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President's Message

August by Pat Dilling



As I think about what I would like to share with you this month something that comes to mind is how much people love and want to see our Studebakers. I think we have all experienced it at car shows, when stopping for gas or wherever we may be with our cars. People walk

up smiling, remembering a car their family, friend or even they have had in the past. Often their memories are not exactly accurate or even exaggerated, but most of the time they are good memories and we have helped them recall them. How can that not make you feel pretty good? So let's talk about people recently asking us to bring our cars out to share them. We were contacted by the organizer of the "Little Car Show" that happens during the big Concours week in Monterey, they are expanding their show to include "orphans" and wanted Studebakers there. The Concours d'élégance at Ironstone Winery in Murphys CA is featuring Studebakers in their event on September 26 (<http://www.ironstonefoundation.org/>). Already members from our chapter and others are signing up to participate, don't be left out! While we were at the annual show in Fair Oaks this year I was personally invited by the President of the Sacramento International Car Show, Oct 16-81 (<http://sacautoshow.com/>) to display our cars in their Historic Cars area. This will be a free event for us and our cars at Cal Expo. We will move our cars in on Thursday Oct 15 before 6 pm. We will be able to move them out on Sunday the 18th at 6 pm. Please let me know ASAP if you would like to participate. We are asked to bring at least 12 cars or more. One of the comments I almost always hear from people while looking at my Stude is "You don't see these very often anymore." Let's do what we can to change that! Another great opportunity will be International Drive Your Studebaker Day on September 12th. This is the day the Studebaker Drivers Club is asking members around the world to get their Studebakers on the road. Our chapter is still deciding about a club function for that day, but whether you join in with the chapter or do something on your own, fire them up and hit the road for some fun and smiles! See you at Mel's on August 2nd.

Treasure's Report

August By Lou Van Anne

Today's Deposit: \$167.00

50/50	60.00
Dues*	40.00
Bounced Ck replaced	32.00
Shirt Sales	35.00

Check Book Balance: \$11,798.77

*Rick Anderson paid for 2015 and 2016

Lou Van Anne

Editors Corner

By Brian Challender

Hi all! Since Linda is STILL in West-By-God Virginia Visiting with her family and her grand babies, I guess I get to fill in as secretary for her.

Briefly, our meeting in Napa, at Frank and Johanna Smiths had 8 Studebakers including our hosts Lark and Hawk. I counted 28 members and guests at the meeting with my friend Craig, who once again brought his gorgeous 55 Jaguar XK 130 (I got to ride in it from Sassoon).

A big THANKS to Frank and Johanna for opening their house to us and hosting the meeting. Cooking a delicious ham, was a real treat!

There was a vote to have anyone who wished to have a copy of the Hawk Talks mailed to them, they need to let me know, so I can up-date the mailing list. You can leave me a message on my message phone: 916-722-6031. This is only an answering line for messages, So if you want our newsletter mailed to you, just call and leave your full name. I have all our members addresses.

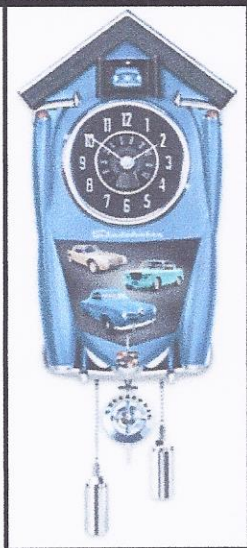
There was a discussion of things our club could do for Drive Your Studebaker Day.

We had the door prize raffle with wine, hats, coffee mugs, and a variety of other prizes.

This addition of the Hawk Talks is going to be short and sweet do to trying to get it published before the next meeting at Mel Frances, museum. I hope to see you all there!

Got Me a Studebaker Coo Coo Clock

Story By: Jon Stalnaker



Last year I saw an ad in Hemmings Classic car for a Coo Coo clock that resembled a bullet nose Studebaker. It was so gaudy, that I just had to have it. I showed it to Carlene and like the wonderful wife she is, she told me she would give it to me for a father's day, Anniversary, and birthday present since all of these dates occur in June and the item was ridiculously expensive. She ordered it right away.

Well, I got the clock in time for these occasions, just not in the same year. That's right, it took a year to finally get to me. If you spend any time on the SDC forum, you may have seen a couple of threads on the subject. Apparently I'm not the only Sude-aholic crazy enough to want one of these. However, if you are familiar with the term CASO (cheap-**s Studebaker owner), it would make sense that it would take a year to gather together enough "off the deep end" Studebaker Dudes to warrant the start up of the production run.

Anyways, now I have it. Now all I have to do is figure out where to put it. Any suggestions?

On Friday June 26th 2015, The Capitol Area Development Authority (CADA) put on an event celebrating the re-lighting of the 1946 vintage neon Mercury Cleaners sign on 16th St., Sacramento CA. CADA had asked the Art Deco Society to be involved. They invited the Karel Staple SDC to bring some Studebakers to the event. They had free food & shaved ice. Some people came dressed in the era clothing.

