

# Hawk Talks

A Publication of the Karel Staple  
Chapter of the Studebaker Drivers Club



We say goodbye  
to club president  
alumni Steve  
Rainville.

When no one wanted to do it, we could always count on Steve. Past President with three Oak Leaf Clusters. How about that for a big "thank you for your service".

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP is an understatement. I joined this chapter in 2006 and you were president then. Other presidents came and went and you were always there to step up when needed.

Presenting our gesture of appreciation is **new** club president Johna Pierce.

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## President's Message

### By Johna Pierce/President



I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year! I am looking forward to 2019 for our Chapter. We have our 2019 Pacific South West Zone meet happening in September.

I send prayers out to the people of California that have been through so much & have lost so much. 2018 was a very rough year for so many people including a member of our chapter Corrine Garcia who lost her home in the Camp Fire. She is in our thoughts & prayers.

I want to thank Lisa Hale for becoming our Vice President and Lou Van Ann for remaining our club Treasurer. Thank you Linda Barnard for remaining our secretary and stepping up to be our Zone Meet Chairperson, along with Brian Challender. Thanks Kate Dilling for another year doing our membership, and Jon Stalnaker, thank you for returning to our Editor position. You make our newsletter wonderful! Thank you Johanna Smith for keeping the spread

sheet updated with new members and resizing the newsletter so it will fit in everyone's email. Thanks Jason Michaels for keeping our website updated, and I almost forgot my Stude guy Rick Pierce, thank you for taking all the phone calls from our website and talking for long periods of time with some old Studebaker guys that want to go over every car they have ever owned...We have a wonderful Studebaker chapter and I want to thank you for voting for me as your 2019 President. I will be focusing on helping with the Zone meet.

The Zone Meet is not that far away and we have a lot to do. Linda & Brian have been working hard & have gotten a lot done, but they will need the chapter's help getting donations for the raffle, sponsorship for trophies, printing, hospitality room, and things to go into the goody bags. If you know anyone that would like to advertise their business in our program contact Leon Cohen. If you would like to be a vendor, contact Art Smith.

There will be 2 raffles at the Zone Meet, one Friday night, and the second will be the day of the show. This is one of our big money makers.

We need your help by volunteering and helping out! So thank you to the members that have volunteered for the different committees.

Looking forward to our Jan 2019 meeting at Mel's Diner in Sacramento. **More info on page 7**

**Johna Pierce**

## ZONE MEET HAPPENINGS

Jason Michaels updated the web page. Thanks Jason.

Going to hand out trophy's for, 1st, 2nd, 3rd. for valve cover races.

Voted and passed that the members wear red polo shirts for the zone meet. We will be ordering them, so if you want one we need the size. LaRee Brunelli passed out a paper to order the shirts. We need to know before March 1. So we can get them ordered. As of Dec. 1 we have 30 names.

Added Bag Toss to the event. We will be giving out 1st and 2nd place winners trophy's.

Mel has a popcorn machine that we can use for the weekend.

Chairmen need to be at the event Thursday, to set up and rope off the parking lot, for the vendors and the cars.

Going to order wristbands instead of tickets (200, gold and 200 silver) for the Meet and Greet and the dinner Saturday evening. Silver for Friday and Lisa will be checking these. Gold, for the dinner and Betty and Perry will be checking these.

Do not need permits to set up vendors.

We are still in need of volunteers. It's going to take a lot of people to make this the best Zone Meet of 2019. Thank you to the ones that have said they will help.

**.....Linda Barnard**





# Shootin' the Breeze

## With the Studebaker Dude

**Roger Hamby**

I lost a good friend on the 8<sup>th</sup> of December. His obituary mentioned his prize bird dogs and anyone that knew Roger well, knew about his love for his hunting dogs. But there are many Dixonites that may not have known him personally, but they may have noticed all the classic cars in differing stages of completion parked around his house out on South Rio Dixon Road across from the air strip. That is what caught my eye as the new postmaster commuting into town on Hwy 113 back in 1996. When I bought my old clunker Studebaker in 2002, I wanted to get to know this guy as I needed someone with mad skills to make my old car something worthy of the cover of a magazine. Roger would become that guy, and a friend.



