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# Hawk Talks

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## Studebakers Shine at MCACN



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***President's Message***  
*by Steve Rainville*



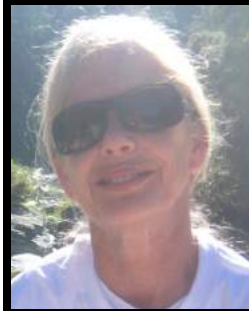
Hello everybody,  
It's February a new year  
and we have lots to do .  
Hopefully we will put  
plenty of miles on our  
cars this year.

Holiday season is over  
and now it is time to re-  
program our brains to

Studebakers.

Good news—the museum has reconsidered  
and wants our club to represent for the Car  
Club Cavalcade in March. Details to follow at  
the February meeting. See you on the 19th,  
we have lots to talk about. Bring your Stu-  
debaker and appetite for yet another great  
pot luck.  
- Steve

***Secretary's Report***  
*for Linda Barnard*



Jan. 15,2017  
32 members, and 6  
Studebakers.  
50/50 was won by  
George Newhouse. He  
took home \$53.00. Good  
job George.

Meeting was called to  
order by President Ste-  
ve Rainville. A big thank you to George  
and Betty Newhouse for hosting the meet-  
ing this month.

We held a discussion about the donation  
to the Calif. Auto Museum. We voted to  
table the discussion till the Sept. 17 meet-  
ing.

2017 started off with a new Editor for our  
Hawk Talks. Thank You Tim Bates for  
taking this on. I am sure he will do a fine  
job.

A discussion was brought up about the life  
time members. Johanna Smith and Linda  
Barnard will check into this further and  
report at next meeting.

Welcome to the new members, Roger Thi-  
bault, came and brought his GT Hawk.  
Jon Stalnaker is going to check about the  
membership for the Calif. Auto Museum.  
Feb. Meeting be at the Calif. Auto Muse-  
um. Lunch will start at 11:00, and a meet-  
ing will follow.

Membership dues are due. If you have not  
paid, please send your dues to Johanna  
Smith. 2140 Coronado Ave, Napa, CA  
94559

Thank you,  
Linda Barnard Secretary

***Editor's Corner***  
*By Tim Bates*



Hi, I am your new editor. This  
task is simply overwhelming at  
the moment with so much to  
learn... Please give me a few is-  
sues to try to understand all this.  
Corrections will be published  
immediately. I am great at mis-  
understanding. Our very own  
outstanding author Miss Michele  
Carlson posted something on Fa-  
cebook that led me to believe she  
received a call from the Presi-  
dents son. She is, in fact, a great

author so I totally believed it until I started investigating  
a little bit. Anyway, very much looking forward to get-  
ting to know all you wonderful people and what all your  
hidden (or maybe not so hidden) talents are for the bet-  
terment of our club's already solid foundation and our  
beloved cars. Just so you know, I have always loved the  
1957 Silver Hawk since I was a little boy. I could not  
believe the ad that came out in the newspaper for my first  
\$100 car when I was 17. Divine Intervention perhaps??  
All of you are next. Standby...

Note from the Editor:

Definition from Funk & Wagnalls Standard Desk Dic-  
tionary:

*"Editor - To collect, compile and arrange material  
for publication"*

This means The editor doesn't write everything. He  
needs information to share with other members. Ma-  
terial in any form is welcome. I'll put it together for  
the newsletter.

Thanks, *Editor*

## Gathering at the Hof Brau

Miss Linda conducting our 50/50 raffle....



Got to be an incredibly Studebakerly important discussion going on here...



Tres amigos discussing a cervesa run across the border or possibly the next highly secret and confidential Studebaker conquest...

Our infamous President greeting a new member Mr. Roger Thibault with his beautiful GT Hawk freshly purchased from Oregon.



## What Are The Odds

Story By: Jon Stalnakar

I'm pretty easy to buy for at Christmas. Anything Denver Broncos or Studebaker related is a sure bet. Carlene knows this and when she was looking for something to get me for Christmas, she entered "Studebaker" into the Etsy web site and scrolled through to see what she could find. If you don't know, Etsy is a site for artists and crafts people to sell their wares to a larger market. Carlene found a garage sign that was laser cut into a shadow image of a Studebaker truck. She had it made to say "Jon's Garage" so she ordered it and presented it to me for Christmas.

