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President's Message

By: Pat Dilling, President

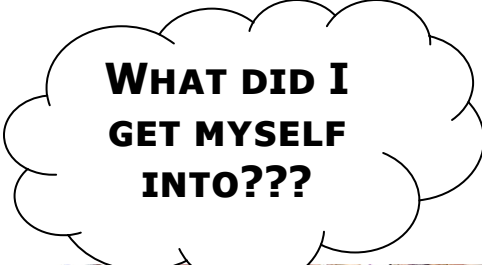
First off I want to thank outgoing president Frank Smith for his years of service to the chapter. I hope I can live up to the standard you have set. Car clubs and the sort depend on people willing to take a turn holding office. Next I want to thank everyone for their faith and trust in me to hold the President's gavel. I consider it an honor to be called Karel Staple Chapter President.

One of my goals for the chapter in the coming year is to give our members opportunities to enjoy their Studebakers. Of course our big event in 2014 is the Pacific Southwest Zone Meet which we are hosting May 16-18. To make this a successful and memorable event we will need all hands on deck. In addition to working on the event I hope everyone will make an effort to bring a car to the meet. Also please encourage vendors you may know to come and sell their wares.

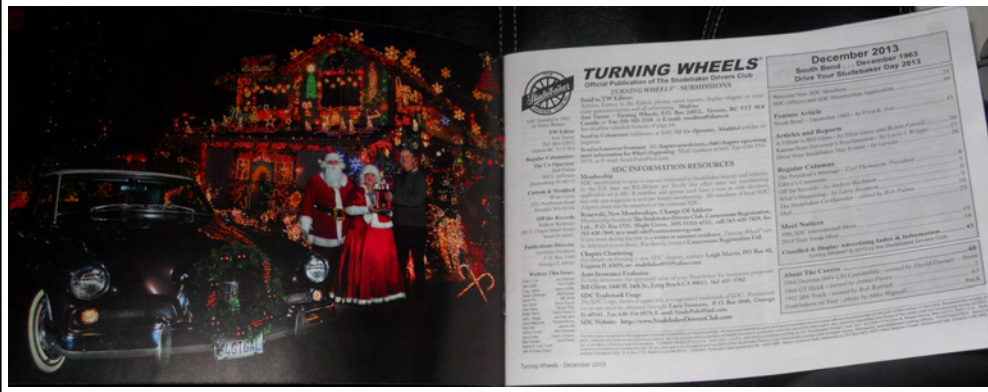
In addition to Studebaker specific events I want to encourage our members to make it to other open events and show the world how great Studebakers are. Meet people and tell them about Studebaker history. As has become our tradition, our chapter will have cars on display at the California Auto Museum during the month of January, almost immediately following that, I understand we will have at least eight cars in the car club pavilion at the Sacramento Autorama. So in just the first two months of the year, thousands of people will get a good look at some Studebakers. Throughout the year we will have lots of opportunities. We have been invited to bring some of our cars to the 70th Annual John M Studebaker Wheelbarrow races at the El Dorado County Fair in Placerville on June 14th. You will hear more about this at our January meeting. If you are able, how about setting a goal to attend a car show a month between April and November?

You don't have to have a show type car to have fun at a car show. Don't worry that the Brand Xs get a lot of attention. Studebakers can only get recognition if they show up. Get together and go to shows with other members, tell each other about upcoming shows in your town. I really enjoy the smaller shows which normally are not too expensive and almost always benefit a local charity.

See you at a car show soon!



Another Karel Staple Chapter Studebaker Makes the Cover of Turning Wheels



I'm sure you all noticed the car on the inside front cover of the December 2013 issue of Turning Wheels. Yes, that's Rick Pierce standing next to Mr. and Mrs. Claus and Johna's 64 GTHawk. So where's Johna? She was sick that day and sent Rick over to the photo shoot by himself. The picture was taken by Mary Gromer, a friend of the club. It's a great picture and a perfect cover for the December issue. Congratulations Johna.

