

# The Copper Starlight

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# THE ANNUAL SOUTHERN ARIZONA CHAPTER BANQUET

By Bob Miles and Larry Northington

The Southern Arizona Chapter held its annual Banquet at the Sheraton Hotel on Grant Rd. with a parking lot show of members' Studebakers proceeding a buffet luncheon in the hotel dining room. Lunch included a salad, 2 main course entrees, and delectable desert.

Attending from the Grand Canyon State Chapter were Russ & Sharon Ware, George Gezelius, Jim Clever, Ed & Linda Smith, Bill & Peggy Eastburn, and Michell Eastburn. (Of course, some of these members are also members of our Southern Arizona Chapter.) And from SAC, Randy and Donna Goble, Bruce Sandburg and Delores Shurtz, Lou Fencl, John Lewis and guest, Mike Heard, Bob Miles, Gloria Schmetzer and Alice de Buhr, Gary and Connie Olsen, Chuck and Louise Stanford, Duane Cowan, Tory Cowan, Hugh Adam, Deb Crooks, Gary and Gayle Spies, Larry and Pat Robinson, Fred and Nora Gooch, Bob and Eileen Loshbough, Stan and Charlotte Luczycki, Hugh Adam, John and Janice Noble, Keith and Marie Ambs, and Larry and Dee Northington.

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A beautiful day for a Studebaker gathering



Checking out the classics

# **Birthday Wishes**



#### March

2 Duane Cowan 7 Jay Bodle 19 Deb Crooks 20 Alice Alianza 28 Bruce Eneboe

#### <u>April</u>

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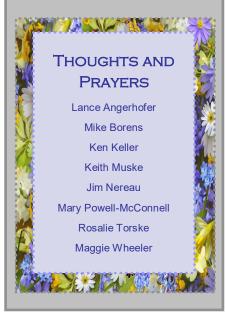
# **Anniversary Wishes**

#### March

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#### April

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#### **MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT:**

#### Greetings,

I have not seen any numbers yet, but the Chapter seems to have come out okay after the Annual Banquet at the Sheraton hotel. Not too many upsets for using a new location. I enjoyed myself and I hope everyone else did too, and by the way anyone can sit at the same table as the President, it's okay.

The person that we all owe our gratitude to is Bob Miles. From the very start he secured the location, decided the menu, donated raffle and auction items, and manned the registration table the day of the event. Thanks Bob. The success of the gathering was also due to the support of the Phoenix members that helped get the attendance up, thanks.



Randy Goble

For the second year in a row now planning any kind of outing, meeting or car show has proved to be difficult. While on the subject of planning things being difficult, we had to change locations for the March Gathering on Saturday, March 12. The new location will be the Freddy's in Vail, AZ instead of the Freddy's on Orange Grove in Tucson. Due to the lead time needed for Turning Wheels magazine, their calendar shows the incorrect location. Please check the more current information in the SAC newsletter or webpage. All are welcome and we will do our best to make this event as fun as possible.

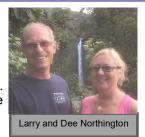
Until next time, best wishes to everyone!

Randy

#### From the Editors:

Dear Members:

It has been another great two months of club activity for our Chapter, and great activities are planned for the future. Our '54 Commander is back on the road, and we will make every effort to drive it to the March event. (It is still far from complete, but looking good.)



Please note on page 10 that we have two new advertisers: All Veterans Towing and Ramsower's Automotive.

We welcome pictures and story submissions. If you see a picture in the newsletter that you would like a full resolution picture of, just ask. Our email is LD54Studebaker@gmail.com.

Thank you to Bob Miles for his article contributions, and to Donna Goble for proofreading.

Dee and Larry Northington, SAC/SDC Newsletter Editors LD54Studebaker@gmail.com

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

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Mondays, Mar 21, April 18, May 16, and June 20 of 2022

Board Meeting: 11:30 a.m., Hungry Fox Restaurant, 4637 E. Broadway, Tucson, AZ. 520-326-2835.

