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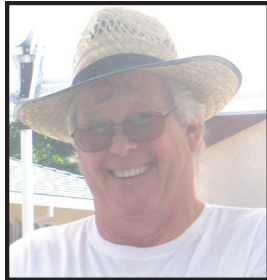
**HAPPY NEW YEAR!! NEW MEETING VENUE!!!  
SAME GREAT STUDEBAKER FAMILY / CARS!!!**



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**President's Message  
by Steve Rainville**

Hello All



Do you feel the days getting longer? I sure do, if we don't have a rainy season soon I'll feel like all my projects will be behind. But all my projects are always behind or not started yet. We on the west coast are so blessed with good weather that we can drive our cars and trucks all year if we want. Others around the country are not so lucky and take precautions for winter driving or storage. I guess events for us this year have me thinking more about the west coast. The two big events the International and Zone meets on the coast one north the other south. It's like the stars are aligned just for us. I hope to see many of you at each meet. Heck I hope to see me at each meet. See you at our next meeting and we can continue to work on 2019 when we have the zone meet to host. So much to do. See you soon.

Yours Truly  
Stephen Rainville.

**Editor's Corner  
By Tim Bates**

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!! Hopefully we are all recharged and renewed and ready to take on this new season of car activities. So many events to chose from—hope you can find some events attend. I hardly

**Secretary's Report  
by Linda Barnard**

It was a beautiful day for the Jan. Meeting.

29 members and 5 cars, met at Satura Grill and Buffet in Sacramento. Thank you George Newhouse for hosting the meeting. Lou gave the end of the year Treasure report. We do not put this in the news letter. Lou has the report, if anyone wants to know.



Pat Dilling gave us an update as to where we stand on the 2019, Zone Meet. Talked about changing the date, it was going to be Fathers Days weekend, but we need more info, so, it was voted and Seconded to table this, till next meeting, when we get more info.

Darrell and La Ree Brunelli checked out the hotel in Folsom, they gave the info to Pat, it's a nice place, but think it is too small, for all the cars. Thanks for checking this out. Steve Rainville, Brian and Linda are going to check out the Marriott in Rancho, It is a big place and I believe they can meet our needs. Will check it out and give a report at the Feb. meeting. Pat will email us with info on the Zone meet Committee, meeting. This is a big Meet and we need all hands on deck, with input and ideas, to make this a success. Be thinking of a logo we can use, all ideas are welcomed. Email your idea to Pat Dilling.

A big Welcome to our new member, Paul Onell. He has a '63 GT. Beautiful car. Kate Dilling is our new membership Chairman ( thanks Kate ) She said the cut off date for your membership is March. So get that money in so you can enjoy all the wonderful things we do and the great folks that have a hand in making it the best club in the Country. Also, if you need a name badge, write down what you want on the name badge, and bring your money; Kate will order it for you. If you want to order a jacket or a sweatshirt, please let La Ree Brunelli know and she will order it for you.

It was voted on and Seconded, that we send \$100.00 , to National's, for a donation. We discussed the pamphlet's, that we receive from National's. Do we need to order more, with new Officers names and numbers ? Going to check with Steve Rainville about this, and new ones for Our club, with new Officers, name and numbers. Will let you know at Feb. meeting. I have sent the new info to the National's.

The Meeting and Auction, that is set for Sept. at Rick and Johna Pierce's home, the date has been changed to SEPT. 23. Please make note of this change in date.

Leon, won the 50/50. He got to take home \$55.00 . Way to go, Leon. The car show Cert. went to Jason Michaels. Good to see you Jason.

See you all at the Feb. meeting. Jon and Carlene Stalnaker will be host at the Calif. Auto Museum, in Sacramento. Tim will post the list of who brings what foods to meeting.

Linda Barnard Secretary

know where to start myself. The International and Zone and Meets so very close is a good place to start. Take Care, Tim

# International Meet

## August 29—September 1, 2018

### Tacoma, Washington U.S.A.



54th Annual Studebaker Drivers Club International Meet

August 29—September 1, 2018

Tacoma, Washington U.S.A.

#### Host Hotel Information

All hotels are within 5 minutes drive to LeMay ACM Museum show field

**LaQuinta Hotel** - 1425 East 27th Street, Tacoma, WA 98421 - (253) 383-0146

<http://www.laquintatacoma.com>

**\$115/night SDC Rate, Primary hotel with hospitality and meeting rooms.**  
Free Bright Side Breakfast, free high-speed wi-fi, outdoor swimming pool, **pets welcome.**  
Ask for the Studebaker Drivers Club rate.

