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Hawk Talks

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FIRST MEETING IN 2021 AT AUBURN FAIRGROUNDS!



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Presidents Message

Auction Auction Auction!!!

Our next will be the club's auction, so bring your "stuff" and we will auction it off!

June 12th @ 11am Mel France home & his son will cater it too!

We had our board meeting with the officers on Wed 5/26/2. We went over our bylaws & what the future holds for our chapter.

Please keep your eyes open for venues with larger areas for our members to meet. We are outgrowing some of the old meeting spots.

We still need to have a plan for Drive your Studebaker day, so put your thinking caps on!

The group that reviews charities/ schools for donations has not met due to Covid 19. The board talked about some of the Charities we already are donating to:

Museums:

Studebaker Museum & California Auto Museum

Studebaker Foundation for scholarships

ACCC

Shriners Hospital donating crayons (when on sale) & coloring books

I hope you all had a wonder Memorial Weekend



Editors Corner



Hello! I'd like to say to all our members who contribute to this newsletter 'THANK YOU!'. Sorry it's a little late getting out this month, but at least it is getting out! It's my goal to try and publish before the end of the preceding month to let everyone know upcoming events. Some things that would help me is ; if you're going to submit an article or picture get it to me by the 25th of the month. Also pictures are much easier if they are sent as an attachment by email. This also gives Johanna Smith the time to send the newsletter out to everyone by email and regular post mail. All want ads should be sent to Dean Sumpter. If you're hosting a meeting please send me directions, so we all know how to get there.

Brian

Secretary Report

Hi everyone!

It was a beautiful day for our meeting and a chance to drive our Studebakers. 36 members made the trip to Auburn Fair Grounds, and 12 Studebakers.

President Johna Pierce Opened the meeting, And welcomed everyone for the first meeting of 2021. It was so good to see everyone.

A big welcome to our visitors. Sheila Dilling (daughter of Pat and Kate Dilling) and John Turner. Shawn Cline showed up with a '63 Hawk. Bret Parker brought a '47 M series truck. Beautiful cars.

Lou gave a report that we have sponsored a '29 Firetruck, and asked if we will be sending a donation this year. Lou made the motion to send \$200.00 and Steve Wilkie 2nd it. Lou also has 8 tickets to get into the museum at South Bend. They are a first come first serve. Thanks Lou.

Pat Dilling will be sending Car Shows announcements to Brian so he can add them to the Hawk Talks. Thanks Pat. June 12 is the auction. This year it will be at Mel Frances place and is going to be catered by his son. So bring all the parts and stuff laying around, that you want to get rid of.

The International Drive your Studebaker day is coming up. If you know of a place to drive to, let us know. This is a day that we can get our cars out and about for people to see.

We are currently up to 74 members.

If you need a name badge, they are \$10.00. Give your name to Johanna Smith.

If you know of anyone that needs a get well card, thinking of you card, please let me know and I will get it sent on behalf of the club. Thank you members for all you do. Be safe.

Linda Barnard Secretary



Adopt-A-Car Program Certificate of Adoption

Karel Staple Chapter SDC
Has generously provided for the care of this and other vehicles
in the Museum's Collection with the adoption of the
1927 Erskine
through October 31, 2021

Certified By

Executive Director

On This Date: October 6, 2020



STUDEBAKER NATIONAL MUSEUM

Hello Club Members

We have some sad news to share with the club:
One of our long time members, Mike Schmitz,
passed away on June 2nd Wednesday evening.
Our sympathy is with the family.

Johna Pierce

Lisa Hale

Karel Staple Chapter SDC

It took over a year. It took plant sitting in summer and winter. It was important. The Pacific Southwest Zone Meet in 2019 held at McClellan, Sacramento County, was over but was incomplete. Members of the Karl Staple Chapter needed to show appreciation to the co-chairs and to the couple who provided enormous support for the "goodie bags."

