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Hey Jon, am I too late for the group pic-

Yes Dean, but I'll squeeze you in somehow

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## President's Message

### By Johna Pierce/President



We have hit the ground running in 2019! We have our PSW Zone Meet in just 7 months! Our Zone Meet chair people have been busy! I talk with Linda Barnard all the time, going over ideas and "To Do" lists.

If you still need to book your room at Lions Gate Hotel Phone: (916) 426-9593 #3, Ask Front Desk for Studebaker Pricing. Dates: Sept 26th to 29th 2019. Sept 26th is Open Tour day. We have the opportunity to park our Studebakers by the planes at The Aerospace Museum of California, 3200 Freedom Park Dr, McClellan, CA 95652. We are working on having a local TV program come out to show our Studebakers and let the public know about our Zone Meet!

Just a reminder we need our chapter members to volunteer! Thank you to the people that have signed up to bake & bring food to our host room and the people that have signed up to volunteer for the different positions & jobs! We still need Sponsors & Raffle prizes. I think you will be hearing this from me until the Sept Zone Meet! This is our big Fundraiser to offset the cost of the Zone Meet and Friday night's Meet and Greet meal.

#### I would like to ask our chapter members for a favor...

I would like you to give me a list of referrals. I feel that if we had a list of Auto shops, glass, paint & body shops, transmission shops, interior, tire shops, parts suppliers, mechanics that work on Studebakers, carb rebuilders, etc from our Chapter area, it would be a help to our members. You can also give me names of people not to use along with the reason.

I will put this list together & Jon will put it in the newsletter, so you can keep the list. I will ask Jason if he can post it on our Hawktalks.com website. **Please send your email to Ladyhawk64@comcast.net**

## January Meeting at Mel's Diner

By: Linda Barnard, Secretary

Jan 13, 2019, there were 27 members and 6 Studebakers. Thank you Frank and Johanna Smith for hosting this month's Meeting.

Those that drove Studebakers were; Steve Rainville, Jilg and Roengen - 55 Commander. Brit & Yoko Berglund - Black 64 Champ. Jon Stalnaker - 49 2R5.3. Pat & Kate Dilling - 53 Starlight. Perry Knopf -- 63 GT Hawk, and Dean Sumpter—the other black Champ truck with the narrow bed. All on the cover of this issue.



President Johna Pierce called the meeting to order. We Have 2 new members. Welcome , Janet Jeffers and John Diebert. Made a motion and was seconded to send a monetary gift to Corrine Garcia. She received the gift and said a big *Thank You* to all the Club members. Discussed the Picnic at Stockton. Lou is hosting this in April. Drive your Studebaker Day is Sept. 14, 2019. We discussed where to go, some ideas were given.

We will discuss more at next meeting. **2019 Membership dues are due.** You can pay Kate Dilling at the meeting or mail it to her. See address in President's message.

Jilg won the 50/50 and Peggy Brewer won the Certificate for a car show. Way to go girls.

Next month meeting will be at the California Auto Museum. Jon Stalnaker is Hosting.



## A Studebaker Christmas Story

by Betty Knopf, Ed.D.

The day was Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. I was reading the December issue of *Hawk Talks*, the monthly newsletter of the Karel Staple Chapter of the Studebaker Drivers Club. An article titled "We Have Got A Problem" was sent by Richard Dormois. I am a retired educator and read that the Studebaker National Foundation was not receiving scholarship applications. Not acceptable to my thinking!

I immediately went to the internet and struggled to find phone numbers or email addresses for two local community colleges. I finally found telephone numbers. One community college representative replied she would post scholarship information on the financial aid website. The second community college, has two instructors. I left a phone message for one instructor and sent him an email. Next, I then called the second instructor and he answered. I introduced myself and the reason I called, Studebaker Scholarship Funds. The voice on the phone then asked me if I knew a man named George Newhouse. I replied that I have known George and Betty Newhouse for years from the Studebaker Club. The voice shared how George loved Studebakers and fire trucks. I shared that George loves to smile too. There was a pause. The voice then stated, "George was my foster father. They don't get any better." I was humbled.

The voice on the phone is in charge of two programs offered by American River College at its off-site program at Mather. The collision technology and the diesel technology programs are linked to high schools, businesses, and labor unions. My conversation concluded with the instructor's excitement about getting scholarship information, and an invitation for our club to take a customized tour of these two programs at Mather. Yes, a follow-up email with the scholarship website information has been sent. Unfortunately, George and Betty were not able to attend our holiday meeting this year to hear about my phone calls to get National Foundation scholarship applications. However, after hearing this



**Our club has been invited by the Cadillac LaSalle Club to tour the Academy of Arts Automobile collection on March 13, 2019. David Barnhardt will be our contact for this event.**

It's typically a low key affair with members wandering through the collection and one or two hosts pointing out the details of the various autos. It is something to behold if you've never been there before. Yes, if you've not seen the cars either at the annual San Francisco Auto Show or in their private collection on Van Ness, you really have missed something. As you may know, the Academy is selling off some of their cars but I think they still have some 200 left. They really are amazing and beautifully restored, not a speck of dirt on them.

