



Newsletter of the  
Grand Canyon State Chapter  
Studebaker Drivers Club

# The ECHO

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR! GCSC WINTER GATHERING

**When: Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup> 2025**

**Time: 10:00am-2:00pm with lunch at 12:00pm**

**Location: 7856 North Glen Harbor Blvd., Glendale**

Our Chapter's Annual Winter Gathering will once again be hosted by our generous member Larry Polhill at the home of his private Studebaker collection. This will be an indoor/outdoor event, please plan accordingly. Members are welcome to vend at this event. There will be a 50/50 raffle, silent auction, Scavenger Hunt and Knowledge Check Game. We are looking for sponsors for five people's choice trophies; let Peggy know if you would like to sponsor for \$20ea. Participants are asked to pay \$20pp for this event that includes lunch of BBQ pulled pork, beans, salad, chips, sweet treats and a variety of beverages. Please bring your chairs.

**Please RSVP by 01/13/25** to Peggy at 623-936-6116 or [peggyeastburn@hotmail.com](mailto:peggyeastburn@hotmail.com)

Directions from Loop 101 (Agua Fria): exit Northern Ave, proceed west about 1.5miles to the traffic light at Glen Harbor Blvd/103<sup>rd</sup> Ave, proceed south (left); look for the Studebaker feather in the median. The road will wind southwest, follow it to just past the Coca Cola sign on the right and you should see a second Studebaker feather at 7856 N. Glen Harbor Blvd on the right. **Studebakers** (and other classics) are to proceed through the parking lot past the large gate for parking, additional parking will be in front of the venue. *All others* are to park to the northwest and southeast adjacent parking lot areas.

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Additional Parking

Visit the Chapter Facebook page (Studebakers Grand Canyon State Chapter) to add this event to your calendar. For more info and to make reservations contact Peggy Eastburn at 623-936-6116 or [peggyeastburn@hotmail.com](mailto:peggyeastburn@hotmail.com)

*If any event plans change we will let you know with an e-mail or phone call and through the Chapter website or Facebook page.*

See page 5 for more events of interest.

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The Spors are also members of  
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## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

**Happy Birthday** 1-Delores Shurtz, 3-Phyllis Setaro, 4-Adam DeRosa, 5-Michelle DeRosa, 5-Nora Gooch, 6-Lenka Hospodka, 7-Frank van Doorn, 12-Judy Barker, 12-Hugh McDowell, 16-Lenny Olsen, 20-Garry Klinger, 23-Carol Westfall, 28-John Akins, 28-Bill Simmons, 30-Evelyn Verrill, 31-Sherry Watson

**Happy Anniversary** 1-Doug & Bobbi Nall, 5-Tim & Joen Painter, 12-Jim & Kimberly McDonald, 19-Ed & Linda Smith, 25-Fred & Nora Gooch, 26-John Snyder & Peggy Neville-Otero, 28-Rosalie Torske & Jim Nereau, 31-Chris & Rachel Eastburn

**Children's Birthday:** 13-Gwen Eastburn

**WELL WISHES:** Bill Barker, Lenny Olsen

**CONGRATULATIONS to Sara MacFadden**, daughter of Kevin & Anita, on graduating with her Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) from NAU. Sara graduated with her BS from Boise State in 2022 and proceeded to NAU to pursue her Doctorate. Sara graduated in December 2024 and plans to relocate to Vancouver, Washington at the end of this month to live with her boyfriend, Matt. Currently, Kevin, Anita and Sara are traveling abroad as they visit Kruger National Park in South Africa and Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe. Sara plans to take a bit of a life break from school and work and would like to start working in March; however she is currently on the job hunt for work in Wash. as they seek out a place of residence.

The Grand Canyon State Chapter of the SDC is very proud of you, Sara, and wishes you great success.

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# STATE OF THE CHAPTER

By Michell Eastburn, President



For those of you that don't know me, I have been a member of the Grand Canyon Chapter since 1985 and active chapter board member since 2013. I currently own 3 Studebakers - 2 original Studebaker Jr. Goat Wagons and Arnie, my 1965 Commander. This will be my eighth year serving as your Chapter President and have previously served as both secretary and vice president over the past 13 years.

2025 is starting off very busy yet a bit delayed. Please bear with the board as we adjust to the changes in leadership, and keep in mind that any and all of you can step up to host, donate, volunteer, write an article, and best of all, show-up and support the Chapter. As I've stated before, my goal as President is to bring some new and exciting events and to promote Chapter camaraderie all while driving/towing/hauling our Studebakers.

