounds; the 145hp Valiant 2888; the 112 hp Studebaker Commander 2955 the 101 hp Falcon 2596; the 140 hp Tempest 3139 and the 138 hp Rambler American 2788.

Fuel economy

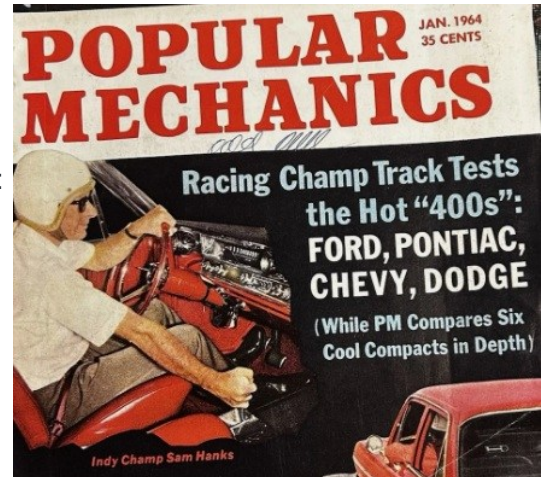
Tests that involved metered steady speed mileage at 40 and 60 mph. Over the road mileages were computed in a 57 miles tank mileage highway run in a convoy, all the cars running the same speeds at a given time. Studebaker was last place with 17 mpg with the Tempest at 22.9 mpg.

Road Test

Studebaker Commander

6-cylinder automatic transmission disk brakes with power booster, manual steering

At 55 or 60 mph, there's a little wind buffeting from an open window in a Commander. But when the window is buttoned up, most of the noise cuts off.



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SPECIAL INTEREST

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The feel of the power front disk brakes is one of the nicest we've experienced. on the medium to good blacktop road, the first impression is that the ride is a bit busy, but the body seems pretty solid. The seat to pedal location isn't too great for a long-legged person.

The instrument panel is one of the best in the group. It might be that very short people will find the steering wheel a bit intrusive; it cuts through the cluster and up into the windshield.

The ride impression is somewhat busy, although this frame is bolted tightly to the body leaving little rubber hysteresis to soak up the vibration. Windows are nice and high, and you get a good view of all the corners of the car.

The seat is comfortably upholstered, but there's no thigh support and a six footer's knee angle is a little too acute.

The engine has adequate power, but that's about all. Its economy should be more impressive to match its moderate output. Passing performance is nie with the kickdown into intermediate carrying you to an indicated 58 miles per hour.

Entry is commendable on this sedan. Doors are high and floor sills are flat at the edges. The hump is unobtrusive.

Among the car's strong point's are its roomy body, and truly excellent vision. It's like riding in a wide-open solarium, yet there's little "baking" from the lack of protective overhang. There's a good deal of seat room in the rear.

Editor's note: In the same issue Popular Mechanics published the comparison's in production between 1962 and 1963 models. in 1962 with two models, Studebaker had 94,731 produced between two models. In 1963 Studebaker production was 76,145 between three models, a 19% drop in production. Studebaker has at the end of the 1963 model year 1.04 % of total automotive production. This article was written but not published before the announcement that production would end in South Bend on December 20, 1963 RMM

Did anyone note the price of the magazine? 35 Cents

Thoughts and Prayers

Thoughts and prayers go out to Mike and Violet Borens, who's daughter-in-law Amanda passed away in July. Amanda had an 8-year battle with cancer. She hoped to live long enough to see her son graduate from high school, and by an amazing force of will, achieved that goal. When you see Mike or Violet, remind them that you care.

SPECIAL INTEREST

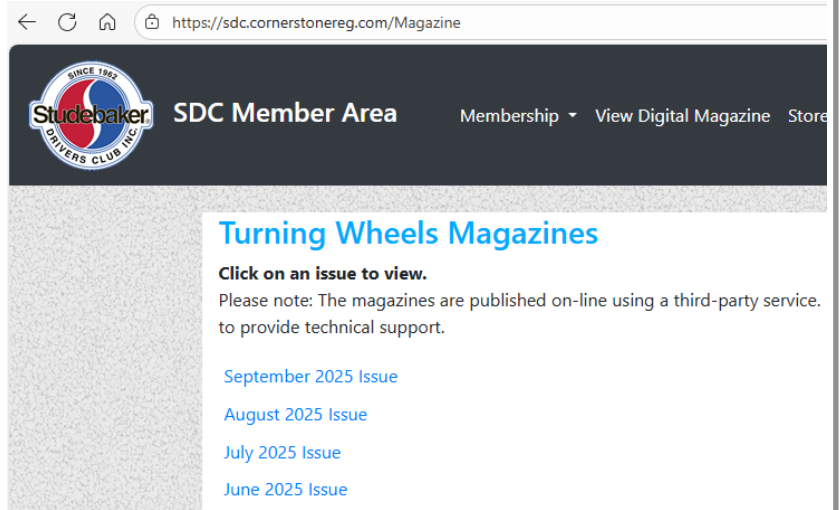
Viewing Turning Wheels online

By Larry Northington

SDC members can view the Turning Wheels magazine online by logging in to SDC at:

<https://www.studebakerdriversclub.com/>

Click on Member Area (near the top right, then click on LOGIN – I am already a member, and log in.



Click on View Digital Magazine (In the blue box).

All of the Turning Wheels starting with January 2024 are online.

If you never created a login, now is a good time to do it.

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SPECIAL INTEREST

Word Search

By Larry Northington

Here is a special word search based on the many accessories, options, and features available from Studebaker. Who has ever seen a Gas Cover Guard? Some of the terminology has evolved through the decades, such as directional signals became turn signals. This one is a little on the difficult side, with a lot of combined words with spaces removed.

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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CLOCK
DIRECTIONALSIGNALS
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WINDSHIELDVISOR

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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

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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: '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: 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.

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

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.



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Car Shows and Cruise Nights**September 20: Classic Cars Off Main:****November 8: Truly Nolen Car Show:**

For either of these events, contact Belinda Scott at Belinda.L.Thompson4@gmail.com if you would like more information, and to coordinate going with other members from our Chapter.

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.littleanthonydiner.com/> for information.

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

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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