Saturday, March 12th, 2022

Studebaker March Gathering: Calling all Studebaker's, come one, come all. The Southern Arizona Chapter of the Studebaker Drivers Club will be hosting Studebaker March Gathering at Freddy's Frozen Custard / Steakburgers, located at 10205 E Old Vail Rd, Tucson, AZ 85747, about 20 miles further East of Orange Grove. Heading East on I-10 go to mile marker #275 at Houghton Rd. Go North on Houghton Rd. for 1.5 miles, over the freeway on the new bridge over the railroad tracks, and turn left on E. Old Vail Rd. and you will see Freddy's on the right. In addition to the cars and food, Freddy's will have complimentary frozen custards. There is also shopping available. Start time will be at 10:00 A.M. and expected to go until 2:00 P.M. Prizes for cars, peoples choice, raffle items, and 50 /50 cash prizes.

Contact John L. Lewis at lewishoot@cox.net or 520-954-0904.

Bring your valve cover race car and compete to win a trophy. Please bring your own chairs.

Thursday, April 14th, 2022

<u>Lunch At Ryan Air Field:</u> 9698 West Ajo Way, 520-883-9800. We will meet at 11:30, and as always please RSVP John L. Lewis at lewishoot@cox.net if you plan to attend. The weather should be pretty nice so you may get a little fresh air in your Studebaker.

Saturday, May 7th, 2022

**Breakfast In the Park:** Look forward to breakfast at Agua Caliente Park. Look for time and details in the next newsletter.

### **SAC/SDC Contact:**

John L. Lewis, Vice-President 520-954-0904 or lewishoot@cox.net

## Reminder For Up-Coming Events:

Check the Chapter's website to verify date, place, and time:

https://soazsdc.org/

\*\*\*Notice: A reminder from John L. Lewis that everyone should have an approved fire extinguisher displayed at your left front wheel during all meets in the future. 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 CHAPTER EVENTS

## Gaslight Theatre December 27, 2021

#### By Bob Miles

Our club members were treated to the Gaslight Theatre showing of ELF'D, a favorite Christmas spoof lifted right out of the movie ELF. Our outing was originally scheduled for December 4, 2021 but we were notified that one of the staff had tested positive for COVID and the show was canceled. Later, a special showing for Monday December 27, 2021 was announced to take the place of the originally scheduled show. As it was after the holiday, all the stress of doing things before made the show great fun. The show is the story of the world's tallest elf coming back to New York and of course saves Christmas from the evil clutches of the villain. The after show was full of jokes and songs ending with Auld Lang Syne. Celebrations noted by the staff were John L. Lewis's birthday, and Steve and Gail Ault's 54th wedding anniversary.

Attendees were Larry and Dee Northington and guest, Bruce Sandburg and Delores Schurtz and daughter, Mike Heard, John L. Lewis, Bob Miles, Ann Pearson and Max, Steve and Gail Ault and 2 guests, Deb Crooks and family of 6, Randy and Donna Goble, and last but not least, Pacific Southwest Board Director Ed Smith and Linda Smith.

Editor's note: For those that have never been, the Gaslight Theater transports us back in time to a type of live presentation that no longer exists. It is known for raucous laughter, campy jokes, and outbursts of song. The audience is always encouraged to yell out "booooo" anytime the villain does or says anything bad, which always adds to the fun.









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# February Lunch February 3, 2022

The February lunch was originally scheduled to be held at the Mesquite Grill in Saddlebrooke, however the Grill had a team member with Covid-19 and therefore closed temporarily for safety reasons. John L quickly got on the phone to find another place, and Bubb's Grub saved the day. It was a great gathering, with 25 folks attending. Some started at the caravan location, and others met directly at the restaurant. Bubb's Grub is in Catalina, on Highway 77 (Oracle Rd.), and specializes in Texas style BBQ. Everyone seemed to thoroughly enjoy the food.