Garry Pederson was the rural carrier for that address back then and he introduced me to Roger. Soon I was on the waiting list for a complete resto-mod rebuild of my car. Roger questioned me about spending a lot of money on a 4-door car and I assured him that



was one of the features that I liked the most about it. Station wagons and 4-door cars used to be taboo in the custom car world but not so much now. He placed me on the waiting list and assured me he could finish the car by the time I retired in 2006. As I got closer and closer to my retirement date, it became apparent that deadlines didn't mean a whole lot to him. He did pick up the car and trailer it out to his shop before I retired but I knew he didn't have enough time to finish it.

I retired and took a retirement job at the UC Davis mailroom to keep me occupied while Carlene finished out her career. I left that job after short order and got to spend some time with Roger working on the car before I started my Read-Ride job. By then, he was working on the car in earnest. For those that rode my bus during that period of time, you might remember seeing pictures of my car taped to the bulkhead inside. I would switch them up as the build progressed.

I connected with Roger and we became great friends as did most everybody that had him build their car. I grew up with a father that was a body and fender man by occupation and he was always building cars for friends. My dad was an avid hunter also, so hanging out with Roger seemed natural to me. His friends used to laugh at me because I would be out at the shop to take pictures every time he bolted on a new part. I have a complete collection of photos depicting the entire restoration. I picked out a few of the more significant ones to accompany this story. I was showing these photos to Jason, Roger's son, and he told me an interesting anecdote about the picture showing the car freshly painted but still unassembled. Jason told me that Roger made him paint the walls in his paint booth before he painted my car. He knew I would be back with my camera. It is another great picture.



Roger finished my car in 2010. It was a difficult build for him. I had given him a list of things I wanted in the car that was, to me, a list of suggestions. After all, he was the expert and not me. I think he saw it more as a list of "must haves" and I think I failed to communicate that properly to him. I recommended a front suspension unit that was advertised in our Studebaker magazine as having been engineered for a 1951 Champion. It was a piece of junk and poor Roger was in over his head trying to make it work.

He would have preferred to just drop a Camaro front clip in it and be done with it. That would have been better but neither of us knew that the suspension we purchased was not up to the task. But there is no mistaking that he made the car beautiful.

As I introduced the car into the local car scene and the Studebaker world, it got a lot of attention. I won many awards with it, the best of which was a 395 of 400 possible points first place at the Studebaker International Meet in St. Louis. It graced quite a few magazines, sometimes on the cover. It even appeared on the header page of the Jay Leno's Garage web site. I got copies of these and took them out to Roger. He really appreciated that I shared these accomplishments with him.

When I heard that Roger had passed away, and that he would have a service at the Moose Lodge, the first thing I did was go outside and plug in the battery tender. I wanted to bring the car as a tribute. I have two beautiful Studebakers and I rotate them from time to time. I hadn't driven the bullet nose in a while and knew she would need a little charge before I swapped them out. I wanted to speak at the gathering and I knew he would be the subject of my next story, so my mind has been sorting through thoughts of what Roger Hamby meant to me.



I had always wanted to build cars and when my dad passed away in 1985, it seemed as though that might not happen again. We did build a Scout truck together and he was always willing to share his skill and passion with me, but life has a way of getting in the way. Even when my dad retired, I was busy with my career and before I knew it, he was gone. When I started thinking about my relationship with Roger, it occurred to me that it was an extension of the relationship I could no longer have with my dad. Roger was close to my age and my dad was 30 years old when I was born. He's been gone now for 30 years and so Roger was about my dad's age the last time we spent any quality time together. And in my mind, I'm certainly not 67.

Roger was laden with health issues in the last few years. I got to talk to him for a long time just a few weeks ago and while he put on a secure persona, I could tell he was struggling. I'm sure it was difficult for him to no longer do what he loved doing so much. I like to think he's in a better place now. I'm hoping he has met my dad and I picture them talking cars over some beers. I bet the beer is great in heaven.

This story was published in the Dixon Tribune on December 21 2018 as part of my **Shootin the Breeze with the Studebaker Dude** weekly columns. I've reprinted it here as I have many friends in the club that were witness to the build and my friendship with Roger. Even though there were many problems with my car, It never interfered with our friendship. Roger was a good guy.