When I opened it up, I stopped and stared at it strangely; Carlene was afraid that I didn't like it. On the contrary, I loved it and asked her if she had it special made because it was actually an image of my truck. I recognized it as the picture that I took of my truck that was published in the April 2008 issue of Turning Wheels. It was a total coincidence; what are the odds!

I found the Turning Wheels issue and showed it to her comparing the picture with the garage sign. I knew it was the same as that is one of my favorite pictures and I spent many hours staring at that photograph, mostly because it was my first maga-

zine cover picture and I knew when I took that picture that it was well composed. Comparing them side by side only verified it was indeed the image used to create the sign. There were only a couple of differences and they were things that I would expect the artist to delete. The bed boards were removed and some rear suspension bolts were eliminated to make for an easier cut. I was sure it was the same thing so I sent an email to the artist with a picture of the magazine and he verified that it was indeed the image he used. He told me that he was commissioned by a lady in Alaska to make the sign for her husband and she sent a picture of his truck that was not good enough to use for his process of making the sign. He told me that he found the picture of my truck on the internet using a random search. I know there are pictures of my truck on the internet but they are interspersed within thousands of Studebaker truck images. What are the odds that he would select not only an image of my truck but THE image that I would most likely recognize immediately? If he had selected any other image, there's a good chance that I would not have recognized it as my truck. I recognized the front suspension, the stance and the location of the mirrors. It

even shows the lazy door handle that shows its wear. I was blown away at the triple aspect of this, the fact that Carlene found this item from an artist in Kansas totally at random. The fact that this artist used an image of my truck to make this sign totally randomly. And the fact that this image is probably the only image of all the pictures I have taken of my truck that I was most likely to recognize in a flat, colorless shadow sign format. I called the Vacaville Reporter newspaper and reporter Melissa Murphy agreed it was an interesting story and offered to write about it. She interviewed me, took some photos and I left the newspaper office expecting to see the story in one of the inside sections of the paper. To my surprise, it was in the next issue of the paper and on the front page, above the fold no less. I didn't expect that but it was fun to see. And the best part of this whole incredible "what are the odds" story is Carlene's reaction to it. She is totally unimpressed; what are the odds....



# Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals 2016

*By Pat Dilling*

Last November I had the pleasure of attending the Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals in Rosemont, Illinois. (<http://www.mcaen.com/>) It is an invitation only indoor show that features some of the most magnificent cars I have ever seen. Many of the displays were done on a theme and among them was a very special Studebaker Display including numerous genuine R3 cars as well as some of the most historic Bonneville Studebakers in history.

The Granatelli Numbers 8 and 9 record setting Avantis were reunited for the first time since 1963



Photo by Richie - Wisconsin Hot Rod Radio

Ron Hall's Studebaker powered 200 mph Avanti



Photo by Richie - Wisconsin Hot Rod Radio

Nelson Bove's R3 Hot Rod Magazine Feature Car



Ed George's R3 Avanti, the last one built.



Barn Find 1964 R2 Daytona



Photo by Richie - Wisconsin Hot Rod Radio



Photo by Richie - Wisconsin Hot Rod Radio

## STUDEBAKERS INVITED TO THE CALIFORNIA STATE AUTO MUSEUM CAR CALVACADE



### *Car Club Cavalcade at the CAM*

*By: Jon Stalnaker*

The California Auto Museum contacted me to see if we still would like to display our cars for the month of March this year. Since we were previously denied, I tossed out all the information I had about who wanted to participate. The museum requested 4 or 5 cars so I got on the phone and rounded up 4 members that wanted to participate. President Steve said he would display his 63 Champ pick-up, Tim Bates offered to display his 57 Silver Hawk, Jason Michaels will bring his 50 Bullet Nose and Mel France offered up his 34 Commander. I have been trying to contact Andy Maas as I thought he volunteered his 58 Champion. Since I have room for 4 or 5, I still have room for him if he wants. I would love to include his 58 since it is a unique car that you just don't see all that often. Since we are meeting at the museum on the 19<sup>th</sup> of this month, we can turn in our paperwork at that time. Thank you to all who volunteered.

