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## All Arizona Studebaker Gathering March Madness

**March 24, 2012**

**10:00 a.m.-3 p.m.**

**Foothills Mall**

**7401 North La Cholla Blvd.**

**Tucson, AZ 85741**

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## From the Editor's Pen.....

Nearly 40 million people heard Studebaker mentioned on the Oscar awards program, Sunday, February 26th when Kermit the Frog uttered "Studebaker" in a segment with Miss Piggy. We couldn't ask for a better spokesman for our beloved marque.

Jerry Kaiser's e-mail address was misspelled in the past two newsletters and it has been corrected this month. If you tried reaching him about valve covers or the March event via e-mail please try again. My apologies for the error.

This month, fun facts about Arizona are featured in a list sent by Scott Grainger. Arizonans should find them informative and our out-of-state members will learn interesting bits of information about our state. There are more facts to come in the next couple of months.

Thanks to Scott for the list and to our other contributors - June Kaiser for the cover, Dan Kuhl, Dan Andersen, Dennis Lynde, Colin Fort, Linda Smith and Ed Smith. And, kudos to Dan Kuhl for being published in the March *Turning Wheels*.

Hope to see you at March Madness on the 24th.

Chris

## PROPOSED CHANGE TO GCSC BY-LAWS

The board is requesting the following changes to Article 3, Section 4: *Expenditure of Chapter Funds of ~~\$50.00~~ \$100.00 or More*

*Any expenditure of Chapter funds of ~~\$50.00~~ \$100.00 or more to pay debts or for any other purpose shall be brought up to the membership present at a regularly scheduled business meeting. A majority vote will be required by the membership present before any funds can be expended. If an emergency should arise and an expenditure of ~~\$50.00~~ \$100.00 or more has to be made before a regularly scheduled business meeting, the Board may make the expenditure. A full disclosure of the expenditure shall be made by the Treasurer in the report given at the next business meeting, and in the report published in the Chapter publication.*

As costs keep rising the current \$50.00 limit requires the membership approve most normal operating expenditures. This increase would allow the board to approve payments under \$100.00. Membership approval would still be required for amounts over \$100.00.

The by-law change will be voted on at the Chapter's April meeting.

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**From the President.....**

I have been talking to a lot of new people lately and most appear to know what a Studebaker is and most peoples' parents drove a Stude at one time or another. A lot of people say that the car they learned to drive on was a Studebaker. This is great and very interesting. I also hear a lot of people say that they didn't know Studebaker made a truck. They think the only car made was the bullet nose and they refer to it as the car that you can't tell if it was coming or going. I think it is time we take charge and make an attempt to show what Studebakers are all about.



Just how is this to be done you ask? We have the largest single manufacturer car club in the world and still people don't know about the existence of Studebakers today. There are a lot of things that are not well known about Studebakers, even by owners. There has been a lot of hype lately about Danica Patrick driving a race car. I was reading about a more interesting lady called Paula Murphy. Paula set no fewer than 360 world speed records. She started out being invited to a drag race. She saw a ladies race said I can do that. She was offered an Alfa Romero to drive and won her first race. Then she raced in a Porsche, a Maserati and a Ferrari.

Paula started Stock Car racing after getting a call from Studebaker and Andy Granatelli. She drove an Avanti coast to coast and border to border and set four transcontinental speed records. She didn't finish there because Paula then went to Bonneville with Studebaker in 1963, and set over 360 production car records in a range of new models. Paula set a 1,000 mile record in a 6 cylinder Studebaker Lark of 100.31mph on a huge circular course at Bonneville. Andy asked if she wanted to go faster and go for a land speed record. She answered "sure". They put her in a Studebaker Hawk and she went 154mph for the flying mile. Then she went in the Avanti and went 161mph. That was quite a thrill she stated.

Paula Murphy was the first woman to drive alone at Indianapolis Motor Speedway in a racing car, which was a major achievement at the time. It was in a super-charged Studebaker Novi race car, and she set test laps with an average speed of over 100 mph.

What does all this mean? These are just a few more facts that can be used to remind others of the wonder of Studebaker and to show them the survivability of the Studebaker cars and trucks. You don't always have to show a restored car to get people to recognize the brand. Carry a picture, talk the name, ask them to join us at an event. Come out and support your club.

See you at the next gathering.

