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# Hawk Talks

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*Trifecta of happiness;  
Great food, wine, and Studebakers.*



Our cars on display for the visitors of the Crystal Basin Cellars.  
I wonder if the visitors came for our beautiful cars or the great wine.....

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***President's Message***  
*for Steve Rainville*

***Secretary's Report***  
*by Linda Barnard*



**Hello Studebaker People**  
Well summer is marching on just when you think we can get a break from the heat it gets even hotter. We hear about folks in other

parts of the country putting there cars away for the winter. And in the valley we don't want to drive our cars in the heat of summer. I would rather have our problem.

At last months meeting we gathered in Camino for wine tasting and lunch. The winery opened there doors to us set up tables and chairs we had our meeting then were treated to wine and information about there little winery. Part of our business was planning for Drive Your Studebaker Day I think the membership came up with a good one. I think you'll like it too.

Our next get together will be in Napa at the Smith's. It's always much cooler there just drive across the hot valley to get there. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

Your Truly Stephen Rainville

Yoko Berglund was the big winner for the 50/50 and pocketed \$25. Jon Stalnaker won the car show prize. Frank Smith won the coveted T-shirt. Our terrific President announced a knee replacement surgery after the Napa meeting  
Wish you good folks all the best. Tim

**OBITUARY**

Sad news to report that none other than our very own Mrs. Alberta Clerici passed away on 02 July 2017.



Secretary notes for June 2017

Hello all, Just a note to say , you all probably know I have cancer and I am not able to attend the meetings, so I need someone to help me out and take notes and do the bucket. I will go in for surgery on Aug 10. I will try to make it to the Sept. meeting. If not then, someone needs to step up and take notes. We are a big club and I know someone can help me out.

Thank You Linda Barnard....Secretary

***Editor's Corner***

*By Tim Bates*



Hi to All my Wonderful Studebaker Family Members,  
I had to fill in as secretary again—dicey proposition for all. The meeting was called to order at 11:45. The item of the State Fair was brought up and Pat

Dilling is the point of contact for those interested .

Drive your Studebaker Day is discussed on page 6.

We have 68 club members—yeah!!!

We have about \$9,500 in the club account.

There is a big car show in Stockton on 8/18 of about 200 cars and Lou says a bunch of Avanti's will be there—so should you if interested.

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## Fortuna Redwood AutoXpo July 22 & 23, 2017



One of our favorite car shows is the Fortuna Redwood AutoXpo! Since 1990 is how long the Fortuna Redwood AutoXpo has been bringing excitement to the fourth weekend in July. Fortuna California "Friendly City" nickname is well earned and the atmosphere it creates for visitors during AutoXpo is often remarked upon by our participants. Rick & I have been going to this car show for years, we love the cars, swap meet, the cruise

(with tractors too), the BBQ & the Nice people! Yes it's a long drive 5-6 hours depending on the road work, but the weather is so cool & Sacramento is HOT! This

year our daughter & granddaughters went up with us. It was our granddaughters first cruise. They smiled & waved at the crowd & even said It's a Studebaker! There is a small town up there name Ferndale and it's old Victorian homes & businesses, which is fun to visit. On the drive home, we drove through the Ave of the Giants with beautiful Redwoods. We are signed up with Lisa Hale to bring the Studebakers up for the car show next year!

Johna & Rick Pierce

## Riga Motor Museum By Perry and Betty Knopf

A moment of truth, the Knopfs apparently do not want to pass up an automobile museum opportunity. Perhaps, we need a support group. In any event, on a recent trip we flew to Riga, Latvia, on our way to Lithuania. A computer search revealed the Riga Motor Museum. This museum is not only housed in a beautifully designed building, this museum is the biggest antique vehicle museum in the Baltic countries. Actually, it is rated as one of the top automobile museums in Europe. The collection includes over 100 displayed vehicles, including cars, trucks, special purpose vehicles, and motorcycles. Highlights of our visit include seeing Soviet-made vehicles, Kremlin vehicles, military machinery, and racing cars.

Apparently, over the years, many Russian leaders greatly appreciated and enjoyed American made cars, especially Packards. Photographs of many Russian leaders were shown being presented luxury cars such as Lincoln convertibles by American Presidents. Several Russian vehicles have designs heavily influenced by American cars, but were bulky and had more chrome features.

There were many Russian vehicle manufacturers of both cars and motorcycles. On display was a very rare bullet-proof car used by Stalin. He actually had a large number of these cars as they were often used as decoys when he traveled. The car on display had a bullet-proof radiator, tires, and windows of special thick glass. This particular car was being repaired and was hidden in a factory while the others were being destroyed for scrap metal.