The January Winter Gathering will be this next weekend, January 18<sup>th</sup>. Come celebrate State 48 style with us and start the new year off nice and strong! Drive your Studebaker for a chance to win a People's Choice award and don't forget your money book/cash, as we will have an amazing silent auction and 50/50 raffle. Sliding in a few months to March, we will be celebrating with the Southern Arizona Chapter who are hosting their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party/ All Studebaker Gathering March Madness.

Please ensure that you are doing your best to keep happy and healthy through these cold and flu months. Remember to monitor yourself and if you are not feeling well, stay in and make sure that you are taking care of yourself. Last but not least, one of the things that makes this Chapter so successful is the attendance and participation of you, the members! I hope to get to see more members involved this year and just as many Studebakers this year. Happy New Year to all the chapter members and here is to a prosperous 2025!

## GCSC HOLIDAY PARTY

GCSC members enjoyed the generous hospitality of host Larry Polhill at its annual Holiday Party held December 14<sup>th</sup> amidst Larry's private collection of Studebakers and other collectibles. Nearly 100 members, friends and guests were on hand to partake in the cheer and good spirits of the season with delightful décor provided by our host and the table hostesses who volunteered centerpieces.

During the pre-dinner hour while everyone was visiting and checking out the collection, a well-known celebrity arrived in his beautiful Avanti. Our guest was Alice Cooper and he made himself at home, visiting and having his picture taken with his many fans. Then he and Larry delighted the group with several Qs and As where he revealed his history with owning Studebakers and tidbits of his career. It was great fun and a wonderful surprise. Thanks to Larry for making this a special occasion for all.

Then everyone enjoyed a delicious dinner prepared and served by Peggy Eastburn and her helpers who made sure everyone had plenty of ham, turkey, the fixings, numerous sides and many desserts. Dinner was followed by the meeting with Ken Michael leading the Pledge of Allegiance and Michell thanking Larry Polhill for hosting the party, Peggy for the meal preparation and those assisting her, all who brought sides and to those who sponsored a table and introduced their guests. Then, she and Peggy along with the assistance of Dan Kuhl recognized Chris Collins for her thirty years of service to the Chapter serving as the newsletter editor.

Michell thanked the 2024 Board for their service and said the 2025 Board is unchanged and there were still openings for secretary and newsletter editor. She spoke of current membership, reminded all 2025 Chapter dues are due and gave an accounting of Chapter funds.

Upcoming events were announced including the Chapter's Winter Gathering on Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup> which will feature a hot BBQ lunch, silent auction, 50/50 auction, People's Choice judging with awards, a Scavenger Hunt and Knowledge Check Game and reminded members of the Southern Arizona Chapter's Annual Banquet at \$37/pp on Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at White Stallion Ranch. Michell also noted the SAC will host a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in March. The GCSC Board is making plans for a February event.

One of the guests won \$335 in the 50/50 raffle and Carl and Esther Reid were the winners of the Studebaker Driver's Prize, a model of a Coupe Express.

~ Chris Collins

Attending were Joe & Glenda Bailey, Jon Carter & Suzanne Goodhall, Jim Clever, Chuck & Chris Collins, Ed & Linda Costell, Paul & Barbara Dean, Bryce Denen (1949 2R), Bryan Rapp, Richard Dormois, Claudia Robinette, Bill & Peggy Eastburn, Chris, Rachel, Aubrey & Chloe Eastburn, Domenica Eastburn, Michell Eastburn, Will, Maryanne, Felicia & Gwen Eastburn, Steve & Paulette Fein, Bob Gasson, George Gezelius, Scott & Maria Grainger (1928 Erskine), Tim Henrickson (1932 Ford), Lenka Hospodka & Sam Powell, Walt Jazwinski (1964 Daytona), Garry Klinger (1952 SLC), John Kroulik & Christine Whelden, Kolton Kroulik, Dan & Corlean Kuhl (1959 Scotsman PU), Denny Lockmon (1964 Avanti), Jerry Maldonado, Joe & Kathy McKee, Sam & Ellen McIlvanie, Ken Michael, Paul Miller & Camille Mills (Bullet Nose

Street Rod), Lenny & Barb Olsen, Tim & Cynthia Phillips (1955 Commander), Chuck Plevich, Larry Polhill (many Studebakers on site), Ike & Virginia Quigley, Ron, Stephanie, Karsten & Aaron Rasmussen, Carl & Esther Reid (1963 GT Hawk), John Rodhouse, Paul & Phyllis Setaro (1962 GT Hawk), Bill & Cheryl Simmons (1953 Commander), Malcolm Stinson Jr, Robert Wagner, Russ & Sharon Ware, Carol & Bob Westfall, Ted & Jan Widhalm, Buddy & Elaine Wright (1953 2R5), numerous guests of Larry and special guest Alice Cooper driving his 1963 Avanti.