Jay Bodle and his '50 Commander





Keith Ambs '63 Avanti



**Great Conversation** 



Plenty of room for a large gathering

#### **CONTRIBUTIONS FROM OTHER CHAPTERS**

# Repairing a Steering Wheel by Steve Mangione

About fifteen years ago I visited Bob Kaptyn in Joliet, Illinois. I had already made a few purchases from Bob including all four NOS fenders for my 42 Commander. Not only did he have the fenders but he also had an aisle marked "1942 Studebakers". The shelves had been picked clean of all the best parts, but there was a rare steering wheel that was an optional fancy wheel in 1942. The problem was that it was in rough shape. Cracks and stains took away a lot of its value. I bought the wheel for \$45.00 hoping to have it restored someday. After some research I found that that Schrock Brothers were highly recommended. (They have since retired). The price at the time was about four hundred dollars for a restoration. I felt that that was a little to rich for me, I wasn't sure my car would ever be done and I didn't want to throw good money after bad. A little research today yielded this information: "Pricing for Steering Wheel Restoration A wheel with multiple cracks, severe checking or deterioration, and/or a partially exposed core will usually run between \$700-\$750. A wheel that has to be reconstructed (large pieces missing, damaged core, etc) may be between \$750-\$900."

Most of the professional rebuilders actually make a mold and restore the plastic over your wheels steel frame.

My wheel was intact with a lot of cracks so I decided to make an attempt at a repair using PC-7, two part epoxy. As you can see it went on very rough. Slightly heating helped a little followed by filing and then sanding with fine sand paper. It came out ready for paint and looking pretty good.



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#### **CONTRIBUTIONS FROM OTHER CHAPTERS**

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Two years later I have picked up some fine hair line cracks where the widest cracks were located, but you have to look for them to find them. Some restoration shops that were recommended on the Studebaker Addicts Facebook Page and the Studebaker Forum were:

Steering Wheel Bob - <a href="https://www.steeringwheelbob.com/">https://www.steeringwheelbob.com/</a>
D&D Automobilia - <a href="http://danddautomobilia.com/Welcome.html">http://danddautomobilia.com/Welcome.html</a>
Eastwood also sells a kit - <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2fkiGXsiSs4">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2fkiGXsiSs4</a>





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#### Addendum by Larry Northington:

I did something very similar with my steering wheel. Instead of PC-7, I used a product called Polyvance Advanced Polymer Repair. I believe this product is superior for hard plastic. There is an excellent video using this product for steering wheel repair at: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4hchil.poXWE">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4hchil.poXWE</a>. I also used JB Weld for Plastic for some of the larger gaps. Regardless of the repair substance used, the process takes time and patience, and the wheel will need to be painted afterward. I painted the wheel with a single stage urethane paint. Someone on the Studebaker Forum claimed great success using Rustoleum appliance epoxy. Recasting the steering wheel is definitely the best way to go for originality, but repair with epoxy or a polymer is much more budget friendly, and the results are pretty nice.





I was very happy with the results

#### RECENT CHAPTER EVENTS

# The Annual Southern Arizona Chapter Banquet (Continued from Page 1)

The meeting began after the delicious lunch. Randy introduced the newest members of the Chapter; Gary and Gayle Spies, and Gary and Connie Olsen. Peggy Eastburn was invited to speak about the origins of the Chapter and events of the Grand Canyon Chapter, which she did with flair and enthusiasm. The awards/raffle items were then announced: the 50/50 drawing was won by Jim Clever for \$98.00. The Men's and Women's door prizes of cash \$35.00 were awarded to Sharon Ware and Bob Loshbough. People's Choice award went to John L Lewis in the amount of \$40.00 which he donated back to the chapter.

Members of the Year were Larry and Dee Northington and they were presented with a framed certificate. Five raffle item numbers were drawn. Nora Gooch won the Air Fryer, Hydraulic Jack won by Bruce Sandburg, Tools won by Bob Miles, Ladies bath items won by Sharon Ware, and the Studebaker Creamer and Sugar bowl won by Michell Eastburn.

Randy was the auctioneer for numerous auction items which was a nice win for the buyers and SAC. A big thank you to all the contributors.

Quite a few Studebakers made it to the event, and Michell Eastburn displayed her Studebaker Jr Goat Wagon.



