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Christmas Potluck

By Larry Northington

Our annual holiday party on December 7 was just fun with great food and conversation. Ann Pearson hosted the party again this year. One turkey is a lot of work, and Ann made two! Ann, thank you so much. 33 friends and members made it to the party. It was nice to sit outside in the beautiful weather which was sunny and warm. The food was abundant and delicious. Everyone was generous with the 50/50 which added up to \$120. Charlotte Luczycki was the lucky winner and generously donated it back to the Chapter. Thank you to everyone to help make the party such a success. Especially to Ann Pearson for hosting, and to Belinda Scott for coordinating and making beautiful centerpieces for the tables and later given as door prizes.

It was nice to see quite a few Studebakers; John L. Lewis' 63 Hawk GT, Randy and Donna Goble's '50 Champion Starlight, Gary Spies' customized '53 Commander, Paul and Leann Storm's '60 Champ, Lou Fencl's '56 Power Hawk, Bob Loshbough's customized '61 Champ Pickup, Larry and Dee Northington's '54 Commander, and Belinda and Aaron Scott's '63 Champ.

Please enjoy the pictures below, on page 4, and the back page.



Birthday Wishes

January

- 1 Delores Shurtz
- 3 Hugh Adam
- 5 Nora Gooch
- 16 Bob Miles
- 20 Garry Klinger
- 24 Leann Storm



February

- 2 Rob Skinner
- 4 Stan Luczycki
- 7 Linda Smith
- 20 Cynthia Adam
- 27 Gilda Eneboe



Anniversary Wishes

January

- 14 Stan & Charlotte Luczycki
- 19 Ed & Linda Smith
- 25 Fred & Nora Gooch
- 28 Rosalie Torske & Jim Nereau

February

- 29 Shrek & Princess Fiona

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 4)

- Pat Robinson

Message from Our President:

Dear Studebaker Members:

Merry Christmas Eve to all of you. November and December have just flown by. I have recovered, thank goodness, from a special present from my granddaughter on Halloween! I always say that these little ones are Petri dishes. I was so sad that I missed the Thanksgiving party. Thanks to Paul Storm for picking up the turkeys and John L for cleaning up the roasters!



Ann Pearson

I do have good news, I am a grandma again! My son Graham and his wife, Ashley, had a baby boy on Sunday, the Winter Solstice. We are all so happy!

It was so nice to see many members at the Christmas Potluck at my house. I know of several people that were under the weather and missed coming. You were missed. In all, we had gorgeous weather and a wonderful time. It seems like it is over way too fast. And, congratulations to John and Jan Noble on their 60th Anniversary. I am glad we got to share that with them.

At the holidays, it is especially important to spend time with our loved ones. Our thoughts and prayers are with Larry Robinson's family. Pat recently passed away. She was a wonderful woman. We are so sorry for your loss of Pat and hope that your warm memories of Pat help you through this difficult time.

I wish all of you a safe and blessed holiday season,

Ann Pearson

From the Editors:

Dee and I returned from our trip to Patagonia (South America) December 5th to a flurry of activity, starting with our Chapter's Christmas Potluck. We had a great time in Patagonia seeing incredible landscapes including glaciers and icebergs, and wildlife including hundreds of penguins. I did note a distinct lack of classic cars. I think this was partially due to a lot of the places that we visited being fairly close to oceans and saltwater inlets.



Larry and Dee Northington

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 Belinda Scott for all of her entries to Facebook which found their way to this newsletter. And thank you to Donna Goble for proofreading.

*Dee and Larry Northington,
SAC/SDC Newsletter Editors
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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:
February 9, March 9

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 January)

Sunday,
January 18, 2026
12:00 pm

The SAC/SDC Annual Banquet: The SAC/SDC Annual Banquet will be held at John L. Lewis' digs at Far Horizons East, 7570 E Speedway in the Community Room. Food will be catered by El Molinito. Cost will be \$15 per person. You can either send in the money to the Club P.O. Box or pay at the banquet, so please RSVP to Randy at dgrg0823@comcast.net by January 12.

Saturday,
March 7, 2026

March Madness: Save the date. Our annual dual chapter event will be hosted by the Grand Canyon chapter this year. Look for details to come via email and in the next newsletter.

**See page 10 for other upcoming
events of interest.**

SAC/SDC Contact:

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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.

**Reminder: Chapter Dues are due January 1**

The dues are only \$19 with a mailed copy of the newsletter, or \$15 with an emailed newsletter.

Mail to:

Southern Arizona Chapter SDC
PO Box 12913
Tucson, AZ 85732

Inflation has gone up and up, and yet our dues has remained the same. It's nice that our Chapter does so much with so little. If not already paid, please plan on paying your dues as soon as you see this, or at the upcoming business meeting. Dee Northington really hopes to finish the roster early this year, and is threatening that anyone who hasn't paid their dues should be left off the roster. Bob Miles used to say something similar when he was the membership director. Oh... the frustration in their voices.