Sincere belated thanks for detailed leadership were given to Linda Bernard and Johna Pierce, our zone meet co-chairs. They each were also presented with a trio of small succulent plants. Sincere belated thanks were also extended to Kellie and Steve Wilkie for the very generous and super-fun donations for our "goodie bags." They were presented a succulent in a humorous, but appropriate, Gothic planter.

Betty and Perry Knopf



Steve Wilkie "and friend"



From left to Right: Steve Wilkie, Johna Pierce,
Linda Barnard, Betty Knopf

Hello from Sapulpa

By: Jon Stalnaker

I had an interesting dilemma when I went to the Tag Office (Oklahoma's equivalent to the DMV). I took my Studebaker down there to transfer title from California to Oklahoma but was unable to get it done. (BTW, there were no lines.) We got the paperwork done for the truck and went outside to verify the VIN and to read the milage on the odometer. I could not find a tag with the number California had listed on my pink slip as a VIN. I found a tag, but the number did not match. I don't think they even looked for that number in California as I couldn't remember where it was. I looked in several places and began to panic. I started calling friends that I thought would know where to find it and Rick Pierce gave me the bad news that it was stamped on the engine block. Indeed, Studebaker used the engine number and even if they asked to see it when I bought the truck, it was there to find. When I replaced the original motor with the new running gear, long gone was that verification data. The lady at the tag office didn't know what to do and neither did I. This was my challenge.

I came home empty handed and decided I had better check the car to see if I would have the same problem with it. Sure enough, they had used the engine number on it too. The number on the B pillar was a body number and not the same as the number on the title. Anthony was the first person I called, and I just left a message on his phone before I called Rick and got the answer. Anthony called me back and we talked about how I could get around this dilemma and he told me that Bob Peterson knew a guy that could make me a plate with that number on it. I called him and within a week I had what I needed to get it done.

I don't have a build sheet for the truck, but I do have one for the car. The build sheet has the body number that is on the B pillar plate and also has the engine number on it that matches the VIN number on my California title paperwork. That may have worked if I didn't have the plate made but I'm sure it would entail more paperwork. The Tag Office verified the number on the plate I had made and didn't even challenge it as the plate looks authentic. So, if you've replaced the original motor in your old Studebaker, and your title uses the engine number as the VIN, you might want to get this taken care of before it becomes an issue. If you sell the car, or move to another state, as I did, it could be a serious problem when it is time to register it again. At a minimum, I would recommend that you get the build sheet from SDC. To make it easy, having a plate made with the original engine number and attaching it to the car might be your best bet. It would save you, or whoever ends up with your car, a lot of hassle.

And as a final note, I was not looking forward to giving up my SDUDE and S2UDE license plates. I checked with the Tag Office to see if I could get those plates in Oklahoma and was delighted to find out that both of them were available. So, I have ordered them, and I am just waiting for them to be delivered by mail.

I have reached out to the president of the local SDC Chapter and plan to attend my first meeting with them this month. They haven't been meeting since the pandemic started last year but are anxious to get going again. I've been in contact with Bob Foster and he's ready to join too. Bob lives less than 30 minutes away from me. There's going to be a big car show here in Sapulpa in June as they have a Route 66 celebration every year. Route 66 goes right through our town. I'll polish up the Studebakers when it stops raining...

We are missing our friends, it's nice to stay in touch on Facebook.

ADVERTISEMENTS CARS, PARTS, SERVICES

June 2021**Cars For Sale**

These are all pickup trucks. All run and are currently licensed and driven.