**Best Western Hotel** - 2611 East E Street, Tacoma, WA 98421 - (253) 272-7737

<http://www.bestwesterntacomadome.com>

**\$129/night SDC Rate. Located less than 2 blocks from the LeMay ACM museum and show field.**  
Complimentary deluxe hot breakfast, free underground parking, free high-speed wi-fi, microwave, refrigerator, MP3 clock radio, **pets welcome, complimentary shuttle.**  
Ask for the Studebaker Drivers Club rate.

**Holiday Inn Express & Suites Tacoma** - 2102 South C Street, Tacoma, WA 98402 - (253) 272-2434

<https://www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/us/en/tacoma>

**\$129/night SDC Rate.**  
Free full Breakfast Buffet, free covered parking (fees waived for SDC), free high-speed wi-fi, heated indoor pool, fitness center, **pets welcome.** Ask for the Studebaker Drivers Club rate.



Sponsored by the Tacoma and Greater Seattle chapters of  
the Studebaker Drivers Club

Questions? Contact Laurel Berry at (253) 631-5076 or

francie1965@yahoo.com for more information



## Rooms are filling up fast, get your room reservations while you still can.

# Shootin' the Breeze With The Studebaker Dude

## Studebaker and the Post Office Department

I spent a good portion of my life caring about two American icons. The Postal Service (formerly known as the Post Office Department) and the Studebaker Corporation. The Post Office dates back to Benjamin Franklin and Studebaker was building vehicles long before the day of the automobile. Postal history tells us that many of the roads in this country were created so that mail could be delivered to rural addresses. And as far as the western migration, many of the wagons traversing America were built by Studebaker.

Studebaker was a huge wagon and carriage manufacturing company. Their company motto and reputation was built on giving the customer more than they promised. As the Post Office Department expanded their delivery area, they needed vehicles to haul it. Studebaker was certainly a logical choice to deliver these vehicles and they were familiar with government contracts. They had the facilities to mass produce and a reputation for quality. While they were not used exclusively, they certainly produced their fair share of the desired vehicles.

It was the late 1890s and early 1900s that the horseless carriages, or what would later be known as the automobile, became all the rage. In the beginning they were toys for the wealthy but the introduction of the Model T Ford in 1908 changed everything. Cars were now affordable to the everyday person and the competition of the Model T Ford brought many an enthusiastic entrepreneur into the automobile business. Studebaker reluctantly got into the auto business in 1902 with an electric car. They hesitated because they were so successful building horse drawn wagons that they weren't even interested in these new-fangled horseless buggies. They were certainly in a good position to be successful as their manufacturing plants were big enough to handle the job.

They went in partnership with other car manufacturers such as Garfield and Everitt, Metzger, Flanders and it was 1913 before Studebaker ventured out alone putting their name on an automobile. They were tasked with building motorized postal vehicles and added their take on what would eventually become part of the American scenery.

Studebaker decided to give up on automobile production in the early 60s. Competition from the "Big Three", GM, Ford, and Chrysler eventually forced the independent automakers out and Studebaker was one of the casualties. But before they decided to move auto production to Canada in 1963, Studebaker had been awarded a contract to build a fleet of Post Office delivery vehicles. Studebaker completed that contract after they stopped building cars in South Bend, building a total of 4238 vehicles for the Post Office.

The Zip Van was built specifically for city delivery. Studebaker built the frames and provided it's inline 6-cylinder motors and automatic transmissions for power. They had a unique dual pedal system that allowed the trucks to be driven from a standing position or seated in a fold up seat. This allowed carriers on dismount delivery routes to easily jump in and out of the vehicle to deliver the mail to boxes that could not be reached from a seated driving position. This type of delivery

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Continued from Pg 4 has long ago been deemed too dangerous and is no longer an approved method of delivering mail. The bodies were built by the Met-Pro company in Lansdale Pennsylvania. The two parts were assembled together and distributed to Post Offices throughout the United States. By the time the Post Office Department morphed into the Postal Service, all zip Vans were long retired. As a side note, the name Zip Van was used to publicize the new Zone Improvement Plan, or Zip Code that was created at the same time-period. Yes, I remember the days before zip codes.

Studebaker went on to produce automobiles in Canada for model years 1965 and 1966. After that, Studebaker cars were no more. Soon, the Post Office Department would also be no more. Today's Postal Service replaced it. We still get our mail like we did under the old system however, Studebakers are no longer being made. But they are not gone. Thanks to about 18,000 members world-wide, Studebakers are being restored and maintained for all to see. And the best part is that they are still being driven.