RECENT EVENTS**The group picture from the Holiday Party****In Memory: Pat Robinson**

One of our dearest long time members, Pat Robinson passed away in December.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Larry Robinson and family. She will be missed. A memorial service is planned for January 10 at 10 AM, Saint Mark's Methodist Church, 1431 W Magee Rd, Tucson (corner of Magee and LaCanada).



RECENT EVENTS

Thanksgiving Potluck November 15, 2025

By Larry Northington (with most of the content provided by Belinda Scott)

This year's Thanksgiving potluck was celebrated at the Far Horizon East recreation center which has a kitchen and eating area which is perfect for our potluck. Thank you to John Lewis for arranging it. We had a total of 35 people and 8 Studebakers.

Those who drove Studebakers were: Lou Fencl - '56 Transtar, Jerry and June Kaiser - '59 pickup, John Lewis - '64 Hawk, Paul and Leann Storm - '62 Lark, Craig and Jennifer Harm - '51 2R6 pickup, Steve and Bob Lanz - '62 Lark Daytona, Bob Loshbough - '61 Champ, and Aaron and Belinda drove their '63 Champ.

Robert Loshbough won the 50/50 raffle drawing for \$126.00 and since he drove his 1961 Champ, he won the entire amount.

Bill and Lori Gaither provided two tickets to the Tucson Auto Museum for the raffle, which was won by Violet Borens and Belinda Scott.

Belinda Scott provided six centerpieces for the raffle. Barbara Bemer, Bob Miles, Gayle Hosek Spies, and Belinda Scott each won a centerpiece, and Anne Magee won two centerpieces.

Thank you to everyone for sharing their mouth-watering dishes, and thanks to those who also helped with the cleaning up to return the center back to normal.



RECENT EVENTS

Helping at the Ball-Paylore House Museum - November 9, 2025
By Larry Northington

The Ball-Paylore House is a historic place in Tucson that displays a Studebaker Lark which was owned by the original home owners. Our Chapter volunteered to assist preparing the Lark for Tucson Modernism week. The house was built in 1952 and is a unique hexagonal-shaped house embracing the trends of American modernism.

Paul Storm coordinated four of our Chapter members to be there; himself, Aaron Scott, Randy Goble, and myself. We set up a table with Studebaker information and some Turning Wheels magazines. Additionally Paul and Randy prepared the Lark for display ahead of time with a little cleaning and airing up the tires. Randy and I had the afternoon shift, and I was amazed at how many people came to see the house and of course ask about the Studebaker sitting out front. I really enjoyed sharing information about Studebakers, and answering questions. I had my 1954 Commander parked to the side, for which I received quite a few compliments (which always feels good).



RECENT EVENTS**Welcome New Members:**

Alan and Lari Michaels, who own a 1948 Studebaker Commander

Jack Porter, who owns a 1964 GT Hawk R3

Rob and Marla Skinner, who own a 1963 Studebaker Avanti R2 and a 1963 Studebaker Avanti R1

New Studebaker in our Chapter; Aaron and Belinda Scott bring home a 1953 2-door sedan.



Belinda Scott with her yellow Champ and Paul Storm with his green Champ attended the Truly Nolen Car Show on November 8.



Aaron and Belinda Scott and Gary and Connie Olsen attended the Window Depot Car Show on December 14. The Scott's brought their Champ, and the Olsen's brought their Thing. One Hudson was the only other orphan, and a 1949 Chevrolet had Studebaker taillights.