1949 - \$15,000, 1949 with 4 speed - \$22,500, 1951 - \$27,500, 1953 - \$19,900, 1954 - \$19,900,

1955 flatbed - \$19,900, 1956 long bed - \$17,900, 1957 long bed - \$28,000, 1957 - \$18,000, and 1958 - \$19,900. **Contact Larry Jones 530-933-3941 or email lwj1@yahoo.com**

1960 Lark VIII - \$17,500. **Contact Larry Jones 530-933-3941 or email lwj1@yahoo.com**

1959 Studebaker Scotsman Pickup - completely restored with a 1962 OHV 6 cylinder engine, 3speed transmission. **Contact Steven Richardson 530-673-6634 orsteverchef@comcast.net**

Parts for Sale

Two Stainless Steel Exhaust mufflers by Silvertone Exhaust Systems. These are medium tone construction. Used less than 1000 miles. They were replaced with Quiet Tone. \$120.00 each. Local pick-up only, or delivery to Karel Staple meeting. Sold as a pair only. **Contact: Perry Knopf fpstude@aol.com, 916/425-3207**

**Cars/Parts Wanted**

Need clock and radio for 1954 Commander Coupe **Contact Jim Goodland 707-718-6787**

I am looking for a restored 1950 or 1951 Studebaker four door with a manual transmission / overdrive. If you know of one, please call me **@ 704-599-5885 ~ Jeff King jeffking@att.net** (Charlotte, N.C.)

To place an ad contact dean Sumpter
<carvin9755@gmail.com>

Karel Staple Chapter CALENDAR for 2021

- **June 12 Saturday- meeting & Club Auction @ 11am** Mel Frances home in Yuba City. His son is catering! 2241 Hooper Road Yuba City CA
- **July 10 Saturday- Grupe Park, Stockton CA, @ 11am - 4pm** Lou Van Ann hosting.
- **August 22 - Napa CA** Frank and Johanna Smith hosting.

Directions to June meeting @ Mels from east of Sacramento

- From I-80 east take exit # 106 Hwy 65 Lincoln/Marysville
- Follow approx. 30 miles and merge with Hwy 70 into Marysville
- Go over bridge into Yuba City and continue for about 2 miles
- Right turn on Gray ave.
- Left turn on Butte House rd.
- Right turn on Hooper rd. 2241 Hooper Road

Directions to June meeting @ Mels from west of Sacramento

- From I-80 east take I-5 north
- Take exit 525B Hwy 99 north for Yuba City
- Stay straight for Hwy 99 north for Yuba City/Chico
- In Yuba City turn left onto Hwy 20
- Turn right on Civic Center Blvd.
- Left turn on Butte House rd.
- Right turn on Hooper rd. 2241 Hooper Road

Upcoming Car Events

Online Car Show Calendar—<http://www.norcalcarculture.com/> For Weekly events and more

May 31 – California Auto Museum, https://www.flipcause.com/secure/cause_pdetails/MTEyMDE2

Jun 6 - Mother Lode Swap Meet, Gold Country Fairgrounds, Auburn, Phil(530) 559-1440 www.motherlodemodelt.com

Jun 12 – Louie Luau Car Show, El Tapatio Restaurant, 5637 Sunrise, Sac, 7-2:30, 916-335-8566,

Jul 17 – Townsman Car Show, Loomis Train Depot (Horseshoe Bar Rd / Taylor Rd), (916) 316-9001, www.townsmen.org

Jul 23-25 NHRA Sonoma Nationals – Sonoma Raceway – For info: www.nhra.com

Jul 30-31 Hot August Nights – Virginia City, NV – For info: (775) 356 – 1956 or www.hotaugustnights.net

Aug 3-8 Hot August Nights – Reno/Sparks, NV – For info: (775) 356 – 1956 or www.hotaugustnights.net

Aug 21- Lincoln Car Show, www.rodsnrelics.net Rich Ragan at (916) 408-1950, \$30 Adv, \$40 show day