## 2019 Zone Meet Committee

Pat Dilling will lead the 2019 Zone Meet Committee.

Those interested in being on the committee please email [p.dilling@outlook.com](mailto:p.dilling@outlook.com) or call 530-218-0641

We had some great ideas discussed at the November meeting to keep those creatives thoughts going please contact Pat to so we have the best Zone Meet EVER!!!

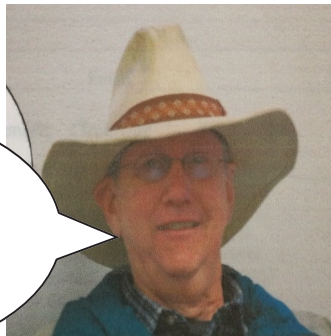
### Perry Knopf Says:

Kidde Fire Extinguisher Recall

This recall involves 134 models of Kidde fire extinguishers manufactured between 1973 and 2017. They are the plastic handle and push-button types.

Contact Kidde customer service at (855)271-0773. They will ship you replacements with instructions on how to return the recalled units. Search Kidde Fire Extinguisher Recall for more information.

Also, I can still get you a 2018 Calendar. The Price is \$15 (cheap)



Call me at  
1 916 425 3207



**Why is Tippi Hedren screaming in horror?**

Turn the page...

## February 18th Meeting in Sacramento

02/18/2018 11:00am Meeting in Sacramento at California Auto Museum. This is a Pot Luck meeting. Jon Stalnaker is Hosting 707 344 1957

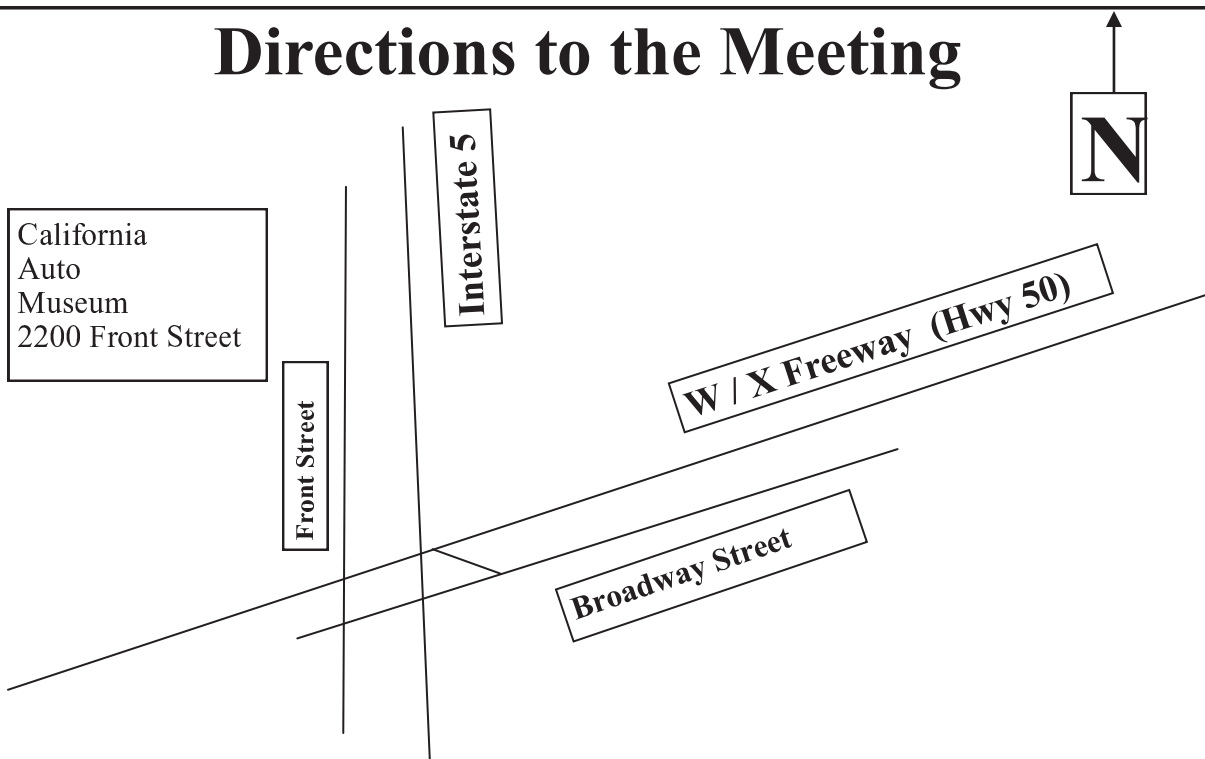
Please Bring the following:

A to I - bring a Dessert.