They needed seven cars total, but SADS only rounded up three classic cars. We parked next to Mercury Cleaners on 16th with these club cars. Lisa Hale's '50 Bullet-Nose, Steve & Kelly Wilkie's 1953 Champion Coupe, Jason Michaels and family's 1955 truck and Rick & Johna Pierce's 1964 GT Hawk. The CADA and SADS were grateful to have a mix of cars The Studebaker Drivers Club provided.



Odds 'N' Ends

* The quickest way to get a lot of individual attention is to make a big mistake.

* We are now told that automation is a process that get all the work done while you just stand there. When we were younger, this process was called **MOTHER**.

* A lot of money is tainted. It taint yours and it taint mine.

Erratic Steering

There are two reasons for erratic steering on a car, the first being caused by a driver who had been partying too much or it may be a problem of mechanical nature. The first problem could be solved with a police officer. We will look at the other causes, mechanical in nature.

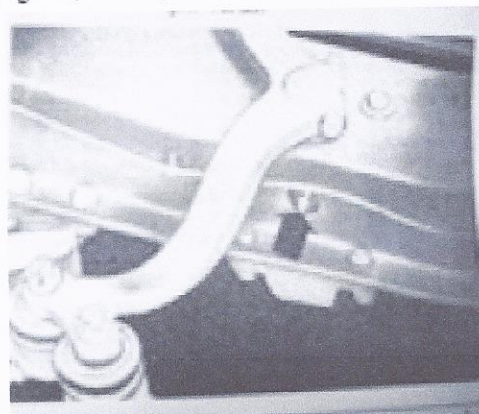
Erratic steering on our Studes if it is equipped with a Center Pin steering system as used in the GT's, Hawks, Larks and basically the Studebakers with the independent front suspension from 1950 through the rest of the years of production, can be caused if the bolt (Keeper) which binds and locks the bell crank on to the center pin is loose or Insufficiently tightened. **The bolt on the bell crank should not be replaced with another bolt of the same size unless it has the same strength, Grade 8.** The original bolt has the 6 of 8 strikes or marks radiating to the outer edges of the hexagon head. This denotes or identifies a bolt with a tensile strength of approximately 180,000 pounds per square inch. The Grade 5 bolts that are most commonly used on cars have 3 strikes on the head. It's rated strength is 120,000 PSI. The bolts without strikes on the heads are Grade 2 bolts and have a tensile strength of 64,000 PSI.

Excessive wear on the center pin and/or the bearings or bushings can cause the car to steer improperly also. If the center pins were well lubricated, especially in the '62 and earlier models that had needle bearings, they would last thousands and thousands of miles. The '63 and later models of Studebakers used bushings in the center pin

assembly. These assemblies are considered inferior to the ones used in the preceding models. The assemblies are interchangeable. Parts numbers 155437 and 1542212.

Much of the premature wearing of the pin is due to the assembly being overlooked or ignored when the car gets a lube job. If you are handy around the car, you could do the lubrication yourself.

The grease fitting is located in the middle of the front cross member of the frame and found on the engine (inboard) side of the member.



The arrow points to the grease fitting. Picture is taken from the engine compartment after the engine was taken out.

* Mensa is an organization whose members have an IQ of 140 or higher had a convention and some members went for lunch in a San Francisco cafe.

While dining, they discovered that their saltshaker contained pepper and the pepper shaker was full of salt. . . So, how could they swap the contents of the bottles without spilling by using implements available? After considerable planning, they came up with a brilliant solution involving a napkin, a straw and an empty saucer. They motioned the waitress to dazzle her with their solution, mentioning that the contents of the pepper and salt containers were switched.

"Sorry" said the waitress as she unscrewed the caps and switched them.

Simple things in life can be made more difficult.

Car shows & Swap Meets

By Steve Rainville

Shows

Elk Grove Original Mike's Every Tuesday Mike's Original Diner 9139 E. Stockton Blvd. 5-8:30 PM ends Oct. 27 916 879-5567

Folsom Cruse Night Denny's 1011 Riley St. Every Wednesday pre 74 vehicles 916 988-6376 ends Oct.

Yuba City Golden Valley Cruisers Night Out – Perko's Hwy 99 and Bridge 6-8 PM. 530 237-3123 First and Third Thursday ends Sept. 17

Grass Valley Cars and Coffee Daily Donuts (Kmart Shopping Center) 8-10 AM. Every Saturday morning All Year 530 575-4111.

Cameron Park Hot August at Applebees 3281 Coach Ln. 5-10 PM. 916 988-6376 or 530 677-8677 August 7th.