1949 Soviet Union ZIS. One of about 50 heavily armed security cars for Stalin. 160 HP, 80 MPH



1967 Soviet Union SMZ. 10 Hp, 35 MPH

After WWII, there was a 10 year wait for a car so many people bought motorcycles from many manufacturers. Some of these vehicles were actually motorized bicycles. In addition, there was actually a very small two-person vehicle that looked similar to a golf cart made for handicapped veterans. (Smart cars of an earlier time.)

In 1949, the Czech Republic made a TATRA. This vehicle looks very similar in styling to the short-lived American Tucker. It could go 160 km/hr and had 3 headlights as did the Tucker. Only 3,000 of these vehicles were produced. According to the museum, one of the most significant exhibits in the museum is the 1938 Auto Union racing car Type D. This vehicle was saved from being cut into scrap by the President of the Antique Automobile Club of Latvia.



1949 Czech Republic TATRA. 72 HP V8



1944 United States Studebaker US6. 95 HP, 50 MPH

On display was a 1944 US6 Studebaker military truck that was sent to Russia as part of the WWII Lend Lease Program. A quick review of the Lend Lease Program on Wikipedia states between 1941 and 1945, the US sold Russia over 400,000 trucks, along with combat vehicles, motorcycles, fuel, and foodstuffs. Originally the Lend Lease equipment was to be used until returned or destroyed. In practice, at the end of the war little equipment was returned. According to our museum docent, people did not want to return such important equipment as a Studebaker truck after such a devastating war, so people lied about the vehicles being stolen or in an accident. The people knew the vehicles were to be crushed and sent back to the US for scrap metal.

To see more cars and motorcycles at this museum, Google "Riga Motor Museum." The website shows beautiful pictures of vehicles from many Soviet countries and some interesting interactive displays.

## **SEQUOIA CHAPTER NORTHERN CALIFORNIA ALL STUDEBAKER SWAP MEET AND FLEA MARKET**

**Saturday, September 9, 2017**

**8:00am – 2:00pm**

**Held at Studebakers West's parking lot**

**335 Convention Way, Redwood City**

Vendors sign up now. Clean out your garage and storage areas and bring stuff to sell. Items do not have to be Studebaker related.

Pre-register at \$30.00, that includes \$24 per space and \$6 for lunch. Additional lunches are \$6.00 at pre-register time.

Chef Pierre Castonguay will BBQ lunch. Hamburger with cheese, Chips, Soda and all condiments.

**Send your pre-registration information: to Sequoia Chapter, 335A Convention Way Redwood City, CA 94063. Please mention number of spaces and number of lunches.**

Must be received by September 2. After that date, or if you drive in on the day of the Swap Meet, the cost will be \$25 per space and \$7 for lunch.

Buyers: Free admission and parking. Get those parts you have been searching for!

Come on out and join the fun. .

## General Announcements



Our club President with the Taylor's from Placerville. The Taylor's are prominent merchants that sponsor the Placerville 3rd of December Christmas Parade. We have been invited to attend. Since I thought the Taylors were going to give a presentation, I was not really paying very close attention to the discussion. So, it seems the parade starts at 1 and they want us staged by 11am. Expect about an hour and a half to transit through down town Placerville.

**-The annual club calendar:** Perry Knopf plans to put together a calendar again, for 2018. What is needed are input photos. Photos don't need to be of a concourse quality car. This is a driver's club, so also consider a photo of a car in your past, a car in progress or a car with your family. Also, please include a little information on the photo. The completed calendar includes information on club meetings and some local auto related activities. Input can be provided by email to fpstude@aol.com, or text Perry at 916/425-3207.

**-School Days Are Coming:** As kids and teens are now getting ready to go back to school, please consider donating clean, gently used clothing of all sizes to help encourage them to get to school. Summer and winter clothes are greatly needed and will be appreciated. Over the years our Studebaker club has quietly encouraged kids and teens by this project. Please bring your clean and gently used items to our next meeting. Super Thanks! (If you have questions, please contact Betty at 916-944-3553.)

**-Drive your Studebaker day 9/9** We will meet from East and West and all drive to the Road Trip Grill in Capay and then to Woodland for ice cream. Jon Stalnakker will round up the East group and Frank Smith will do the same for the West group. Bring your car or come with others and expect a lot of fun.

**SATURDAY**, August 13, KAREL STAPLE SDC WILL MEET AT THE Smith's in Beautiful Napa.

**MEETING AT 11am**

Frank and Johanna Smith 2140 Coronado Ave Napa CA

The Smiths' will provide hamburgers, buns and fixins.

Everyone should bring a chair and their own plate/utensils to all potluck meetings.