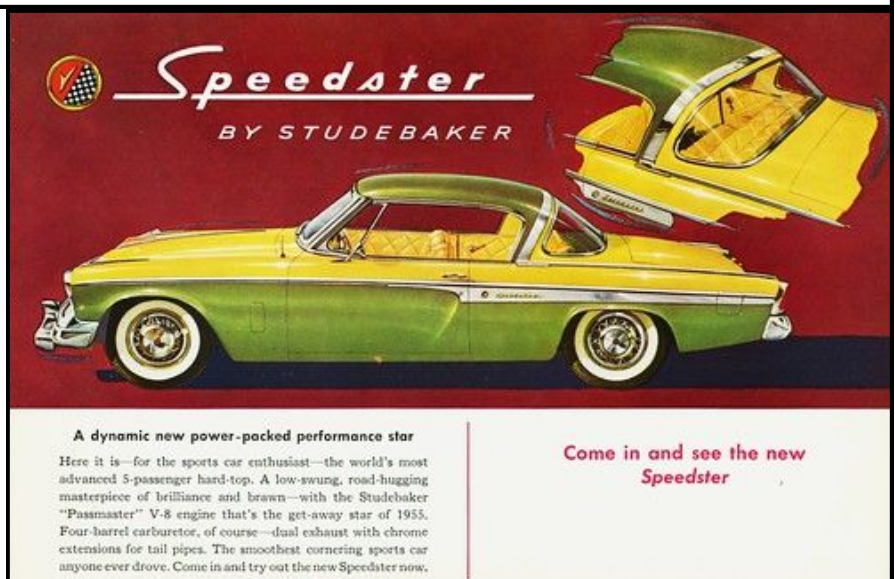
Sep 18 – Park Community Church, Live Music, 3901 Wild Chapparal Dve, Shingle Springs, (530) 652-4171, \$25 show day

Oct 2 – Richard Sinnott Car Show, 1468 Simpson Lane, Marysville, 530-743-8713, Live Music, FREE

Oct 15-17 – International Auto Show, Cal Expo, Details to come.

Pacific Southwest Zone Meet

Saturday September 25th La Palma Park, Anahiem CA
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Please list Studebakers, including
Year, make, body style on separate page.

Karel Staple Chapter Application

All members of local chapters
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SDC #: _____

Membership dues are \$20 Annually

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2. _____

3. _____
Year Model Body type

Name Badge Application:

Name: _____
(may be a nickname)

Spouse: _____

Name badges are \$10.00 each \$ _____

Membership fee: \$ 20.00

Total enclosed: \$ _____

Make check payable to:

Tech Tips

Lug Nuts and Wheels by Brian Challender

How many of us are still riding on the original Studebaker wheels that the car was equipped with from the factory? If I had to guess, probably not that many. Over the years the wheels have been replaced with after market wheels or with wheels from another car manufacturer. The hub lug nut pattern is 4 1/2"x5". This same size was used on both Ford and Chrysler products over the years and will fit most Studebaker passenger cars from the 50s and 60s. The reason that Studebaker wheels have been replaced is because the original rim width was pretty narrow and was designed for skinny bias tires used at the time. Modern tires are wider and are of a radial design that provides better traction and control in all weather conditions. This requires a wheel that is wider than the factory Studebaker rims that came with the car. In fact putting wider radial tires on Studebaker rims can be dangerous. If your Studebaker has after market wheels, such as mags or custom wheels they were most likely sold with lug nuts for that application. If over the years the wheels have been replaced already, putting on a set of modern radial tires is a smart idea. Maybe your car already has radial tires. An overlooked problem is when the wheels were replaced, the same small lug nuts were reused. The reason this can be a problem is that the lug nut holes in the Ford or Chrysler wheels are slightly larger and use a correspondingly larger lug nut. The smaller lug nut used by Studebaker will work. For awhile. Over time, as the wheels are taken off to replace the tires and then reinstalled, each time the lug nuts are torqued they "dig in" a little deeper into the wheel. This can result in the wheel not being secured properly to the hub and coming off while driving. The correct lug nuts will use a 13/16" size wrench. The Studebaker wrench size is 3/4". Now days lug nuts have to be ordered by application. A late 70s Ford pickup truck lug nut will be the right stud size and tread pitch for your Studebaker car. You will also need to get a universal "star" lug nut wrench as the one that came with your car won't fit. So go out and look at your wheels with the wheel covers off and do a quick inspection. Be sure to check all four wheels. You never know what the previous owner did or didn't do.

Happy Studebakering!

Brian

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