Thank you to all who assisted in making the event special: Gwen Eastburn, Domenica Eastburn, John Kroulik, Denny Lockmon, Linda Costell, Chris Collins, Peggy Eastburn, Scott Grainger, Cynthia Phillips, Tim Phillips, Conny Silvas, Larry Polhill, Michell Eastburn, John Rodhouse, Barb Olsen, Lenny Olsen, Carol Westfall, Jan Widhalm, Dan Kuhl.

**Visit Chapter Facebook page at Studebakers Grand Canyon State Chapter for photos of Holiday Party.**

## CHAPTER RECOGNIZES RETIRING *ECHO* EDITOR

By Michell Eastburn

The Board didn't have to think very hard as to who to honor with a Recognition Award this year. As quoted by Dan Kuhl "I believe they have been the glue that holds the Arizona Studebaker Clubs together for many years."

This person has been imperative in helping to keep the Grand Canyon State Chapter of the SDC together for many years. Being able to keep the Chapter apprised of upcoming events, news, and updates while commemorating accomplishments of the Chapter and its memberships has been something that seems to come easy to this person. We would like to honor, **Chris Collins**, with this year's Recognition Award. Chris has been the lead Editor of the award winning *ECHO* since 1994 and unfortunately for us, she is retiring as Editor this year. Thank you, Chris, for all of your hard work and dedication to the Chapter and its newsletter for 30 years.

Chris has offered so much to not only the Arizona SDC Chapters, but also the National SDC community through what she has done, said, written, and shared over several years as a Chapter member, Chapter board member, Editor of the Newsletter, and National SDC board member.

As mentioned by Dan Kuhl, "The Collinses great connection with the National has kept Arizona at the forefront of the changes that don't always get into the *Turning Wheels*."

Chapter member Malcolm Stinson commented, "Chris should be commended for all the hard work and time that she has spent to see to it that our members have the best newsletter of all newsletters. I just cannot say enough about Chris as to the effort she has put into this newsletter."

Reminiscing on one of their last trips to South Bend, Chapter members Russ & Sharon Ware shared "Three years ago while touring the Studebaker Museum in South Bend there was a room dedicated to chapter newsletters and there were several copies of the *ECHO* on display in this room. The quality of our newsletter is apparent when compared to other newsletters."

And it goes without saying that although we know Chris has worked diligently to make the *ECHO* what it is, we can't forget about her trusty side-kick, Chuck. Thank you Chuck for all the hours you patiently waited for Chris to finish up each monthly *ECHO* and also helping to write, fold, stamp, label, and mail so many *ECHO*'s over the years.

Chris, you have left big shoes to fill and I hope that the Chapter can serve you well in keeping the legacy of the *ECHO* newsletter going, and hopefully keep winning those illustrious Golden Quill awards. Once again thank you for all you have done for the Chapter, the *ECHO*, National, and frankly myself over the past several years to help keep this Chapter not only on track, but by the By-Laws, and informed through the amazing efforts you have put into the *ECHO* newsletter.

We are presenting Chris with a personalized clock, created by Stuart Tritt of The Right Impression, and a gift certificate to Bobby Q so that Chris and Chuck can enjoy a meal or two on us!

## THANK YOU!

What a pleasant surprise to be honored at the Holiday Party for serving as the Chapter editor for the past thirty years. Michell, Peggy and the Board along with Dan Kuhl presented a clock and gift card to a favorite restaurant, with Michell reading a commentary on my history with the club. It was all very humbling. Peggy and Michell also assembled a festive table with a Happy Retirement banner, an assemblage of an *ECHO* from each of the thirty years and cupcake treats.

Thank You very much! It was my pleasure to be your editor, an experience I enjoyed very much.

~ Chris Collins

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Order your Chapter name badge with a pin back by contacting Chris Collins at [ccollinsaz@cox.net](mailto:ccollinsaz@cox.net) or 602-995-2146. The price is \$5.00 each for a pin back or \$6.00 each for magnet back.