Napa Main St. Reunion Show and Shine 5-8:30 PM. pre 76 vehicles 707 257 0322 Saturday August 15th

Citrus Heights 3rd Annual Autos for Alzheimer's Rush Park 7801 Auburn Blvd. 4-8 PM. \$25 916 960-6873 August 15th Saturday.

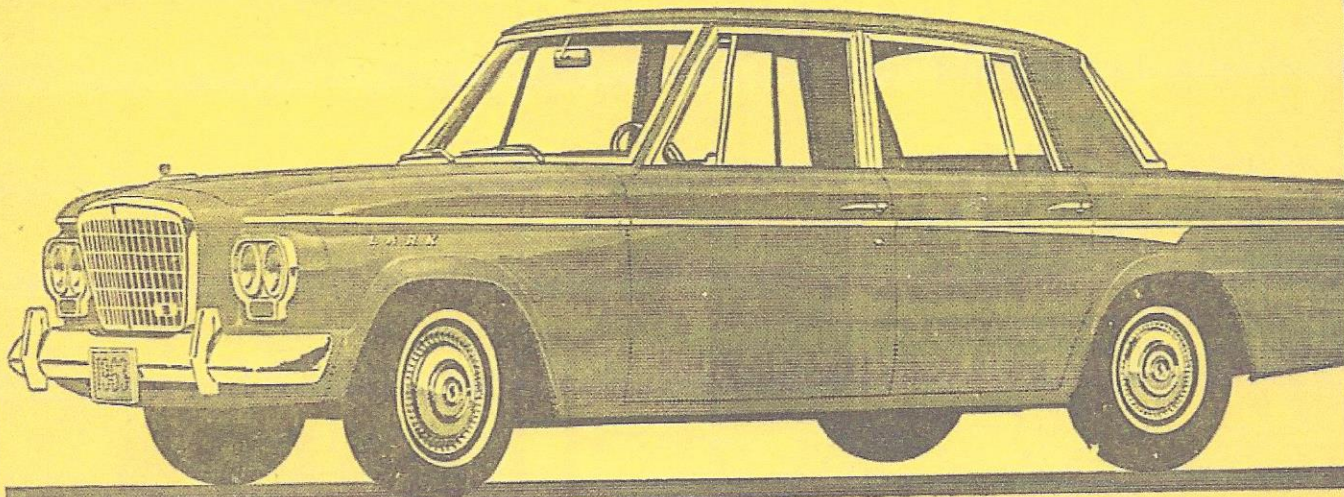
Swap Meets

August 1st Saturday Sacramento Sleep Train Arena 6 am 4 pm 916 955-8777

August 16th Chico Silver Dollar Fairgrounds 5:30 am 2 pm 530 519-8909 or 530 343-7332.

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KSC CALENDER of Events 2015

Note: Hosts, please review your scheduled events for accuracy. Notify your editor should you need any corrections made.

Sunday, August 2 – Yuba City – Tour of Mel France's new museum. 2241 Hooper Rd. Yuba City, CA
Host: Mel France 530-674-0327.

Aug 16 – 22, 2015 – 51st Studebaker Drivers Club International Meet, St. Louis Missouri

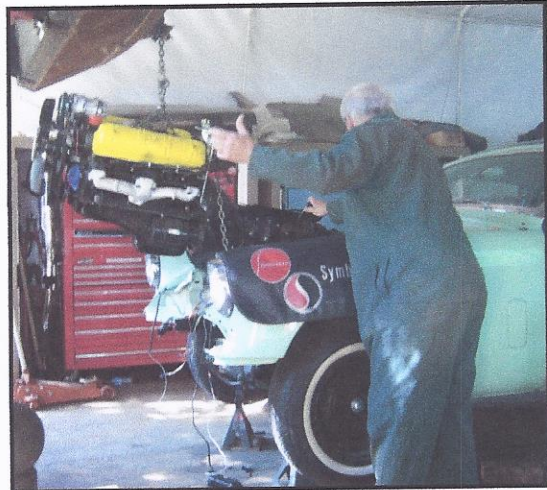
Sunday, Sept 20th – Sacramento Annual Auction/potluck. 1129 Weber Way Sacramento, CA. Arrive 11:00 am. Hosts: Rick & Johna Pierce 916-442-5984. Meeting will include our annual auction. Bring Studebaker and car related items. Proceeds of the auction go to scholarship fund. All are welcome!

Oct 9 – 11, 2015 – PSW Zone Meet Henderson, NV. Hosted by: Tumbleweeds Chapter

Sunday, Oct 18th – Olivehurst – 4074 Mary Ave. Olivehurst, CA Arrive at 11:00 am for social/potluck. Call Pat Dilling for more information at: 530-743-4176

Sunday, Nov 15th – UC Davis Arboretum and Picnic lunch. 11 am. Darrell and LaRee Brunelli Hosting.

Sunday, Dec 6th – Annual Xmas Party. Ed and Laurie Sumner, 5115 Deerwood Dr. Shingle Springs.
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