J to R - bring Salad or an Appetizer

S to Z - bring a Main Dish Entrée.

### Directions to the Meeting



This scene from  
Alfred Hitchcock's  
The Birds  
sacrificed a perfectly good  
M Series Studebaker truck.

I screamed in Horror too!

**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**

For Sale: 4 post car lift, \$1,200.00 contact Pat Dilling if interested.

**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)

**Cars for Sale**

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 \$5,000.00 **OBO**. Also 1951 Starlight coupe and all of my 6 cyl parts to with the deal. **Art Smith, 530-743 2942. [lucky7@succeed.net](mailto:lucky7@succeed.net)**

**Also 1953 and 1954 4 door parts cars. The 54 will be scrapped if no interest is shown. 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)

For Sale: 1971 Chevy Truck, 6x6, with another parts truck, and tons of parts. Contact Mel if interested

1952 Stu Champion 2 door sedan, great red paint and good interior and 5 radial tires. Contact Frank Kilpatrick 209-768-4345 asking \$12,500.00

**FREE CAR**

1941 Studebaker President that was bought and owned by my Grandfather. During WW2 was driven from California to Kansas and Yellowstone/Grand Tetons...how do you do that when gas rationing was in place? Install a kerosene tank and start it and get it up to operating temp on gas and then switch over to kerosene which was not rationed. The car is in pretty rough shape as it was stored in a walnut orchard in Napa for 30+ years. There is a significant amount of rust but the straight 8 was not frozen 5 years ago the last time I turned it. It is free to any Studebaker fan that wants to come and get it. If someone wants to give me \$, I am not going to talk them out of it.  
They can contact me at 530-409-2438,  
Jon Anderson

Studebaker International Museum thanked us for our \$100.00 contribution to their annual fund.

Well done CLUB, GREAT JOB!

**Karel Staple Chapter 2018 Event CALENDER**

**Feb 18:** California Auto Museum, Jon Stalnaker Host

**March 18:** Mel France Museum, Yuba City, Mel France Host

- **April 21:** Avanti/ Studebaker Picnic, Stockton, Lou Van Anne

May 6: Fair Oaks Fiesta Day Car Show

- May 19: Santana Car Show, WI Dorado Hills

**May 20:** Aero Space Museum, McCellan, Pat Dilling Host

**June 10:** Elks Lodge, Carmichael, Steve Rainville Host

June 17: Wheelbarrow Races, Placerville, Pat Dilling Host

- June 23: Burgiemmen Car Show

- **July 21:** Crystal Basin Cellars, Camino, Tim Bates Host 707-980-1957

**Aug 12:** Social, Napa, Frank and Johanna Smith

**Aug 29—Sept. 1:** International Studebaker Meet, Tacoma, Washington

- **Sept. 8:** International Drive your Studebaker Day, Host TBD

**Sept. 16:** Annual Auction, Sacramento, J & R Pierce Host

**Oct. 14:** Leon Cohen's Home, Roseville, Leon Cohen Host

**Nov. 18:** Back 40 BBQ, Roseville, Lisa Hale Host

- **Dec. 8:** Christmas Party, TBD

- **Saturday meetings**

Friendly reminder that DUES are due \$20.00. Please use the membership form located on the last page.

Please mail to:

Kate Dilling

4074 Mary Ave.

Oliverhurst, CA 95961

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



**National SDC Application**

**Karel Staple Chapter Application**

**For SDC National membership:  
Please mail check or money order**

**to:**

**Studebaker Drivers Club, Inc.  
P.O. Box 1715  
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Regular membership w/ first class mail	\$60.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Student/young adult (up to 22 years old)	\$24.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	SDC membership without Turning Wheels	\$10.00

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
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If new member, source of referral:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please list Studebakers, including  
Year, make, body style on separate page.

**All members of local chapters  
must be members of the National  
Studebaker Drivers Club**  
**SDC #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership dues are \$20 Annually**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ St: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Referred by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Birthday (Mo) \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

YES, I would like my newsletter emailed to  
me each month.  
 NO, I would not like my information to be  
published on our roster.

**Please list Studebaker (s) owned:**

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2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
Year                      Model                      Body type

**Name Badge Application:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(may be a nickname)  
Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name badges are \$8.00 each                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Membership fee:    \$ 20.00  
Total enclosed:    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Make check payable to:**

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