**Ed Smith**

**CELEBRATE!**

**March Birthdays**



3	Richard Phegley	16	Brian Dersh
6	Virginia Steinmetz	16	Frank Green
9	Joan Hahn	17	Linda Cook
11	Robert Mitchell	19	Chet Gandy
11	Joan Painter	20	Michael Holub
11	Linda Peck	21	Ruth Pike
11	Cheryl Ray	22	Don Grobengeiser
12	Tom Pfahler	24	Norman Marineau
15	Jim Duel	24	George Van Zee
15	Bob Brown	25	Shawn Miller

**March Anniversaries**

3	Larry & Pat Swanson
4	Harold & Deanna Manley
16	Larry & Ruth Cushing
18	Rob & Cheryl Ray
23	Walter & Nicki Ready
28	Joe & Betty Von Behren

**Welcome New Members**

Ken Pyle and Cheryl Monico  
12821 W. Corrine Drive  
El Mirage, AZ 85335  
623-478-2569

1961 Lark Station Wagon  
1962 Lark 2 dr project

*Ken is an experienced Studebaker mechanic and welcomes inquiries about the services he can provide.*

Greg and Heide Zurlinden  
1280 Lone Pine Dam Road  
Show Low, AZ 85901  
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ladylillian25@hotmail.com  
1925 Standard Six, 5 pass. Coupe ER  
*This is the car raffled by the Tucson Police Foundation.*



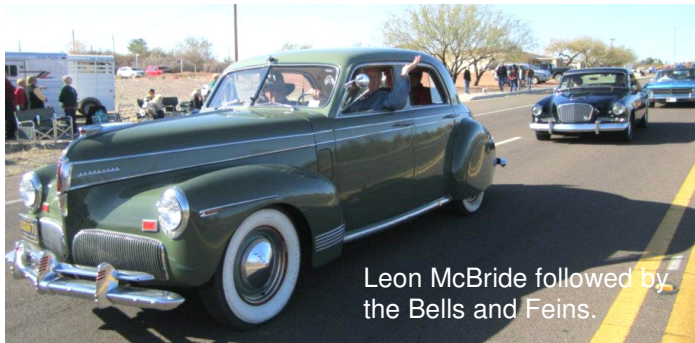
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## PAST EVENT REPORT

### GOLD RUSH DAYS PARADE

By Linda Smith, GCSC Vice President

On February 18th, six Studebakers paraded through Wickenburg for this annual event. Ed and Linda Smith in their 1951 Stakebed were joined by John and Kim Rodhouse in their 1950 2R5, Steve Fein and his brother Richard in a 1966 Cruiser, Buddy and Elaine Wright in their 1953 2R5, Neil and Ruth Bell in their 1960



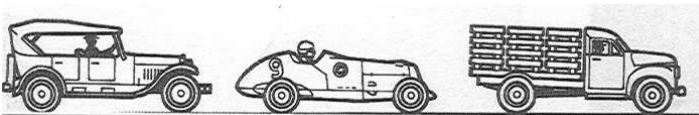
Leon McBride followed by the Bells and Feins.

Hawk and Leon McBride and friends in his 1941 Land Cruiser. Mike and Sue King joined us, also, riding in Steve Fein's Cruiser.

I want to thank all that came out. We had a great time in the parade, lots of comments and pictures by the crowd. We then met at the FireSide Grill and had an awesome lunch. Since we all had Studebakers, we decided to give everyone a chance to win a door prize. Kim Rodhouse and Al Streick (friend of Leon's) won 10 and 20 dollar gift cards that might have helped with the gasoline going home!!! We also received a leather plaque from the Wickenburg Chamber of Commerce for the 'Best Automobile Convey' in the parade. Very nice.

Check out the pictures on the Chapter's Facebook page: Studebakers Grand Canyon State Chapter

Thanks again for those whose joined us that day. Drive your Studebaker.



## Pacific Southwest Zone Director Report

Submitted by Colin Fort

First of all, I want to let you know how much I appreciate serving as the Director for this Zone for one more term. I always attend the Board meetings and I will keep you informed as to any major events.

A picture of the next to the last Studebaker (1966 Station Wagon) off the assembly line was pictured in the last issue of *Turning Wheels*. It is in Harrah's collection in Reno, Nevada. I happen to be the proud sponsor of that car. I am responsible for the cleaning, waxing and maintenance of the car.