Here is the information on the Academy of Arts Auto Collection tour. In the morning 10:30 AM we will meet at 950 Van Ness @ O'Farrell building and tour the collection. Lunch at Tommy's Joint. Then if folks want, we can tour the Van Ness and Washington building about 8 blocks away. Parking is difficult so it's recommended that people car pool and use the parking garage on O'Farrell at Polk, behind the AMC Theater.

If you are planning to attend please let me know. There is a \$10.00 donation to see the collection.

## Shootin' the Breeze With the Studebaker Dude

### Studebaker Styling Changes on the Cheap

*This was originally published in the Dixon Tribune for a non-Studebaker-centric audience.*

*I also made it available for a handout for the Docent class at the CAM. Edited slightly for this newsletter.*

Our January meeting was at Mel's Diner on Howe Avenue in Sacramento. Despite the threat of rain, we had (by my count) six Studebakers in the parking lot. Three trucks, two Loewy coupes and a 63 GT Hawk, which is basically the same car as the Loewy coupes with ten years of styling updates. Introduced in 1953, The Bob Bourke designed Loewy coupe was an exciting design for America. If you compare the 1953 Loewy coupe with any other American car it was far different. More European in design, it would be a design that, with several relatively



minor changes, would continue until Studebaker stopped producing cars in America during the 1964 model year. It is basically the same car that morphed into the



Hawk series in 1956 and continued on to be an exciting family sports model car that was, not only luxurious for the day, but also could be optioned into

a fast muscle car. Even though it, undeservedly, never gets credit for that genre.

There is an interesting styling connection with the three trucks also. My truck was the oldest and the first version of what we call a Studebaker C-cab truck. Introduced in 1949, it was a trend setting design for the time. Another design masterpiece from the pen of Bob Bourke, it was the first design to move the running boards inside the cab of the truck. It also was a first with dual wall construction of the pick-up bed. You could toss heavy objects into the back of the truck and should that action produce a dent in the metal, it could not be seen from the outside.

The C-cab design lasted Studebaker for ten years with only minor changes. Meanwhile, the "Big Three" competition (Ford, GM, and Chrysler) made many changes that could no longer be ignored. Studebaker needed to come up with an all new truck and made the move in 1960. Not having near the capital to pay for all new retooling, they did what Studebaker had been doing since 1953 and pieced together an all new truck using what they had and trying to make it work. They took the front of their new Lark that was a huge success for Studebaker in



1959, even though the Lark itself was an up-grade to the sedan version of the 1953 design. They made a truck cab out of the front of a Lark and added the same bed that was designed for the C Cab trucks back in



1949. They called that a T-Cab. The combination was a little clumsy but it kinda worked. When they decided to add a fleet side, or wide body, bed to the back, again, they went cheap and bought the tooling



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*Continued from page 4* from Dodge for the bed they used on the Dodge truck. It almost worked but it was about 4 inches too wide and didn't match the cab.

At our meeting in Sacramento, you could see all three examples of what I just explained about the trucks. Also, with 2 Loewy coupes and a 63 GT Hawk, you could see the progression of that design exercise. The pictures I used for this story are file photos that I thought better showed the styling factors I described. The two Champ trucks at Mel's Diner were both black which limited clarity of the body lines.

On February 3<sup>rd</sup>, our club will show 4 Studebakers for the Car Club Cavalcade display for the month of February. If you have time, go check it out. We will show examples of the T-Cab design amalgamation. This will include a T-Cab truck and a C-Cab truck and a Lark. I couldn't locate a 59 or 60 Lark for the display so I included George's 62. It looks a little different but you can still see the Lark lines in the truck.

Also joining the display will be an Avanti which will represent Studebaker's last design masterpiece that was nothing like the "on the cheap" designs of the previous decade. Avanti was another far advanced design that continued to survive for another 40 years. But that's a different story and it was too little, too late.

