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President's Message

By: Pat Dilling

"I love it when a plan comes together!" The 2014 Pacific Southwest Zone Meet is in the books and I am not able to count all the compliments I heard from happy participants. There were a lot of smiles from start to finish. The enthusiasm and hard work from all of you is what made this possible. Great Job!



I especially want to thank our event chair persons, Frank Smith, Johanna Smith and Johna Pierce for all their hard work over the last two years as we prepared. And to all of our members, we never had a shortage of volunteers, from committee leaders to even the most simple but important tasks. When we had the optional meeting at the Lions Gate more than a month before and at least 30 people showed up I knew we were on our way to a great event.

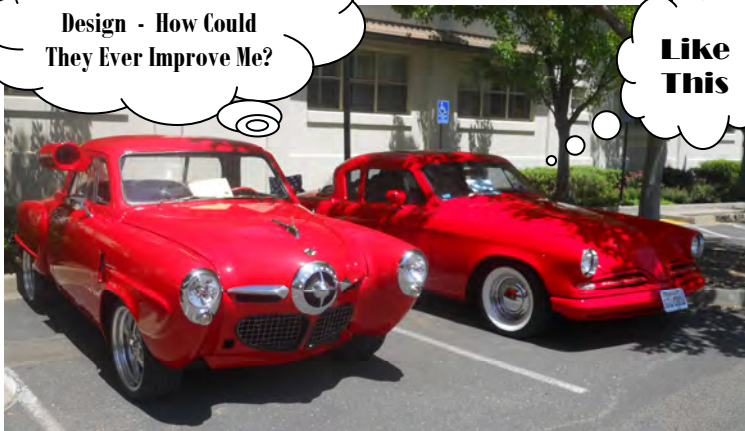
Of course in any event of this size, there will be glitches and the key is to handle them so that most folks never know they happened. And that's how things went. I know there were a lot of sighs of relief on Saturday night. So now we can look forward to the rest of the summer. Next year we are off to Las Vegas for the 2015 Zone Meet.

The next exciting event that I am looking forward to is the 70th running of the John M Studebaker Wheelbarrow races at the El Dorado Fair in Placerville on June 14th. The Placerville Kiwanis folks have invited us to display our cars at this event and they are very excited to have us coming. It will be a great opportunity to share in Studebaker heritage and promote our club and chapter to folks who don't normally see many Studebakers. We have space for up to 15 Studebakers, if you would like to participate, please let me know by our next meeting on June 8th. I am excited that our SDC President Carl Thomason is planning to join us.

We will need to meet in Placerville by 9:30 and move into the fairgrounds together. Details will be provided to those participating. Let's have a great turnout and show off our Studebakers!

I Am Such A Beautiful Design - How Could They Ever Improve Me?

Like This



THIS From Middletown

We must recognize Jennifer Brown and give her and Peter accolades for the best dressed family.

I got this great picture of Jennifer posing in her Lark but I wish I had taken a picture of her wandering around the parking area in her Jackie Kennedy outfit carrying a tray of goodies for those that couldn't make it to the hospital-ity room.



AND THAT's Peter Braun on the cover.

He was all decked out to help park cars at the zone meet. You might remember Peter's car from last month's issue of Hawk Talks. I showed a close up of his Star Fleet Academy sticker and called him a Trek-kie. Well, I was corrected. The proper designation is Trekker. Sorry Peter. Thanks for helping at the meet. Not only did you do a fine job parking cars, you also looked great doing it.



Zone Meet Winners

Division 1

2nd Place Jack Stockey
1923 Spec Six Coupe 324 points



1st Place Art Van Dyke
1929 GJE 393 points

Division 2:

3rd Place Mike Meza 51 Landcruiser
251 points



2nd Place Mel France
57 Packard Clipper 332 points

1st Place RB Southard
55 President 346 points



Division 3:



3rd Place Jeff Wescott
62 Lark Daytona
Conv 385 points

2nd Place Stanley Haveriland 62
Lark 389 points



1st Place Dean Carlson 62 Lark
Regal Conv. 394 points

Division 4:

3rd Place William Vogt 53
Starliner Hardtop 390 points



2nd Place Joseph Kresse
53 Starliner 391 points

THANK YOU

With sincere gratitude
The Karel Staple Chapter
SDC
Would like to Thank You for
Attending our
2014 Pacific Southwest Zone Meet
In Sacramento CA.

We Hope you had a good time
And a safe drive home.

Thanks



What a Great Zone Meet. It was a huge success for the Karel Staple Chapter SDC!!!!!!!!!!!!

We had a great turnout with many different years and models of Studebakers and Packards.

We had a wonderful venue at the Lions Gate Hotel & they really helped to make the event go smooth. We had over 200 people at the Friday night BBQ & almost 150 at our banquet. A Big Thanks to the Hotel staff !

We have a Great Club & I got so many compliments on the Zone Meet & our club members!

As always, the event was a great way to see some terrific cars but more importantly, we get to make more friends, see old friends and expand our car family.

A Special Thank You to Frank & Johanna for all their hard work!

Thanks to all the volunteers for their hard work in creating another fun and memorable event!