Los Angeles Chapter - Studebaker Drivers Club

**32nd Annual Winter Meet**  
**STUDEBAKER**  
**Car Show**

**Sunday**  
**March 12, 2017**  
9 am - 3 pm

2016 People's Choice Winner

Can't miss Event!!!  
Bring the Family

**the MURPHY auto museum**  
www.murphyautomuseum.org

2230 Statham Blvd.  
Oxnard, CA

\$10.00 Admission gets you into the Studebaker Show & the Museum  
Free to all Active Military and Children 12 and under

Download Registration Forms at:  
www.studebakersla.com

The meet will take place on **Sunday March 12, 2017** from 9 AM until 3 PM at the **Murphy Auto Museum** at 2230 Statham Blvd. in Oxnard, California 93033 This is a **Studebaker car show** and will include all Studebaker "relatives" (Avanti, Packard, Erskine, Pierce Arrow and Rockne) vehicles. Questions? email Howard Brown [brngarage@gmail.com](mailto:brngarage@gmail.com) or call [\(818\) 606-0267](tel:8186060267).

Registration Forms at  
[www.studebakersla.com](http://www.studebakersla.com)

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## 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

Avanti Parts, including an RS Code motor. Call Chuck Donley 530-401-3189, Auburn

## PARTS WANTED

.Looking for a carburetor for 61 or 62 OHV 170 6cylinder engine it is an AS model. 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).**

## Cars for Sale

Hi I'm Loran Polete, the son-in-law of William and June Hollman who were club members for many years. The 1963 Lark Dayton convertible and the 1963 Avanti they owned are for sale. The cars were appraised eight years ago by Mr. Stan Hanenraft. The low appraisal for the Avanti was \$17,000 and the low appraisal for the Lark was \$23,000 this is the asking price for the cars. If anyone is interested in either car they can contact me at [\(530\) 312-8501](tel:5303128501) Thank you so much for your help.

1916 Studebaker Touring 4 cylinder. Nice older restoration \$14,000. Vehicle is located in Trout Lake Wa. **Contact Art Smith for details. 530-743 2942. [lucky7@succeed.net](mailto:lucky7@succeed.net)**

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. A lot more. Asking \$6500.00 **OBO Art Smith, 530-743 2942. [lucky7@succeed.net](mailto:lucky7@succeed.net).**

Art Smith is clearing out his Champ pickup fleet - he has 3 1962 Champ T-cabs. One is complete but not running, the other 2 for parts. **Also 1953 and 1954 4 door parts cars. Contact Art Smith 530-743-2942, [lucky7@succeed.net](mailto:lucky7@succeed.net)**

## Join Lou's Wagon Train

Lou Van Anne is organizing a caravan of Studebakers to the 2017 Studebaker International Meet in South Bend next May 3-7. Travelling together is always a great way to go. If you have not made a "Home Coming" to South Bend consider joining in. These meets always draw the most cars and you can also visit the Studebaker National Museum, Studebaker International and some of the Studebaker family homes. Contact Lou for details.



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<http://www.michiana-chapter-sdc.net/2017-sdc-international.html>

**Karel Staple Chapter 2017 Event CALENDER**

**Feb 19 California Auto Museum, 2200 Front St, Sac. Jon Stalnaker Host 707-344-1957**

**Mar 12 Mel France's Museum, 2241 Hooper Way, Yuba City, 530-674-0327**

**Apr 22 \* Annual Studebaker Picnic, Grupe Park, Stockton, Lou Van Anne 209-479-0867**

**May 7 Fiesta Days Car Show, Fair Oaks**

**May 20 \* Valley Road Trip Café, 24989 CA-16, Capay, Brunelli's Host 916-961-3406**

**Jun 11 Carmichael Elks Lodge, 10 AM, 5631 Cypress Ave, Carmichael, Steve Rainville Host 916-729-8569**

**Jun 18 73rd Studebaker Wheelbarrow Race, El Dorado Fairground, Placerville**

**Jul 15 \* Crystal Basin Winery, 3550 Carson Rd, Camino, Tim Bates Host**

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

**Sep 17 Annual Auction, Johna & Rick Pierce Home, 1129 Weber Way, Sac 916-442-5986**

**Oct 15 Leon Cohen's Home, 1443 Dorchester Dr, Roseville, 016-784-8424**

**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, Lisa Hale Host 818-577-0587**

**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**

**Upcoming Local Car Shows**

Feb 17-19 67th Sacramento Autorama, Cal Expo, 877-763-7469

**Directions to This Month's Meeting**

**We are located South of Old Sacramento, at the corner of Front Street and V Street, north of Broadway**

2200 Front Street Sacramento, CA 95818-1107

Phone: (916) 442-6802

**Potluck at the Feb 19 California Auto Museum meeting;**

**First letter of last name:**

**A-G: Bring Main Dish**

**H-M: Bring Salad**

**N-Z: Bring Dessert or appetizer**







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