Candidly caught driving to the event



L-R: Gayle and Gary Spies, Gary and Connie Olsen, and Pat and Larry Robinson



Members of the year award



26 years separate these Studebakers



A perfect room for the event



Studebaker Jr Goat Wagon



#### STUDEBAKER ADS ~ WANTED AND FOR SALE OR TRADE (AND MISC)



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

<u>Wanted</u>: Dealership license plate frames, such as, Frost & French or Palm Springs Studebaker. Fred Gooch 520-883-7418, email <a href="mailto:nora.gooch@yahoo.com">nora.gooch@yahoo.com</a>

<u>Wanted</u>: Two Studebaker emblems or letters (don't care about year or model) for plaque. Contact Steve Ault: email gsajourney@yahoo.com or phone or text 520 603 5342.

<u>For Sale: Studebaker models</u>: Beautiful '57 Studebaker Golden Hawk model in original box like new, \$60.00. Call Joyce Mooney at 520-977-7864.

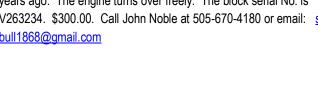
**For Sale:** 1921 Packard Single Six, 1923 Studebaker 2 door Special Six, 1927 Studebaker 4 door and lots of Hawk parts. For more information, call John Nuell, a friend of a member, 289-441-1545.

For Sale: 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: <a href="mailto:slow-bull1868@gmail.com">slow-bull1868@gmail.com</a>

<u>For Sale:</u> Two New Tan Studebaker seatbelts with Studebaker emblem, with all hardware. \$30.00 each. Email John L. Lewis at, <a href="mailto:lewishoot@cox.net">lewishoot@cox.net</a> or call 520-954-0904

For Sale: 1947 4 Door Champion. Wheels powder coated, new Firestone tires, rebuilt carburetor, new fuel pump, rebuilt starter, and new radiator core. Motor runs. Needs radiator hoses, only run engine for a few minutes to hear it. No brakes, Paint not good shape, and windows are there but broken.

\$4,500. Call Maxx Decruz in Benson, Az 520-254-2422 or email xdirsadc@att.net





# For Beautiful Studebaker Steering Wheel Covers Contact

Marj Scooros

marjsbaubles@yahoo.com

One for \$20.00, two or more \$15.00 each. For orders, the diameter of the steering wheel is needed along with the year, model and color of the car.

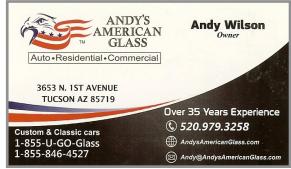


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## **Car Shows and Cruise Nights**

Sunday, May 29, 2022: The 48th La Palma Car Show & Swap Meet, in La Palma Park, Anaheim, California www.StudebakerSoCal.com. The largest Studebaker Car Show in the West! Scheduled for 8A.M. to 3P.M.

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.

<u>Fridays:</u> 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 website for future car shows: https://littleanthonysdiner.com/car-shows

Arizona Car Shows | AutoCarShow.Events <u>https://autocarshow.events/car-shows/united-states/arizona/</u>

For more fun events go to: http://www.carnuts.org And in the state of AZ: http://www.cruisinarizona.com/

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.

The Gaslight Music Hall in Oro Valley. Please check the website for future dates, email <a href="heather.gaslight@gmail">heather.gaslight@gmail</a>. Nothing scheduled at this time for car shows.) Concerts will be held on selected evenings outdoors at 5:30 p.m. Please check the website. Bring your own blanket.

#### 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) Complete the membership application below. 2) Write a check or money order for \$15 for a full year, payable to Southern Arizona Chapter, SDC. This includes an e-mailed copy of The Copper Starlight. An additional charge of \$3.00 required for a mailed copy of the newsletter. 3) Enclose an additional \$29.00 if you are a new SDC member or the amount for one of the categories below if you are a returning member. 4) Mail to Membership Director:

Southern Arizona Chapter of The Studebaker Drivers Club PO Box 12913 Tucson, AZ 85732

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☐ Student & Young Adult Membership (To 22 yrs old)	\$29	\$87	\$145
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