A Reminder from Betty

Reminder, Reminder

Start the New Year by cleaning your closets, drawers and unused gift pile for clean and gently used clothing for young children to teens. These clothes will be a step to get children to school in clean clothes appropriate for school and the weather.



Please bring your donations to our next club meeting. Super thanks.

Betty Knopf
916-944-3553

I got to see Steve Rainville in Re-enactment Mode

Dixon is the home of the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery and I received a call from Steve Rainville that he would be in town representing a civil war Minuteman for a big wreath laying ceremony. I really wasn't feeling well but I had to check it out so I did. And I am glad I did as the event was quite spectacular.

Steve was the only minuteman in a group of Civil War soldiers called the California Society Sons of the American Revolution Honor Guard (CASSAR), Gold Country and Sacramento Chapters.

I knew very little about such things but I did notice that Steve was dressed differently and didn't really march with the military precision of the others in the group. I asked him about that and he explained to me that the minute men were not really soldiers but were locals who fought alongside the enlisted men of the time. Steve's portrayal was spot on as he looked the part and his lack of military crispness in marching is exactly how I can picture these men.

I'm glad I went to see it. If you ever get a chance to see him in action, please do. Great job Steve, and thanks for calling me.

Jon



CAM Christmas Tree

For those that were unable to attend, Here is a picture of the Karel Staple Chapter/SDC Christmas tree that was set up in the California Auto Museum last month. A big thank you to LaRee Brunelli for sending me the picture as I also missed the event.



Marysville Regional Occupational Program Meets Studebakers

By: Johna Pierce



There was a group of Karel Staple Chapter SDC members that drove to Marysville CA from Stockton, Cottonwood, Loma Rica, Sacramento & parts in between to take a tour & meet the ROP class. We all arrived and were greeted by Ken Hamel, Automotive Instructor Yuba County Office of Education Automotive Academy.

We had Avanti's, GT Hawks, and Eric West was there with his 1955 Speedster. Eric had worked on his car when he was in an ROP Class (a few years back).



The kids liked looking at Pat Dilling's engine! We took a



little tour & Ken Hamel did a presentation on the class & projects they have to build. Ken explained that he had 4 girls in the class & they have a car they work on. They had a paint booth donated to the class & they are working on getting it vented, so they can start painting cars. The kids made us a spaghetti lunch & it was great! After lunch we gave Ken a little history lesson on Studebakers.



Art Smith asked if they would like a Studebaker donated to the class? Ken said Yes! Ken will be going to visit Art Smith to check out the 1963 Studebaker Lark Cruiser (Stan's car) It would be a great

idea for our chapter to help teach the class about Studebakers & donate your time and skills to teach them how to work on them too! We need to let the young people know about our Studebakers! It was nice to see where our school donation went & meet the kids that benefited from it.



Ken Hamel went to Art Smith's house & saw the Lark Art wants to donate. Ken was pleasantly surprised that the Lark is in good shape. Since he doesn't have room for the Lark right now, he has asked Art to hold it until March. In the mean time Ken will work on writing grant request for the restoration of the Lark & then have the kids sell it & donate the money (less parts) to a charity. This way the kids can learn the lesson of giving back.

Christmas Time in Olivehurst

Story by: Jon Stalaker/Editor

It turned out to be a beautiful day for a drive, that is as long as you had a working heater in your car. Now some of our older cars were not equipped with heaters. My truck was one of them, but as you know, I remedied that by putting a Vintage-Air HAC unit in it. I had not yet tried out the heater and I didn't think to check it out before we set out on the highway. It took me a while to find the proper heater controls but I was still getting a blast of ice cold air on my left leg.

I figured that the flow through vent built into the truck (a marvelous bit of technology in 1949) had been left open and I didn't want to stop so I suffered through till we got to Pat's house. I jumped out to close the vent door and discovered that Wayne had not forgotten to do that as I didn't need that technology anymore. What I did discover was that the rubber seal around the steering column and shift rod was missing. I was amazed at how much cold air flowed through that small breach in the floorboard. I had purchased a brand new one for my car but donated it to one of our auctions years ago as I did not need it for the car. Oh well, they are not that expensive and readily available in the Studebaker International catalog. That should be an easy fix.