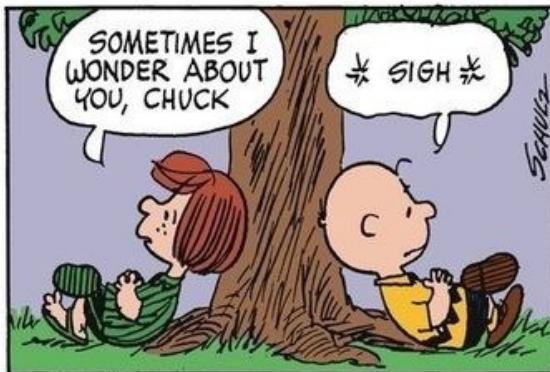
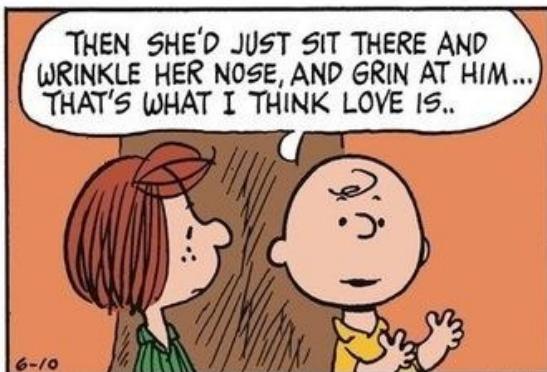
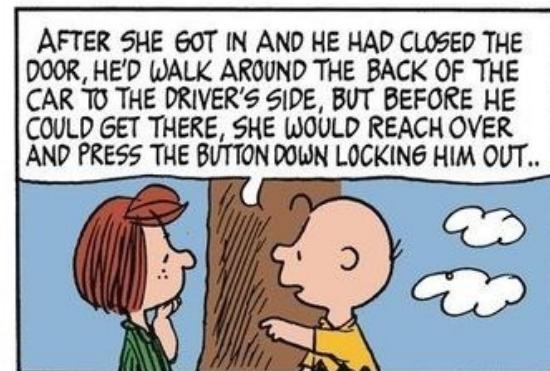
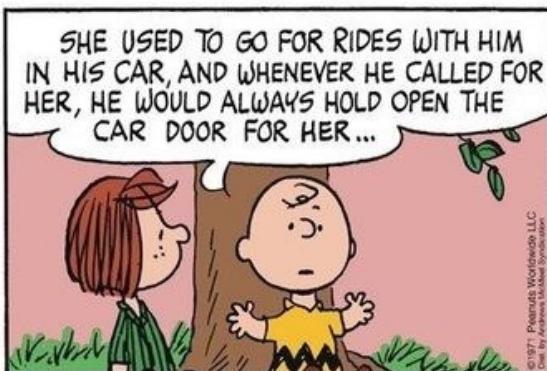
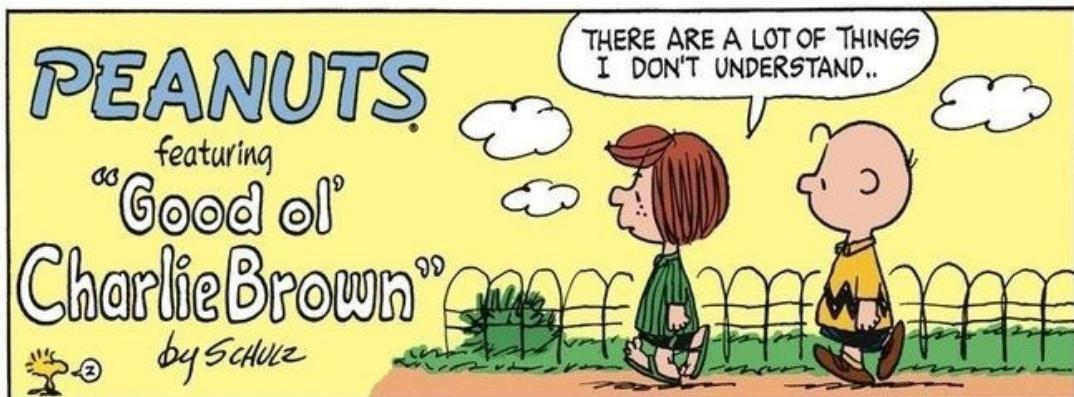


MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS

True Love

As told by Charles Schulz

(and as would be rephrased by Larry Northington's children)





STUDEBAKER ADS ~ WANTED AND FOR SALE OR TRADE



Wanted: 1957- 1959 Silver Hawk. Contact Connie Olsen: 702-540-6218, house@go-olsen.com

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: 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: '54 Champion Coupe. Has a 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 \$4,000 OBO. Call Chuck Alianza at 520-591-3652

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

More playing around with AI image creation using ChatGPT. Here is a fun image of Lou Fencl's Transtar on a Hot Wheels track.



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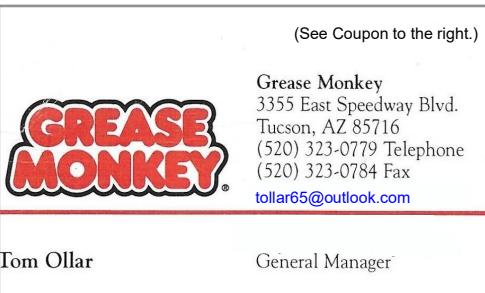
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Car Shows and Cruise Nights

February 14: The Grace Church of Sahuarita Car Show: The annual Grace Church car show presented by the men's ministry on Saturday, February 14th from 9 am to 1 pm. 2301 E Sahuarita Rd, Sahuarita. Awards will be presented at 1 pm. If you want to enter your car into the show, please register, or register your car the day of the event starting at 8 am. The cost to register your vehicle is \$25, with all net proceeds going to Grace Church student ministry. This event is FREE and open to all lookie-loos.

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.

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: _____

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Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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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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