## Keep an Eye Out for This One

It runs and drives, but the motor is noisy, due to water getting into it when someone stole the carb. Thus the plan to put in an Is and an overdrive trans.

Has a 70's t-bird front clip, and rear ended. Just needs re-finement, will be more drivable than the grain truck.



**Greg Glupka**

## Help

I wanted to set up a specific display for the Car Club Cavalcade in February at the California Auto Museum. Unfortunately I could not find anyone with a 59 or 60 Lark that was willing to display it. If you want to show your car for the month of February at the museum, Call me right away. Right now I have commitments from Jason Michaels and Dean Sumpter. George Newhouse will provide toys and memorabilia for the display case.







November 20, 2018

Karel Staple Chapter SDC  
5802 Landview Drive  
Stockton, CA 95219

Dear Karel Staple Chapter SDC,

What a year for the Museum! The Studebaker National Museum has been abuzz with excitement in 2018 with an exciting signature event and original educational programming. These programs have allowed the Museum to blossom as a cultural pillar of our community and keep the Studebaker legacy burning brightly. This tremendous growth relies on the generosity of private donors and we hope you will make a gift to fuel our continued success.

The newest event at the Museum, the Concours d'Elegance at Copshaholm, brought a single-day record number of guests – more than 1,400 – to the Museum campus to experience sixty rare and exquisite automobiles. Automobiles were displayed around the picturesque Copshaholm mansion and gardens, which adjoins the Studebaker National Museum. The event was especially popular with kids and families who also explored the Museum galleries and many participated in programs specially designed for children.

The Studebaker Styling Studio, a standing room only experience, took visitors on a journey through the design and styling of the Studebaker Hawk. This program aimed to create new automotive enthusiasts by igniting a passion for automotive styling and Studebaker history.

In 2018, the Museum successfully grew its platform to enrich the lives of current enthusiasts and to introduce new individuals and families to both the Studebaker legacy and automotive hobby. Next year the Museum will look to build upon this foundation by refining successful programs and offering new opportunities for growth in 2019. With your support we can continue this important work. I hope you will consider making a donation to the Annual Fund.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Patrick Slebonick'.

Patrick Slebonick  
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**JANUARY 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.**

**Parts for Sale**

Left & right rear quarter panels for 62-64 Hawk very good used condition \$300 each or \$550 for both. 63-64 Hawk side grille housings NOS \$125 each. 57-58 Hawk/Packard supercharger - less carb and air cleaner \$750 OBO. Trim/molding for top of quarter panels for 53-55 C&K, good condition \$125 each or both for \$225. Various trim/molding pieces for 53-64 C&K cars - various prices. 1964 259V8 108K miles \$300 OBO. 1964 automatic transmission \$300 OBO both the engine and trans came out of a 64 Challenger. Sell together for \$500. Rear end 4:56 gear ratio for Champ pickup \$125 OBO. **Contact Dean 916-753-6003 or carvin7712@yahoo.com** Many 50-51 Champion parts, some 49-60 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. Both are for Dana 44 rear end high performance. Sell separately or purchase both for \$200. Left and right chrome grille surrounds for 53-54 c/k models. Will need to be re-chromed \$300 for the pair. (reproduction ones are over \$1400/pair) 1952 Studebaker - chrome headlight rings \$75 each, trunk latch/ornament \$75, and hood ornament \$75. All in very good condition ready for use. Buy all pieces for 250.00 53-56 hardtop - passenger side door \$200 63-64 (and other years) Avanti passenger side door \$200 Delco 12 volt generator and regulator - both work good & ready for install and use, \$65

**Shop equipment** Shop air compressor 110/220 volt two cylinder approximately 60+ gal air tank, 250psi, good working condition \$200 Professional valve grind machine with attachments - Top brand USA made Sioux \$250 30" metal brake for metal fabrication USA made by Peck, Stow & Wilcox Co. \$150 Ammco Brake drum lathe with attachments USA made \$250 Summit parts washer \$80 BadBoyBlaster portable media/sand blaster \$350 (sells new \$800) Photos available, prices are negotiable. Contact Dean Sumpter 916-753-6003 or carvin9755@gmail.com

Lark sheet metal: '62 '63 deck lid, Drivers door, '59 '64 4 door or '60 '64 Champ. '61 hood. '62 '63 hood. '59 to '61 deck lids, one smooth and one with wide pattern. All in great shape, \$50 each. Art Smith, 743-2942 Loma Rica

**Parts Wanted**

Contact Dean Sumpter to place a Parts Wanted ad.

