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# Hawk Talks

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*President's Message*

*Secretary's Report*



**Hello Everyone**  
Let the car season begin. Our April meeting will be combined with Lou's BBQ in Stockton, so we really won't have a meeting in the usual sense. But don't let that fool you this is a great

get together. Drive you Studebaker or brand X just get there.

Then swap meets and car shows will be exploding everywhere. Myself, if all goes as planned will be driving to South Bend for the International Meet. If you have never been there you are missing an amazing event. This will be my second time the first was more than I expected and a chance to drive the test track with other Studebakers is a once in a life time experience.

Our last month's meet was hosted by Mel at his home and museum and catered by his son; good eating was had by all. When you go to Stockton bring something to BBQ and a side dish to share and have fun.

Right now our club is working smoothly that's because of our members helping and volunteering for the many events that happen dur-



**Karel Staple Studebaker Drivers Club Secretary Report for March 2017 is not available.**

**Our very own Miss Linda is dealing with some unexpected family health issues out of state**

**and does not have the minutes with her.**

**I think we have all been at that place sometime in our life...**

**I know we are all part of her very important and integral Studebaker Family (believe me, you people treat me better than my own family at times.)**

**At this point we should just keep her in our prayers and wish her all the best.**

**From your new ad-lid Editor,**

*Editor's Corner*



Hi to All my Wonderful Studebaker Family Members,

Wow, what a wild and crazy month this has been. First I got my Hawk home safe and sound from the CA State Auto Museum. On the way home, I met up with my best friend from the Navy and his wife Laura. My Mom was my wing man on the drive home in her new Lincoln and got a chance to get re-new relationships with them as well. And, by the way, no coincidence that my daughter and his wife have the same first name. One of those God type things that we will save for another installment.

Anyway, a the great meeting at Mel's, I remember mostly how wonderfully you folks treated my Mom. Also, I vaguely remember discussing the Wheelbarrow Races coming up on Father's Day (in lovely Placerville known for the first Raley's grocery store) and that the International Auto Show is the same weekend as the Pacific Southwest Zone meet in Clovis. They say the homecoming to South Bend is the event of a life time to be savored—probably is, can not wait for my turn to attend. But, I am telling you the Placerville folks treat us like rock stars. You should definitely plan on this event!! Upon parking my car and walking around the fairgrounds, I have never talked to such an enthusiastic audience ever in my life. You should consider bringing your car to find out exactly what I am talking about. Tim



## March Meeting at Mel's Marvelous Auto Museum



Mel and the  
Fabulously Su-  
per Talented  
Chef Justin.

A few of Mel's  
prized posses-  
sions in the  
back ground.



Enough  
to make  
a grown  
man  
cry....

With any  
tragedy a  
good  
story to

# *Studebaker Maintenance Anxieties* (Not for the faint of heart)

Studebaker maintenance anxieties.

By Mel France

The back window of my 1962 Lark Cruiser was broken during a wind storm last Fall. Ford and General Motors people don't have a clue how difficult it is to find parts for cars that do not have millions of new reproduction parts being produced for them every day. In 1962, Studebaker only made 143 cars with a back window the same shape as mine. 1962 Larks had four different back windows.

After continuously looking for months, I decided to cut the top off the car and only drive it in Summer. On the day I was going to start chopping, I saw a Lark Cruiser just like it on EBay; except, it had the back window one would actually be able to find. After evaluating the pictures, I decided it was probably worth about fifteen hundred to two thousand dollars; so, naturally, I bid thirty five hundred dollars, like an idiot. I was high bidder right up until the day it sold. You guessed it, a couple of days before it sold, I found someone who had the correct window in a car abandoned in his front yard for thirty years; and, he gave it to me. Oh man! Now I was going to be obliged to purchase a car that was fifteen hundred miles away, that I did not need nor want, for fifteen hundred dollars more than it was worth. But when the confirmation came back, the owner decided bidding was not high enough to meet his reserve. What a relief!

Studebaker windows have to be removed from the inside. My relationship with the bees, pincher bugs, and rats, complete with feces, while laboring inside that Lark, is fodder for another story.