The name badges are available in the traditional brass and black with the SDC logo or a blue plastic with the Chapter logo.

# GRAND CANYON STATE CHAPTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY 12  
Sunday

GCSC BOARD AND OFFICERS WILL MEET AT 3:00 PM VIA ZOOM CALL OR VIDEO. MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND. TO JOIN IN THE MEETING CONTACT PEGGY AT 623-936-6116 or [peggyeastburn@hotmail.com](mailto:peggyeastburn@hotmail.com) TO BE INCLUDED IN NOTIFICATION LIST FOR MEETING DETAILS.

JANUARY 18

WINTER GATHERING AT LARRY POHILL PRIVATE STUDEBAKER COLLECTION. PLEASE READ DETAILS ON FRONT PAGE AND RSVP TO PEGGY AT 623-936-6116 or [peggyeastburn@hotmail.com](mailto:peggyeastburn@hotmail.com) BY JANUARY 13<sup>TH</sup>.

JANUARY 19  
Sunday

SOUTHERN ARIZONA CHAPTER ANNUAL BANQUET AND BUSINESS MEETING AT THE WHITE STALLION RANCH, 9251 W. TWIN PEAKS ROAD WITH DOORS OPEN AT 11:30AM AND SERVING STARTING AT 12:00P. USE OF THE ROOM WILL BE AVAILABLE UNTIL 3:00PM. MENU WILL BE HAMBURGERS, CHICKEN AND SIDES. THERE WILL BE A SHORT BUSINESS MEETING, 50/50 RAFFLE AND AUCTION. PRICE IS \$37 PP. RSVP A MUST TO RANDY AT [dgrg0823@comcast.net](mailto:dgrg0823@comcast.net) BY JANUARY 7. PLEASE SEND PAYMENT TO SACSDC, PO BOX 12913, TUCSON AZ 85732.

FEBRUARY

CHAPTER EVENT TBA

MARCH 15

SOUTHERN ARIZONA CHAPTER WILL CELEBRATE ITS 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY. VENUE TO BE ANNOUNCED. VISIT <https://soazsdc.org> OR CONTACT RANDY AT [dgrg0823@comcast.net](mailto:dgrg0823@comcast.net)

MARCH TBA

ASC SPRING MEET IN PALM SPRINGS. DATE AND HOTEL INFORMATION TO FOLLOW.

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Please complete the application on page 12 if paying in person at an event or if by mail and include with your payment. If paying by Pal Pal please send the information requested by the application by email to [ccollinsaz@cox.net](mailto:ccollinsaz@cox.net) Your up-to-date information keeps the Chapter roster current.

**Reminder: To be a member of the GCSC you must be a member of the Studebaker Drivers Club for insurance purposes.** If your SDC dues are not current or you are not sure if you are current, please contact Cornerstone Registration at 760-420-7829. Dues are \$46.00 for one year, \$132.00 for three years or \$220.00 for five years. If you no longer wish to receive *Turning Wheels*, there is a membership option without the magazine at \$15.00 per year.

Additionally, you can now get a membership with the digital *Turning Wheels* only for \$29.00 per year. If you haven't read a digital version of *Turning Wheels*, give it a try at the Member Area of the SDC website. Just login, enter your membership ID and password and select View Digital Magazine.

**NEW MEMBER CHALLENGE** When a Chapter member recruits a new member to join SDC and/or the Grand Canyon State Chapter he/she will have Chapter dues paid for 2025. Just ask the new member to mention your name on the application where it asks "Referred By".

**Members whose dues for 2025 are comp'd are Shawn Miller, Lenny Olsen, Larry Polhill, John Rodhouse and Dan Kuhl. Congratulations and Thanks!**

## CLASSIFIED ADS

**STUDEBAKERS FOR SALE:** **1964 Daytona 2DR Hardtop.** 259 V8, Flightomatic, Runs, transmission seems OK. Arizona car, little rust, needs to be restored. \$2250. **1961 Lark 2DR Hardtop,** 259 V8, Flightomatic. Arizona car, not running, needs to be restored. \$1250. Lark and Hawk sheet metal also for sale. Avanti parts also, needs to go. Apache Junction. Keith Graham 602-818-8376 (2)

**Selling PROJECT 1956 Golden Hawk.** 352 Packard V8, auto. This is a PROJECT. Some rust. Very complete. Sitting on a trailer ready to deliver (for cost). Asking \$4,500. Please email or call for photos. In Tucson. Jim Humphreys. 520-444-9473 [jhumphreys76@msn.com](mailto:jhumphreys76@msn.com) (1)

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# Surprise, Surprise, Surprise!