Doug Hadley needs reclining drivers side bucket front seats for a GT Hawks 1962 to 1964  
530-674-5580 If anyone has one please contact Doug

**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 line 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 \$3800.00 **OBO.**

**Contact Art Smith: 530-743-2942. lucky7@succeed.net**

**1960 60v50462 Hawk** 289 4 bbl, auto tranny. Engine completely rebuilt (0 hours), tranny overhauled, (\$7000), frame cleaned, sanded, painted. New brake system, shoes, drums, lines, cylinders, hoses, all new rubber front and rear suspensions, new fuel line/sending unit, tank cleaned, sealed inside & powder coated, drive shaft powder coated, ready for body. Body partially sanded, (have primer). Have new interior (green cloth), new wiring harness, hundreds of small parts. My health stops my progress, so I would like someone to enjoy this beautiful car. Pictures upon request, **call my cell 707-332-9639, Nick DeLisa, Vacaville.**

For Sale: **1952 Studebaker Champion 2 door sedan**, great red paint and good interior and 5 radial tires. Asking \$12,500.00

**Contact Frank Kilpatrick 209-768-4345**

**1953 Champion**, 170 6cyl with 3spd OD. Maroon top over Gray. Factory colors. Continental Kit for 53/54.

**Call or Email John at (707) 642-8023 jddehaan@inreach.com** **1957 Golden Hawk** for sale. All of the under carriage has been done, I was told the motor runs good. It is in primer and most of the body is ready for paint. It needs every thing on the inside. The motor needs paint and detailing. There is absolutely no rust any where on this car. I would like to get \$14,000 I am open to offers. I need the space in my shop and I need the cash to finish 3 other Studebaker's.

Also, I have parts from a **1951 4 door Champion**. Missing is the front hood, fenders, bumper and steering wheel **Contact Bill McNelley 530-872-0465**

## Karel Staple Chapter CALENDAR 2019

Sunday, Jan 13th – 10AM Mel's Diner—565 Howe Ave Sacramento CA Frank and Johanna Smith are Hosts