## **Subject: Getting rid of VAPOR LOCK, tech. tip**

**With the fuel today that I understand boils at 130\*, vapor lock is a real problem. So many of the old cars have the fuel pump located at the front of the engine, sandwiched between a hot engine and the hot radiator. Back when these cars were built we had real gasoline, not this crap of today and the location of the fuel pump was not a problem. Things are different today and here is one way to overcome this problem. Remove the engine fuel pump and install a cover where the fuel pump was. These are available at most all auto supplies. Purchase an electric fuel pump and install it as close to the fuel supply as you can. Electric fuel pumps are pushers so they need to be close to the supply. For safety reasons, connect the hot wire first to the ACC. terminal of the IGN. Switch, then to a 15 amp circuit breaker, then to a toggle switch. This is to be able to turn the pump off if there was a leak or for what ever reason. Next purchase an in line fuel filter that has a smaller side port, reroute the fuel line to come up along the fire wall high enough to go across the fire wall above the engine, install the inline fuel filter and continue to the carburetor. From the smaller side port of the filter run another line back to the fuel tank. Use rubber gas line at both ends of this line. Where ever you can, drill a hole in the fuel tank filler pipe and install a fitting so you can connect the return line. The filler pipe is thick enough if you drill and install a 1/8" NPT fitting that you can connect to. Now you have the fuel away from the heat of the engine and with the return line you also have excess fuel running back to the tank so fuel doesn't not stay in one place long enough to get hot and cause vapor lock. This has been done many times and is the only fix that seems to work well.**

**Even if your car does not have the fuel pump as mentioned, if you have a vapor lock problem, this will fix it.**

**Any questions, you may call me at [928-368-7442](tel:928-368-7442) or e-mail at [swstudebaker@live.com](mailto:swstudebaker@live.com)**

**Feel free to print this where ever you wish. Malcolm Stinson**





## *Wheelbarrow Johnny*

*Newsletter of the Sequoia Chapter  
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### **16<sup>th</sup> Annual All Studebaker Picnic April 22, Grupe Park, Stockton**

Avanti LTD, the Karel Staple Chapter, Sequoia Chapter, and the San Joaquin Valley Chapter join in hosting this event. There is grass, shade trees, and plenty of parking available.

The South East parking lot has been reserved for our Studebakers only. Good weather, BBQ grills, tables, bottled water, plates, cups, and plastic utensils will be provided. You just need to bring your own main entrée to grill, a side dish to share, a folding chair, your favorite Studebaker and your tallest Studebaker "tall tale".

Join us anytime between 12:00 and 4:00 pm. Google Lou's address, 5802 Landview Dr., Stockton, and you can't miss it. (Lou lives across the street).

**DIRECTIONS:** Get on Hiway 580 E, continue to Hiway 205 East. Go about 14 miles and merge onto Interstate 5 North. Take exit 476 for March Lane toward Quail Lake Road. Turn left onto W. March Lane. Take the first right onto Feather River Drive. Take the third left onto Sea Gull Lane. Your destination will be on the right at the intersection of Landview Drive.

Host: Lou Van Anne 209-479-0867 or  
e-mail: [lvasales@comcast.net](mailto:lvasales@comcast.net).

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**Parts for Sale**

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

**PARTS WANTED**

Looking for a rebuilt radiator for 59 to 64 Lark with auto trans. Champs will also work. 2 or 3 tube. I have a 3 tube but they are all bad. If you have one redone and do not need it anymore I would be interested. 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**

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**. Also 1951 Starlight coupe and lots of spare parts. **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.

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





**Karel Staple Chapter 2017 Event CALENDER**

**Apr 22 \* Annual Studebaker Picnic**, Grupe Park, Stockton, CA

Host: Lou Van Anne 209-479-0867

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

**May 20 \* Road Trip Bar and Grill**, Capay CA 24989

Host: Brunelli's 916-961-3406

**Jun 11 Carmichael Elks Lodge, 10 AM**, 5631 Cypress Ave, Carmichael, CA

Host: Steve Rainville 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** 1129 Weber Way, Sac, CA 916-442-5986

Host: Johna & Rick Pierce Home

**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

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

Upcoming Local Car Shows

Peggy Sue Car Show Location:

**SONOMA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS**

**1350 BENNETT VALLEY ROAD**

**SANTA ROSA, CA 95404**





**National SDC Application**

**Karel Staple Chapter Application**

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w/ first class mail              \$60.00
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(up to 22 years old)            \$24.00
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\_\_\_\_\_

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:**

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

**Name Badge Application:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(may be a nickname)

**This is "FINAL NOTICE" for mem-  
bership dues payment. Dues are due  
on January 1st of each year and delin-  
quent March 1st.**

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name badges are \$8.00 each      \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Membership fee:                      \$ 20.00  
Total enclosed:                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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