I think it would be a great idea if we all considered sponsoring a Studebaker in either our Museum or any Museum or display in your area. I know the Karel Staple Chapter is active in promoting the museum in Sacramento. It's a way to stay on top of things and to insure that cars like these stay in the forefront and do not deteriorate and become relegated to some rear building as part of the collection that is not seen again. I would like to hear from others in the club who have taken on a similar function.

Thank You.

*Editor's Note:* Members who attended our January meeting at the Martin Auto Museum learned the chapter is sponsoring the 1931 Commander presently in the museum and will sponsor any others that eventually are displayed there. Several chapter members volunteered to help with the care and maintenance; thanks to Gary Olson, Richard Dormois, Don Aden, Chuck Collins, Denny Lockmon, Jon Carter, John Rodhouse, Brian Millette and Edward Santilli.

It was with sadness we learned of the passing this past year of Chapter member John McCullough. John and his wife Sandra were the proud owners of a 1955 Champion. A donation has been made by the chapter to the Studebaker National Museum and this note was received from Sandra.

Thank you so much for your kind words and contribution in John's honor. We have a home in Granger, IN, a suburb of South Bend, and were frequent visitors at the Studebaker National Museum. We often took visiting friends and family there.

Again, thank you.

Sandra McCullough



Photos courtesy of Linda Smith.

### CHAPTER NAME BADGE

Order your Chapter name badge by contacting Chris Collins at [ccollinsaz@cox.net](mailto:ccollinsaz@cox.net) or 602-995-5311. The price is \$5.00 each for pin back or \$6.00 each for magnet back.

## GRAND CANYON STATE CHAPTER UPCOMING EVENTS

- MARCH 3** 14TH ANNUAL MOTORSPORTS DAY AT ARIZONA COMMUNITY CHURCH, 9325 S. RURAL RD., 9AM-1PM. ENJOY!
- MARCH 6** ARIZONA AUTOMOBILE HOBBYIST COUNCIL (AAHC) MEETING 7:00 PM AT SANDERSON FORD, 5300 NW GRAND AVE, GLENDALE. INFO: 623-204-9172
- MARCH 9-11** GOODGUYS SPRING NATIONALS AT WESTWORLD, SCOTTSDALE. CALL 925-838-9876 FOR INFO OR VISIT <http://www.good-guys.com/>
- MARCH 11** 27TH ANNUAL WINTER MEET HOSTED BY THE LOS ANGELES CHAPTER AT PETERSEN AUTOMOTIVE MUSEUM, 6060 WILSHIRE BLVD., L.A. \$20. REGISTRATION AT GATE. MUST BE PARKED BY 10AM. VENDOR SPACE AVAILABLE. CONTACT ANDREA 'ENTHAL AT AENTHAL@YAHOO.COM OR HOWARD AT 818-606-0267. SEE PAGE 47 OF MARCH *TURNING WHEELS* FOR MORE INFORMATION.
- MARCH 15-17** ASC ANNUAL PALM SPRINGS MEET. HOST HOTEL: PALM SPRINGS TRAVELODGE AT \$69. 760-327-1211. CALL FOR ROOM AVAILABILITY. EVENT ACTIVITIES INCLUDE TIRE KICKING, MEET & GREETES, GROUP MEALS, DRIVE TOURS AND EVENTS. \$25/PERSON, PAYABLE AT EVENT. RSVP TO FRANK WENZEL BY MARCH 10 AT 760-322-8762
- MARCH 24** **SOUTHERN ARIZONA CHAPTER HOSTS ANNUAL ALL ARIZONA STUDEBAKER GATHERING (MARCH MADNESS) AT FOOTHILLS MALL, 7401 N. LA CHOLLA BLVD., TUCSON. DASH PLAQUES, RAFFLES, FUN JUDGING WITH AWARDS AND VALVE COVER RACING (SEE PG. 9 FOR THE RULES). INFO: JERRY AT GKaiser493@EARTHLINK.NET OR 520-616-0434**  
**GCSC MEMBERS CAN JOIN A CARAVAN LEAVING AT 8:00 AM FROM THE CRACKER BARREL RESTAURANT AT I-10 AND CHANDLER BLVD. INFO: LINDA AT 602-618-7691**
- APRIL 7** **CHAPTER GATHERING AT ADOBE MOUNTAIN RAILROAD PARK, 43RD AVE & PINNACLE PEAK RD, GLENDALE FROM 10:00 AM - 2:30 PM. TRAIN RIDES, POT LUCK, MEETING. INFO: SEE PAGE 6 OR CONTACT LINDA AT [lindagsmith@cox.net](mailto:lindagsmith@cox.net) or 602-618-7691**
- MAY 4-6** HISTORIC ROUTE 66 FUN RUN. FOR INFORMATION VISIT [HTTP://WWW.AZRT66.COM](http://www.azrt66.com)
- MAY 10-13** ASC SOUTHWEST ZONE MEET IN SHOW LOW. TOURS, BANQUET, AWARDS. FOR INFO CONTACT MALCOLM STINSON AT 928-537-2571 OR [swstudebaker@frontiernet.net](mailto:swstudebaker@frontiernet.net) SEE PAGE 13 OF ONLINE EDITION FOR REGISTRATION FORM.
- MAY 27** 38TH ANNUAL LA PALMA CAR SHOW & PARTS EXCHANGE AT LA PALMA PARK, ANAHEIM, CA, 8:00AM-3:00PM. HOSTED BY ORANGE EMPIRE CHAPTER. INFO: GORDON AT 714-835-0249. SEE PAGE 45 OF THE MARCH *TURNING WHEELS* FOR REGISTRATION.
- JULY 29-AUG. 4** 48TH INTERNATIONAL SDC MEET HOSTED BY MICHIANA CHAPTER & STUDEBAKER NATIONAL MUSEUM IN SOUTH BEND. INFO: [HTTP://WWW.SDCMEET.COM](http://www.sdcmeet.com) OR IN *TURNING WHEELS*.
- AUGUST 17-19** NORTH CENTRAL ZONE MEET IN GERING, NE. HEADQUARTERS HOTEL: MONUMENT INN & SUITES AT \$72+TAX. 304-436-1950. INFO: STUART AT 308-783-5144
- SEPTEMBER 8** **INTERNATIONAL DRIVE YOUR STUDEBAKER DAY. SUGGESTIONS FOR AN EVENT OR ACTIVITY ARE WELCOME. CONTACT LINDA AT [lindagsmith@cox.net](mailto:lindagsmith@cox.net) or 602-618-7691**
- SEPTEMBER 21-23** **PACIFIC SOUTHWEST ZONE MEET HOSTED BY WASATCH MOUNTAIN CHAPTER IN SALT LAKE CITY. INFO HERE: <http://www.studebakerdrivers.net/meet.htm> OR CONTACT FRED AT 801-969-9235**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