**A to I - bring a desert**

**J to R - bring a side dish**

**S to Z - bring salad or appetizer**

If anyone needs to call for directions or has questions call Frank: [707-738-0456](tel:707-738-0456)

**That should be it!**

**Thank you!**

**DIRECTIONS:** From downtown Sacramento, Take I 80 West to about Exit 40, To HWY 12. Follow the Napa HWY to HWY 29 and turn right. Stay in the right hand lane and follow the signs to downtown Napa. Turn right at Imola (big intersection) and Turn left on to Coronado Ave. The house will be on the right at Shelter Ave.

**ADVERTISEMENTS  
CARS, PARTS, SERVICES**

To place a for sale ad for cars, parts, or services, contact Dean Sumpter at [carvin9755@gmail.com](mailto:carvin9755@gmail.com) or 9167536003.

**Parts for Sale**

1953 - 1964 C&K parts. Doors, quarter panels, 56-61 hood, starters, generators, trim, 63-64 NOS GT Hawk side grilles, lots of misc.parts. 57-58 supercharger no carb or air cleaner. 64 259 V8 engine, 64 auto trans for V8, Some small NOS Weasel parts. Can send photos of most items. Dean Sumpter Elk Grove Ca. [carvin7712@yahoo.com](mailto:carvin7712@yahoo.com) or [916-753-6003](tel:916-753-6003).

**PARTS WANTED**

Art is also looking for a set of 4 hubcaps for a 1960-64 Champ pickup. Chrome or painted is fine. Contact Art 530-743-2942 [lucky7@succeed.net](mailto:lucky7@succeed.net).

Anybody have a flywheel inspection plate for a 289 automatic. I'd like to buy it from you since my 64 Hawk's missing it." Thank You.. Roger @ [916-372-2808](tel:916-372-2808)

**Cars for Sale**

For Sale: 1948 M-16 Flatbed, 152" wb. Comm6 4 spd trans/2 spd re. 7.50x20, 11'-6" x 7'-2" bed. 42"l x68"w x20"h storage box on bed.,\$6,000 obo. [707-738-9433](tel:707-738-9433), Don Clerici

1951 Stude Business Coupe. Q-2 model. One of only 300 plus units made in the last year of Business Cps. This one was made in LA. New motor, all brakes and lines redone. Driveline and gas tank, 2 radiators done. Boxes of spare parts. Spare set of rear windows. Floor done. Front seat and door panels done. Rebuilt radio. Asking \$6,000.00 **OBO**. Also 1951 Starlight coupe and lots of spare parts to go. **Art Smith, 530-743 2942. [lucky7@succeed.net](mailto:lucky7@succeed.net)**.

**Also 1953 and 1954 4 door parts cars. Contact Art Smith 530-743-2942, [lucky7@succeed.net](mailto:lucky7@succeed.net)**

For Sale: 1957 Silver Hawk Studebaker, flat six motor with hill brake. The car runs good, driven, and has been stored in a garage. Purchased in 2001 from Medford, OR and drove to Omaha, NE. It was then moved to CA in 2015 and is now located in Roseville, CA. Current mileage is 47121. \$15,000 Phone: 402.709.7504 Email: [mcmillan.gin@gmail.com](mailto:mcmillan.gin@gmail.com)

**Karel Staple Chapter 2017 Event CALENDER**

**Aug 13 Johanna & Frank Smith's Home, 2140 Coronado Ave, Napa 707-255-5108**

**Aug 18 Classic Car Show** 718 Lincoln Center, Stockton, CA  
Friday, 6pm-9 pm, live music by Whiskey Kiss, Group Therapy, New and Used, and more!

New this year: Spectacular Fireworks Show!

**Sep 17 Annual Auction** 1129 Weber Way, Sac, CA 916-442-5986

Host: Johna & Rick Pierce Home

**Sep 23\* Napa Moose Lodge car show**, From 10 - 3. Arrive about 9:00, we will have coffee & donuts. There will be music, BBQ Lunch, raffle and kids games.

Contact Frank for more info (707)738-0456

Host: Johanna and Frank Smith

**Oct 15 Leon Cohen's Home, 1443 Dorchester Dr., Roseville, CA 916-784-8424**

**Oct 20-22 PSW Zone Meet, Clovis, CA** [www.sdcsanjoaquinvalleychapter.com](http://www.sdcsanjoaquinvalleychapter.com)

**Nov 12 Back 40 Texas BBQ, 1201 Orlando Ave, Roseville, CA 818-577-0587**

Host: Lisa Hale

**Dec 10 Christmas Party, Justin's Kitchen, 628 Plumas St, Yuba City, Mel France Host 530-674-0327**

**\* Saturday meetings**

All of the above underlined dates are Club events. - editor

**Welcome New Members!**

Dean Seavers  
Sacramento, CA  
1961 Lark Viii Regal Station Wagon

Lottie Harriman  
Rio Linda, CA  
1963 Avanti





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