By Lenka Hospodka

The garage door to Mr. Larry Polhill's Private Studebaker and Memorabilia Collection opened during the GCSC SDC Holiday Party on December 14<sup>th</sup> and a white car drove in. Two gentlemen got out of the car, and one was recognized by the members attending the party – Alice Cooper!

He then started greeting people in a friendly manner, posing for photographs and signing autograph as he walked around the collection.

Mr. Polhill and Alice then sat down with microphones and started answering questions from the members attending the party.

Mr. Cooper's white car with turquoise interior ("because it was so 60's") is a 1963 Avanti that he has owned for 10 years. The Avanti was modified by Kount's Kustoms of Las Vegas, with a high-performance Ford V8 and high-performance four-wheel disc brakes.

Alice said that as a kid, in school, he was an art major, and the one thing he liked about the Avanti was its asymmetric design. He has a collection of cars which includes the following: 1968 Bullit Mustang, '65 Corvette Sting Ray, '34 Ford, Austin-Martin DB11 "engineered in London for Mr. James Bond", '95 NSX, a new SL 22 Mercedes Benz, Dodge Hellcat, new Corvette, 392 Supper Bee Convertible and a small Tesla.

Mr. Cooper, soon to be 77 years old, still performs one hundred concert dates a year in Europe, Australia and USA. He is married to Sheryl, and they have three children. He has been married 48 years and 42 years alcohol and drug free, all these things he contributes to his longevity in music.

Alice also has another band, called the Hollywood Vampires, whose members include Johnny Depp and Joe Perry. He shared the following major moment with the audience. While they were recording in Mr. Depp's studio at his home, Mr. Paul McCarthy of the Beatles fame, stopped to visit. He was seated at the piano and asked them to sing a certain song. Alice, while describing this moment, made faces that one has on their face when meeting their hero. Alice described Paul as the nicest man you can meet and if you invited him to dinner, he would do the dishes. He also described the other Beatles and their personalities.

In 1972, while in Las Vegas he met Elvis at the Hilton. He described his meeting with Elvis and two other people present - Liza Minelli and Chubby Checker. Elvis invited Alice into the kitchen, where he showed him a loaded thirty-eight. Elvis wanted to show him how to take a gun away from someone. Mr. Cooper then mentioned that while holding the gun and Elvis so close, he felt like he had an angel and a devil on his shoulder. One telling him to kill Elvis and the other shoot but do not kill him. Next thing, Alice is on the floor with Elvis's boot on his neck. Next, Elvis asks him if Alice wants to see his most prized possession. This turns out to be an X-ray of broken bones of a drunk man with whom Elvis had a fight in the parking lot of the Hilton. Alice wondered why this was Elvis's prized possession and he realized that this incident was his only contact with the outside real world. He was a prisoner of being Elvis and could not do normal things we do. The fight was his only connection to the real world and Alice did not want to be that big and be in that kind of prison. He then mentioned other stars who he felt were prisoners of their world, people like Michael Jackson and to a degree Taylor Swift.

For 22 years, Alice has been involved with a radio show called Alice's Attic where he plays 60's music and makes fun of the people whose music he plays. Growing up in Phoenix, he also mentioned that he liked very much the Wallace and Ladmo Show, even owning a Ladmo bag. His favorite character was Boffo the depressed clown.

Why did Mr. Alice Cooper visit the GCSC SDC Holiday Party? Alice established the Solid Rock Foundation which operates Alice Cooper's Solid Rock Teen Centers, which promote music and offer a place for teens to learn and practice music. He stated that a band is a gang but no one is shooting at you. There are three centers in the Phoenix area offering a place for teens to play instruments and Mr. Polhill is a sponsor of the foundation.

In the future, what other famous Studebakers owners may show up?

Thanks to this month's newsletter contributors – Michell Eastburn, Lenka Hospodka and Chris Collins.



Photo courtesy of Michell Eastburn.

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Alice Cooper made a surprise visit to the Chapter Holiday Party. Here, Alice answers questions from members. Photo courtesy of Michell.



## REMINDERS FOR JANUARY

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**CHAPTER DUES FOR 2025 ARE DUE**



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## GRAND CANYON STATE CHAPTER STUDEBAKER DRIVERS CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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