We got to drool over Pat's new lift and check out the progress he is making on "Connie". I counted 7 Studebakers at the event which includes Pat's two. I did not include the Daytona convertible across the street but I did snap a couple of pictures of it. Inside the house was filled with great food and special friends. The "White Elephant" gift exchange was particularly fun this year. We are developing advanced thievery skills so you had better pay attention next time.



Studebakers Set Up For CAM Car Club Cavalcade

By: Jon Stalaker/Editor

Well, we had six club Studebakers all set for the Car Club Cavalcade this year. This year, our display did not get set up without incident. On display this year is George Newhouse's Blue 62 Lark, Art Smith's Avanti, Johna's 64 GT Hawk, and Eric West's 55 "Lemon/Lime" Speedster. Jason Michaels had planned to display his 50 Bullet nose (Doc) but had some difficulty with the brakes. We tried to get another car but were unsuccessful. At the last minute, we attempted to get a 52 Studebaker engine/chassis but couldn't pull that off either. We almost replaced it with a 38 Packard, which was a bit of a stretch but I think we could have tied it in. We moved on that too late so we figured we would just end up with 5 cars.

If you have been counting, you noticed I have only mentioned four. Jeffie Vogt was prepared to show her 53 Hardtop but only got a short distance away from their home when it too broke down, leaving them no option but to have it towed back home. So, four being a little short for the display, Daniele from the museum stepped up with another suggestion. The museum has 2 Studebakers on display so she worked it out so they could be moved over to our display.

Those of you that have been around a while will recognize the 1923 Studebaker as the one that was formerly owned by Perry and Betty Knopf. When it was last displayed as a Karel Staple Chap-



ter car in the Car Club Cavalcade, a previous owner noticed it and talked Perry into selling it back to him. He then placed it on display at the museum. The other museum car is a 1930 Studebaker Commander. You might remember this car as the one that was for

sale in Hawk Talks earlier last year. I believe it is still for sale. If you are



interested in it, talk with Art Smith as he is quite familiar with this beautiful car..Oh yes, George



also brought some of his toys to fill the display case. Thanks, George, it looks great.

I look forward to seeing the completed display at our next meeting on Sunday the 19th at the museum. Don't miss out on this meeting as it is always fun to look around the California Auto Museum.

See you then.

KSC CALENDER of Events 2014

Note: All underlined dates are monthly Karel Staple Chapter events.

Sunday, Jan 19th – California Auto Museum 2200 Front Street Sacramento CA Host—Jon Stalnaker. We will meet in the education room inside. Tell them you are with the Studebaker club at the front desk. Pot Luck/meeting/ tour of museum. Our Studebakers will be the featured cars at the Car Club Cavalcade.

Sunday, Feb 23rd - Social/Lunch at the Hof Brau - 2500 Watt Ave. Sacramento. Arrive at 11:00 am. Host: George Newhouse 916-485-3989 All are Welcome!

Sunday, March 16th – Granzella’s Restaurant & Nissan Hot Rod- 451 6th St., Williams, CA. Arrive at 11:00 am. Host: Steve Rainville 916-729-8569 & Pat Dilling.

Saturday, April 26th - Stockton-Grupe Park Joint Picnic with Sequoia Chapter and Avanti Club. Host: Lou Van Anne. Call: 209-473-4898 for more information

Sunday, May 4th: Fiesta Days Car Show in Fair Oaks

Sunday, May 16-18th – Pacific Southwest Zone Meet, Sacramento, CA

Sunday, June 8th – Rocklin – Hosts: Jeff & Darlene McClure.

Sunday, July 20th – Suisun City, Western Train Museum. Hosts: Jeff & Darlene McClure.

Sunday, August 24th – Napa social/potluck. 2140 Coronado Ave., Napa, CA. Arrive at 11:00 am. Hosts: Frank & Johanna Smith 707-255-5108. All are welcome!