We are looking forward to seeing a lot of you at the March Madness on March 24th in Tucson. Remember ladies, it is at the Mall. There will be valve cover racing and lots of cars to see. (See the newsletter cover for details.)

We also have an invited to the Over the Hill Gang Spring Picnic at Gold Canyon on March 31. Free coffee and donuts from 7 to 10. The entry fee (\$30 until March 17, \$35 day of show) includes a BBQ lunch for 2 and a tee shirt. There will be trophies, 50/50 raffle, a Poker Walk, free popcorn and more. For more information see <http://www.nationwidecarshows.com/events/6372.pdf>

We have also planned a chapter gathering at the Adobe Mountain Railroad Park on 43<sup>rd</sup> and Pinnacle Peak on April 7th Show up by 10:00 am and get prepared to ride on the trains and view some very good train layouts. It will be a picnic setting in the middle of the train yard so bring the family and enjoy Cars, Trains, Picnic and People. The picnic will be pot luck and the chapter will provide table ware and beverages. See April ECHO for more details.

Still looking for ideas and volunteers for future activities. Contact me at [lindagsmith@cox.net](mailto:lindagsmith@cox.net) or 602-618-7691.

Submitted by Linda Smith.



## ~~ STUDEBAKER HISTORY ~~

### March

- 1 1961 Studebaker-Packard acquires Chemical Compounds, Inc. Name later changed to STP
- 2 1895 Henry Studebaker dies
- 3 1960 Studebaker-Packard acquires Gravely Tractors, Inc.
- 4 1966 Announcement of Canadian plant closing.
- 5 1962 Studebaker-Packard acquires Schafer, Inc.
- 9 1935 Studebaker out of receivership.
- 12 1831 Clement Studebaker born
- 16 1917 John M. Studebaker dies.
- 16 1962 Studebaker-Packard acquires Paxton Products, Inc.
- 17 1966 Last Studebaker built in Canada.
- 19 1931 Knute Rockne named manager of sales promotion for Studebaker
- 20 1980 Leo Newman dies
- 21 1933 Studebaker goes into receivership
- 26 1868 H&C Studebaker renamed Studebaker Brothers Manufacturing Company
- 30 1962 Studebaker receives \$19.5 Million contract for military trucks
- 31 1931 Knute Rockne dies in plane crash