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

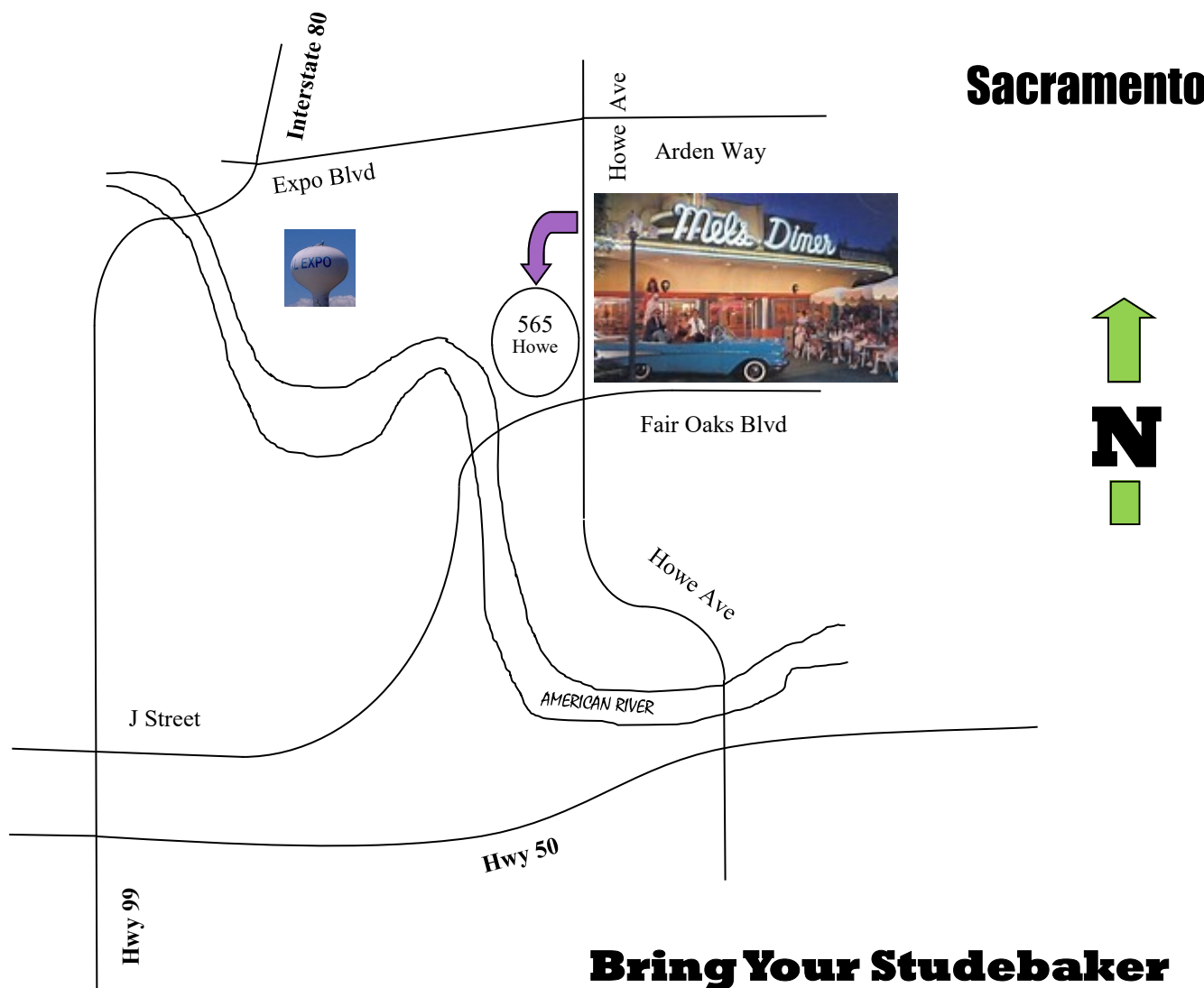
Sunday, Mar 24th – Cenario's Pizza—Pitt School Road—Dixon CA—Jim Goodland/Marianne MacDonald are Hosts

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—Pat Dilling is Host

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

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



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If new member, source of referral:

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

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

**Membership dues are \$20 Annually**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_ YES, I would like my newsletter emailed to me each month.

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Year Model Body type

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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**

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 4074 Mary Avenue  
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## Applied Technology: Tire Pressure Sensors

By: Pete Yuen (Taken from Odds and Ends)

Some of the newer cars have been equipped with the tire pressure sensors for a number of years now. The sensors are in essence, a transmitter/pressure gauge that sends data to the car's computer. They are not cheap, priced at between \$75 and \$150 each. The projected life expectancy is 10 years of the built in battery life but some are known to have failed in as little as 4 years. The batteries cannot be taken out and replaced so the whole unit has to be replaced. As if this is not bad enough, some of the sensor units are made of aluminum and break easily as a person tries to remove them in order to add more air into the tire. They are not repairable so a new sensor needs to be installed. It can be presumed that many motorists will consider the sensors as a bit of frivolous equipment but nowadays, the cars that are equipped with them are considered to have them built in as part of the safety system and operating a vehicle with one sensor missing is considered as circumventing the safety system. Not a good idea as viewed by law enforcement and the insurance underwriters. In the case of a motorist deciding to purchase a new set of wheels for the winter tires, he would need to purchase sensors for each of the tires. Apparently, a motorist did want to purchase a new set of tires and wheels for his car that was equipped with the sensors and did not want to purchase the sensors. The shop had the customer sign a liability waiver form. The car was later involved in an accident and still, despite the motorist having signed the liability waiver, the court decided that the tire shop, operating as a business professional, should have known not to have equipped the wheels without the sensors and thereby circumventing the built in safety feature. It is said that the tire shop had to pay a hefty amount to satisfy the claim in court.

**Life is much simpler with Studebakers. Lucky you!**

Christmas at Justin's Kitchen in Yuba City. White Elephant gift exchange gets a little contentious.



Some people even brought Studebakers

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