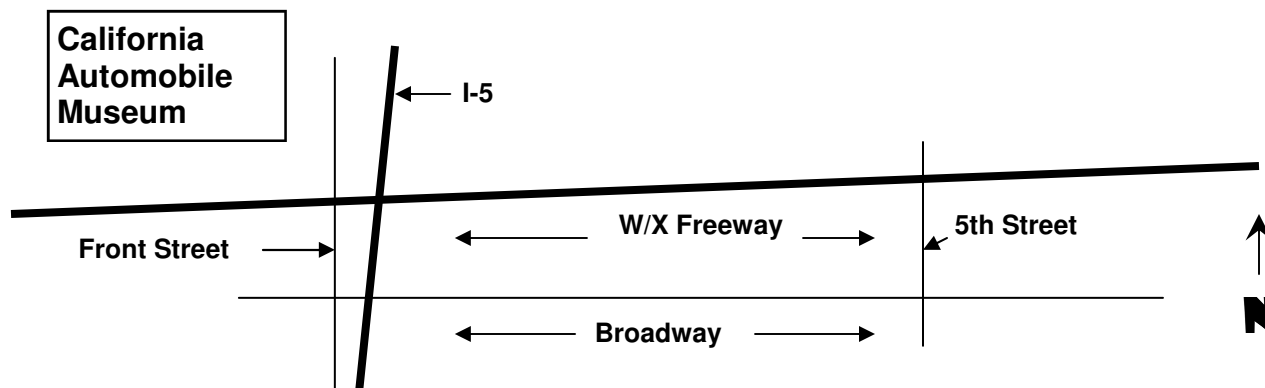
Saturday, August 23rd – Napa Main Street Reunion Car Show, downtown Napa 9 to 3.

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 with the last name starting with H thru M—Bring a Main Dish or appetizer
 Members with the last name starting with N thru Z —Bring a Dessert
 Members with the last name starting with A thru G—Bring a Salad

Directions to This Month’s Meeting

Directions: . From Interstate 5 exit Broadway or 5th Street. Take Broadway west under I-5 and turn North on Front Street. Immediately after you pass under the W/X freeway, the museum will be to your left.



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Mail to: Johanna Smith
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Napa, CA 94559
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For Sale

A member from the Sequoia chapter has a set of Speedster wire wheel covers he wants to sell.

Kirk Dobson San Ramon Ca. 925-277-2649
kdobson@dwassociates.com.

(12-13)

For Sale

Turning Wheels and Antique Studebaker magazines. Give me your wants. No charge. Pay shipping or will deliver to next meeting. 1970`s to present. After zone meet all will be dumped. Also I have collection of National Geographics starting in 1912. Will sell collection complete or ? This offer will not be here long.

Art lucky7@succeed.net
Please note my new Email address.

(12-13)

For Sale

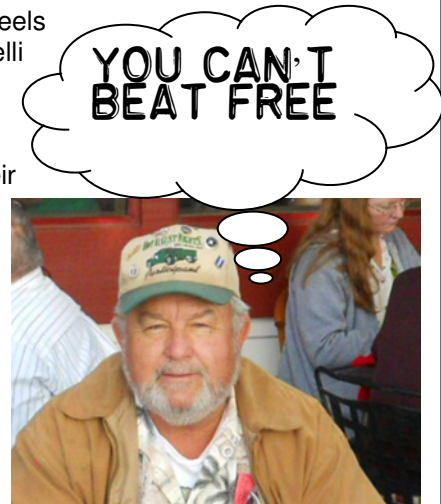
I have a complete hydrovac power brake setup for sale. It is complete with all mounting brackets and hoses Also includes brake pedal set to change from non-power to power brake

\$250.00 for it all. It was working when I removed it from my 1955 K model.

Len Brewer 530-333-2347.
brewer_l@sbcglobal.net. (02-14)

Free Old Turning Wheels

At the Williams meeting I offered free Wheels Magazines to the members. Darrell Brunelli wanted some boxes to make the place mats for the May zone meet. Across from them at the table another couple stated they would like a box also. I didn't get their names. I brought boxes of books to the Nov meeting but that couple didn't show up. I thought the unknown couple were friends of Darrell but they were not. If you are that couple, get in touch with me and I will get them to you. Thanks,



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