# March 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Questions? Cal Chris at 602-995-5311				1	2	3 ACC Show
4	5	6 AAHC Meeting	7	8	9 Good Guys	10
11 Daylight Savings Time Begins	12	13	14	15 ASC Palm Springs	16	17 
18	19	20 	21	22	23	24 March Madness
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

# Fun and Fascinating Arizona Facts!

Submitted by Scott Grainger

February was a special month for those of us who live in Arizona. Happy 100th Birthday, Arizona!

- Arizona has 3,928 mountain peaks and summits—more mountains than any one of the other Mountain States (Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming).
- All New England, plus the state of Pennsylvania would fit inside Arizona.
- Arizona became the 48th state and last of the contiguous states on February 14, 1912.
- Arizona's disparate climate can yield both the highest temperature across the nation and the lowest temperature across the nation in the same day.
- There are more wilderness areas in Arizona than in the entire Midwest. Arizona alone has 90 wilderness areas, while the Midwest has 50.
- Arizona has 26 peaks that are more than 10,000 feet in elevation.
- Arizona has the largest contiguous stand of ponderosa pines in the world stretching from near Flagstaff along the Mogollon Rim to the White Mountains region.
- Yuma, Arizona is the country's highest producer of winter vegetables, especially lettuce.
- Arizona is the 6th largest state in the nation, covering 113,909 square miles.
- Out of all the states in the U.S., Arizona has the largest percentage of its land designated as Indian lands.
- The "Five C's" of Arizona's economy are: Cattle, Copper, Citrus, Cotton, and Climate.
- More copper is mined in Arizona than all the other states combined, and the Morenci Mine is the largest copper producer in all of North America.
- Clark Gable and Carole Lombard, two of the most prominent movie stars of Hollywood's Golden Age, were married on March 18, 1939, in Kingman, Arizona.
- Covering 18,608 sq. miles, Coconino County is the second largest county by land area in the 48 contiguous United States
- The world's largest solar telescope is located at Kitt Peak National Observatory in Sells, Arizona.
- Bisbee, Arizona is known as the Queen of the Copper Mines because during its mining heyday it produced nearly 25 percent of the world's copper and was the largest city in the Southwest between Saint Louis and San Francisco.
- Billy the Kid killed his first man, Windy Cahill, in Bonita, Arizona.
- Arizona grows enough cotton each year to make more than one pair of jeans for every person in the United States.
- Famous labor leader and activist Cesar Chavez was born in Yuma.
- In 1912, President William Howard Taft was ready to make Arizona a state on February 12, but it was Lincoln's birthday. The next day, the 13th, was considered bad luck so they waited until the following day. That's how Arizona became known as the "Valentine State."

More fun and fascinating facts next month.



Courtesy of the Arizona Secretary of State's Office

*S.G.*

This is Arizona's flag. Blue and gold are the state colors. The copper star is there to remind us of the state's copper industry.

The copper star is rising from a blue field on the flag. At the top of the flag are rays, like a setting sun.



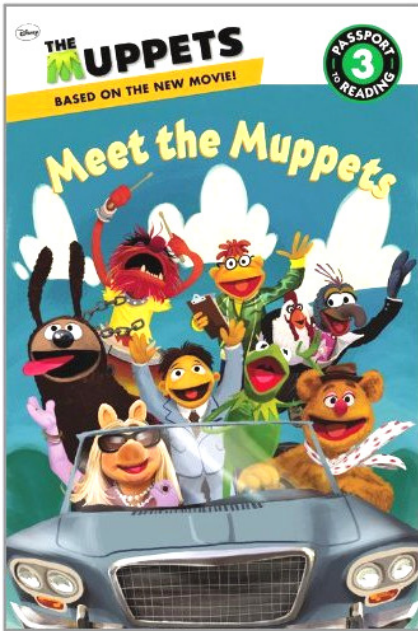
## ECHO QUIZZES by Ed Smith

### March Quiz:

#### Sewing questions for the ladies or guys, if you know

1. When would you NOT use a French seam?
2. How can freezer paper be used in sewing?
3. What are Bugle beads?
4. What is a Tailor's ham?
5. What is Ticking?