February 6<sup>th</sup> is the night I cover these stories for the 2019 Class of docents for the California Auto Museum. I like it when we can arrange our cars to be on display when I present that class. Studebaker built cars for a long time and were in the



## ZONE MEET HAPPENINGS

Trophy Committee at work! Well it was more work than we thought it would be, but I found the receipt from our other club & they paid over \$600.00 for the trophies! We changed the insert to the Studebaker logo and took off the engraved plates. (Lisa cut her finger). Getting the glue off was hard. Had to find something to take it off and not hurt the trophy. Rick figured something out and it was so stinky. Poor Rick had to go outside! We had to go pick up the "19" year trim for the big trophies. Strike that off the "To Do" list.

So glad that is done!!!!

**Rick, Johna & Lisa**



We will be ordering Red Polo Shirts for our Zone Meet, for club members only. They are to wear at the Zone Meet to show who is a Karel Staple Member. They will be embroidered with a Studebaker logo on it. We are getting a great price of \$10.00 each for Small to X Large and \$12.00 for 2X & 3X. If you want to order a new red shirt, we need your size. Our deadline to order and pay for your red shirt is our March Meeting. 25 members have already signed up. Again, you need to send in your order by the March Meeting in Dixon.

Rick, Johna and Lisa have the trophies done, and they are beautiful.

The sponsor sheets are ready. If you didn't pick one up at the meeting, and you want a couple of them, let me know and I'll get you a few. These are very important for our Zone Meet. So the more you can get, the better for the club.

Johna Pierce has a large coffee pot we can use in the host room. We need ice chests. If you can bring one, with ice in it, let me know so I can make sure we have enough. I ordered thank you cards, they turned out very nice.

Johna, Rick, and Lisa are working on table mats. Leon Cohen is chairman for sponsors. Mel France and Jon Stalaker are chairmen for judging. If you want to help, there will be a sign up sheet at the February meeting.

Don't forget we are going to have valve cover races. Get your car ready. Dick Groves is chairman for this. Any questions, call or e-mail me. *Linda*

**Contact Linda Barnard/Chairman 2019 Zone Meet at 916-213-8989 or [sweetlorraine44@hotmail.com](mailto:sweetlorraine44@hotmail.com)**

**FEBRUARY 2019 ADVERTISEMENTS****CARS, PARTS, SERVICES**

**To place a for sale ad for cars, parts, or services,  
contact Dean Sumpter at  
carvin9755@gmail.com or 916-753-6003.**



*Wow... better take a close look...*

**Parts For Sale**

Left & right rear quarter panels for 62-64 GT Hawks, very good used condition \$300 each or \$550 for pair. 63-64 Hawk side grille housings NOS \$125 each or \$225 for pair. Trim/molding for top of quarter panels for 53-55 C&K, good condition \$100 each. Various trim/molding pieces for 53-64 C&K cars - various prices. 1964 259 V8 108k miles \$250, 1964 automatic transmission \$250 - buy both and save \$\$\$. Rear end 4:56 ratio for Champ pickup \$75. 12 volt Delco generator and regulator - good condition ready for use \$65. **Contact Dean Sumpter 916-753-6003 or carvin9755@gmail.com**

Many 1950-51 Champion parts, some 1949-58 Champion parts. I have parts cataloged with part numbers. Call with your shopping list. **Contact JT at 415-533-4479**

Original Studebaker rear sway bar \$150. Aftermarket support bracket for differential axle tubes \$75. Buy both for \$200. Left & right chrome grille surrounds for 53/54 C&K models \$300 pair. (Much cheaper to re-chrome than buying reproduction parts at \$1400 pair). 1952 Studebaker Chrome headlight rings \$75 each, trunk latch/ornament \$75, and hood ornament \$75. Buy all 4 pieces for \$250. All in good condition ready for use. Avanti passenger side door \$200. Several 1953/56 C&K doors \$200 each. Rear glass (4-piece) for 1947-52 Starlight Coupe \$75 each or all 4 for \$275. **Contact Dean Sumpter 916-753-6003 or carvin9755@gmail.com**

Lark sheet metal: 62-63 deck lid, 1959/63 drivers door (4 door) also fits Champ pickup. 1961 Lark hood, 1962/63 Lark deck lids one smooth and one with wide pattern. All in great shape \$50 each. **Contact Art Smith 530-743-2942**

Parts from 1951 4 door Champion (no hood, fenders, bumpers and steering wheel). **Contact Bill McNelley 530-872-0465**

**Parts Wanted**

Looking for drivers side reclining bucket seat for GT Hawk. **Contact Doug Hadley 530-674-5580**

**Cars For Sale**

**1951 Stude Business Coupe** - Q-2 Model. One of only 300 plus units made in last year of Business Coupes. Made in L.A. New motor, all brakes and lines re-done. Driveline and gas tank, 2 radiators, floors and door panels done and radio rebuilt. Spare rear windows, and many other spare parts. \$3000 OBO. **Contact Art Smith 530-743-2942**