Submit your answers to a board member. The answers to and the winners of the February and March quizzes will be posted in next month's *ECHO*.



### Valve Cover Racing Rules

As printed in the January/February *The Copper Starlight*, newsletter of the Southern Arizona Chapter

These are the official rules for a Studebaker Valve Cover Racer to race at March Madness, March 24th.

1. Total weight cannot exceed 10 pounds. There will be an official scale.
2. Must be a Studebaker valve cover.
3. Total length must not exceed 10% over stock length of original valve cover.
4. Dimensions may be no longer than 12" high or 12" wide.
5. No sharp edges or sharp protrusions on the racer.
6. Must be gravity powered. Absolutely no other power source allowed.

Jerry Kaiser, SAC president, has extra valve covers, if you need one. Contact him at [gkaiser493@earthlink.net](mailto:gkaiser493@earthlink.net) or 520-616-0434.

## TECHNICAL INFORMATION

### Restoring a Steering Wheel

By Dan Andersen



My biggest car related project for the last month has been the restoration of two steering wheels. The wheel for the '37 President was completely devoid of any plastic. It was just the hub and a ring of metal with no remaining plastic. Sales literature, other pictures and viewing Dave's '37 and Bill's several '37's convinced me that there was originally a nice coating of plastic all around that metal ring. Started with a kit (from Eastwood) that included two part epoxy filler and an instruction booklet.

The process was quite time consuming at least for the wheel that had no plastic. It is necessary to build up layers of the filler, wait for it to cure, grind/file it to some semblance of required shape, sand and paint. The filler (called PC7) is typical of the stuff we use in this hobby in that it sticks best to tools and fingers rather than where you want it to stick. But, it is not the worst I have used.

If you have a steering wheel that needs help and are like me and don't have a lot of money, I would encourage you to rebuild it yourself. It takes some work, but it is not hard work. The kit is probably not necessary if your wheel is not too bad. Just replicate (with the filler) what is intact, file/grind/sand to smooth and then paint.

I used rattle can ivory colored paint with a few coats of rattle can clear. Paint is not included in the kit and the color will, of course, be determined by the original or from pictures of surviving cars or from promotional materials. The instructional booklet even tells how to replace a portion of all of the outside ring. They were probably thinking that if you had no plastic on your wheel, you would want to replace the ring with one that has at least some. Huh, I fooled them.

I am happy with the end product. And if it continues to look good, I can tell people that I did it myself. Of course, if it starts to come apart, I won't mention it.

*Reprinted from the Washington President, newsletter of the Greater Seattle Chapter, Bill Schiffer, editor.*

### INTERESTING WEB SITES

<http://www.maricopalivesteamers.com/> Web site for Adobe Mountain Railroad Park.

<http://www.lov2xlr8.no/broch1.html> American car brochures, Studebakers and others.

<http://studebakerproject.yolasite.com/> M pickup project.

<http://tinyurl.com/886t6re> Great Shell commercial.

<http://tinyurl.com/77r4tf9> Thomas Motor Co. info.

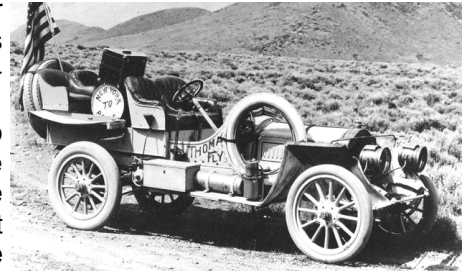


# BACKSTOP, THE REST OF THE STORY

By Dan Kuhl

In the November/December 2006 issue of *The Antique Studebaker Review*, Richard Quinn wrote a very good narrative on the history of the hill holder, a device attached to the braking system that prevents a car from rolling when releasing the clutch while stopped on a hill. The other day, while doing research on another topic, I stumbled on to some related history that Richard Quinn did not include in his article.

In 1906, after manufacturing the first motorized bicycle, the Thomas Motor Company began manufacturing the famous Thomas Flyer. In 1908 the Thomas Flyer won the one and only around-the-world auto race. During the race the Thomas Flyer was the first automobile to cross the United States, in a little over 41 days. The race was scheduled so the entrants could cross from North America to Russia on the ice pack across the Bering Strait. The cars actually crossed the Pacific to Asia on a ship. This important event in automotive history set the stage for the 1965 slapstick comedy, *The Great Race*. Although the movie did not get good reviews, it is noted for its beautiful music by Henry Mancini and a four minute pie fight that included real pies and cost \$200,000 to stage.