**1960 Hawk** - rebuilt 289 V8 4 bbl and rebuilt auto trans. \$7000. Frame cleaned, sanded and painted. All new brake system components. All new rubber for front and rear suspension. New fuel lines, tank cleaned/sealed & powder coated. drive shaft powder coated. Body partially sanded (have primer), Have new green cloth interior, new wiring harness, hundreds of small parts My health stops my progress, would like someone to enjoy this beautiful car. Photos available. **Contact Nick DeLisa 707-332-9639 Vacaville.**

**1952 Champion** 2 door sedan, great red paint and good interior, 5 radial tires. \$12,000 **Contact Frank Kilpatrick 209-768-4345**

## Karel Staple Chapter CALENDAR 2019

**Sunday, Feb 17th** – 11am Pot Luck—California Auto Museum—Front Street, Sacramento Jon Stalnaker is Host

**Sunday, Mar 24th** – Cenario's Pizza—Pitt School Road—Dixon CA—Jim Goodland/Marianne MacDonald are Hosts

**Saturday, Apr 27th** – 11am—Pot Luck—Grupe Park—Stockton—Joint Northern Ca Meet—Lou Van Anne is Host

**Sunday, May 19th** – 11am—Pot Luck—McClellan Aero Space Museum-Photo op for Zone Meet—Pat Dilling is Host

**Sunday June 9th**— Pancake Breakfast , time to be announced - Elks Lodge Carmichael - Stephen Rainville is host

**Saturday July 19th**—11am—Lions Gate Hotel—It's at McClellan at the O'Club restaurant for lunch—Rick and Johna, Hosts. This way people can see the place we are having the Zone meet & see the changes.

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

**Our Pot Luck System only works when you follow the breakdown listed below. Sometimes, not even then.**

Members A thru G— Bring a Main Dish

Members H thru M— Bring a Dessert

Members N thru Z— Bring a Salad or Appetizer



**National SDC Application**

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If new member, source of referral:

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

**Karel Staple Chapter Application**

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

**Membership dues are \$20 Annually**

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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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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:**

**Karel Staple Chapter SDC**

Mail to: Kate Dilling  
 4074 Mary Avenue  
 Olivehurst CA 95961  
 or call: (530) 743-4176





## Tech Tips

by: Studebaker Mike

*C'mon... We all know Studebakers have a tendency to leak a little oil. You need to know this.*



### Getting Oil Stains Out of Concrete Driveways and Floors

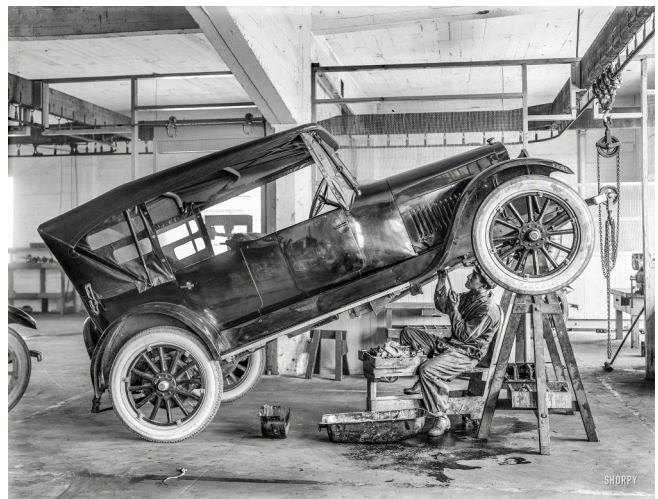
I have tried a number of products and methods to get stubborn oil stains out of concrete. I finally found a homemade (sometimes they're the best) remedy that works great!

Here's what you need;

- \* Oil stained concrete, doesn't matter how old the stain.
- \* Kitty litter, the plainer the better
- \* Clean solvent, mineral spirits or paint thinner. Nothing hotter, no acetone, or lacquer thinner.
- \* Plastic sheet, small kitchen garbage bag will work
- \* 5 gallon plastic bucket

1. Working an area no larger than the diameter of the 5 gallon bucket. Cover the oil stain with kitty litter, usually a hand full or two. (I get better results grinding the litter into finer dust using a block of wood or brick)
2. Pour just enough thinner/solvent onto the kitty litter to make a paste.
3. Cover the paste with the plastic sheet.
4. Cover the plastic sheet with the bucket, opening facing down.
5. Wait! overnight.
6. Remove bucket and plastic, sweep up the kitty litter.

Here's what's going on. The solvent dissolves the oil, the kitty litter wicks up the oil and solvent, the plastic sheet slows the evaporation of the solvent, giving the



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