The Thomas Flyer was fitted with a hill holder system called the Backstop Safety Device. It operated quite differently than Studebaker's Hill Holder in that it was not part of the hydraulic brake system that debuted in the 1936 cars and trucks. The Backstop Safety Device's operation involved fitting both rear wheels with a powerful ratchet and pawl system operated with a lever located near the driver's seat. The system was very effective in preventing the Thomas Flyer from rolling backwards when operating the vehicle on hills.

According to Mr. Quinn, Stutz came out with a hill holder system in the late 20's, called the No Back System. This was followed by the No Roll System in the early 30's, manufactured by the Wagner Electric Company. Studebaker's Hill Holder System was available on their cars from the end of 1935 until 1966 when the Studebaker Corporation ceased automobile manufacturing operations. As a side note, my 1963 Avanti has this option; it operates very smoothly when releasing the clutch on a hill. Today, Subaru and a select few other foreign manufacturers continue to make available a hill holder system on their cars manufactured with a standard transmission. It is strange, that a hill holder has never caught on in this country. It is probably because the automatic is the transmission of choice in America. A standard transmission is not even available on a new Dodge pickup.

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## SOUTHWEST ZONE MEET - ANTIQUE STUDEBAKER CLUB HOSTED BY ARIZONA STATE CHAPTER

By Dennis Lynde, ASC board member

The Antique Studebaker Club's Southwest Zone Meet is being held at Malcolm Stinson's Studebaker Ranch, near Show Low May 10th through the 13th, 2012. Linda and I have made it up to Malcolm's three times now, once in our Hawk and twice with our other vehicle and a trailer, and had a great time every time. He has plenty of trailer and RV parking and electrical outlets for you, and a bathroom which is available in his shop area, with a shower, and plenty of acreage to park on.

If you haven't been to the Studebaker ranch, you really need to go and see all the Studebakers that Malcolm has planted in back of his shop, hoping they will grow and reproduce. I haven't seen any young

ones, but have sure seen a bunch of finely restored ones on hand.

You don't have to have an antique Studebaker to attend, or even a Studebaker (though it is preferred), any and all are welcome to join the festivities.

Malcolm puts on a mean BBQ and there are certainly a lot of fun activities planned. The drives Malcolm has planned are all on excellent roads through the high country, and the drive through the Painted Forest is a must see. I urge each and everyone to make the drive up to Malcolm's, and enjoy some real hospitality and away time. You will really enjoy it.

General registration for the meet is \$35.00 and includes food, camp parking, if you so desire, hay

ride, ice cream social, etc. A lot for the money, and it's cooler there than here in May. You can contact Malcolm at 928-537-2571 home or 928-368-7442 cell for all the particulars and a flyer, if you need one, with all the activities listed and motels in the area.

For registration contact Sandie Keating at 480-209-8279. Again, this is plenty of fun, worth the drive, and you will see some of the best country in the State.

Feel free to contact me for more information at 480-898-3425 or dlynde012@aol.com

See page 13 of the online ECHO for a registration form.

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Any questions can be directed to the address below or to Chris Collins at 602-995-5311 or [ccollinsaz@cox.net](mailto:ccollinsaz@cox.net). Please make check payable to the Grand Canyon State Chapter, SDC and send with this form to: GCSC, P. O. Box 37464 Phoenix, AZ 85069-7464.

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Meet Chair, Malcolm Stinson, 928-537-2571  
Registration, Sandie Keating, 480-209-8279  
770 S. Ocean Dr. Gilbert, AZ. 85233**



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Registration 09:00 to 18:00 hours. At 13:30  
tour the Show Low museum, a tractor collection  
then a hot dog roast & ice cream social and hay  
ride at the Studebaker Ranch about 16:00 until ????

Friday 5-11-2012

Meet at D&D parking lot 08:30, leave 09:00  
Tour the Petrified Forest & Painted Desert  
Dinner on your own, list provided.

Saturday 5-12-2012

Meet at D&D parking lot 08:30, leave 09:00  
Tour the scenic drive to tall pine country  
Visit a John Deere tractor collection  
Back to Show Low for dinner & awards

Sunday 5-13-2012

Meet at D&D parking lot 09:00, leave 09:30  
Tour to the 50's/60's Studebaker Garage  
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