Thank you all,
Johna Pierce
Zone Meet Co-Chairperson

Division 4 : (continued)

1st Place Cliff Fisher
55 Commander 394
points



Division 5:



3rd Place Bob
McMains 62
GT Hawk

366points



2nd Place Doug Hadley 62

GT Hawk 382 points
1st Place Ian 64 GT
Hawk 389 points



Division 6:

3rd Place Larry



Schnell 89 Avanti 386
points

2nd Place Raymond
Compton 74 Avanti II
388 points
1st Place Gary Croletto
90 Avanti Touring 395
points



Division 7:

3rd Place Bud
Gruver 55 ET
Truck 380



points

2nd Place
Lou Van
Anne 62 Champ 392 points



1st Place Tom Shafer
62 Champ 393 points

Division 8:

3rd Place Leonard
Brewer 55 Speedster



385 points Also **Ho-
tels Choice Award**
2nd Place Gary 52
Champion Regal 398

points

1st Place Bruce
Linger 62 GT
Hawk 399
points



Best Of Show

Division 9:

3rd Place John Mar-
tin 50 Starlight
Coupe 386 points

**Also Peoples
Choice Award**

2nd Place Jon Stal-
naker 49 2R5.3
393 points



1st Place Dave Sand-
ers 37 Dictator
Coupe 394 Points

Special Interest:



Studebakers Arrive for CHP Academy Tour (Or How to Spin-Out a CHP Cruiser and Not Get Arrested)

By Jeff McClure



One of the events offered at this year's Zone Meet was a tour of the California Highway Patrol Academy. Fourteen of our bravest passed through the security gate of the CHP Academy at 10am for a 4-hour adventure amongst the 457 acre site in West Sacramento.



"The CHP Fountain" Each of the 225 deceased CHP officers is honored with a bronze plaque on the outer edge of the fountain.

But first, some proud history on the California Highway Patrol. The CHP was founded in 1929, and the first Academy was established at the site of the former Mather AFB. CHP was established to "enforce traffic laws on state and country highways" – a responsibility which remains in effect today. Many other functions never dreamed of in 1929 have been added to their list of duties (ie, truck inspections, air operations, and public education to name a few). On a more serious note, 225 officers have died in the line of duty since the inception of CHP.

The CHP Academy moved several times over the years, but in 1974 construction started on the West Sacramento facility. I think all of us on the tour would agree that this current Academy is as beautiful as any college campus, and is one of the most highly regarded law enforcement training academies in the United States.

Facilities at the Academy include dormitories to accommodate up to 280 cadets, a dining facility that will seat 400 people, gymnasium, obstacle courses, rec room, classrooms, gun range, a 2.3 mile high-speed driving track, motorcycle training facilities and last but not least a "skid recovery driving course" - more on this last one later.

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The CHP Academy is unique in that it requires all cadets to live at the academy throughout the 27 week training course. Currently, the attrition rate (% of cadets who don't make it through to graduation) is ~35%, and over 50% in the motorcycle training group. This is a "military style" training facility.



"Harley-Davidson to the rescue" Harleys are now the proud motorcycles of choice for the CHP

Besides training all the CHP recruits, the Academy also houses "Fleet Operations". This separate building is set up similar to an auto plant assembly line. Newly purchased vehicles enter at one end (as stock bare-boned vehicles) and exit as fully "duty capable" via the installation of lights, armor, radios, weapons, cameras, and CHP decals. It's very impressive to see in action! Disassembly and recycling of retired vehicles is also done here.

Today, CHP has over 11,000 employees of which 7500 are sworn officers. The familiar Ford Crown Victoria is being phased out and replaced by the Ford "Police Interceptor Utility Vehicle" (a heavily modified Ford Explorer), and in 2013, Harley-Davidson motorcycles were selected to replace the BMW motorcycles currently in use. The average CHP vehicle accumulates 33,000 miles each year, and is designated for retirement once it reaches 100,000 miles. Currently CHP has over 2000 vehicles (the largest collection of Crown Victorias in the world!!), and approx. 415 motorcycles.

Well, after a big lunch and near the end of our tour the excitement came to a grand finale. Yes, it was time to get behind the wheel of a CHP cruiser and chase down some bad guys. So I got in the driver's seat of a fire-breathing Crown Victoria, and...Oh, I might need to mention that the

track I was on was "polished concrete" (smoother than a baby's behind), and kept constantly wet with a zillion sprinklers, and my vehicle purposely had bald rear tires, and the track had curve after curve. Can you spell HYDROPLANE?! Nonetheless, you could see my Cheshire cat grin a mile away!! Wow, this was better than Disney Land. After spinning out the car several times I finally got the car to "drift" through the curves with some helpful instruction from my CHP co-pilot. Now this was worth the price of admission!!

Special thanks to our own Perry & Betty Knoph for setting this tour up, and to CHP Captain Steve Mills and Officer Larry Starkey for acting as our tour guides.

If you are in West Sacramento, stop by and visit the CHP Museum where you can view the history of CHP along with some of the cars & motorcycles made famous over the years. The CHP Academy is located at: 3500 Reed Ave, West Sacramento. 916-376-3200



Captain Mills getting close and personal with an Avanti.

AND THEY'RE OFF !!!

Zone Meet Valve Cover Races

By: Jennifer Brown

It was a beautiful sunny day at the track. As the engines roared at the starting line (I heard at least 3 people say "Vroom Vroom") the crowd began to gather. With cold drinks in hand, in the shade of giant Magnolia trees, SDC members settled in for a spirited day of Valve Cover Racing.

Though the "rules" stated each racer must be made from one Studebaker V-8 Valve Cover, approximately half dozen of the fourteen contenders were Brand-X steel. The judges relaxed this rule in the well-guided spirit of participation.



Excitement began in the first heat with Lindsay Brown (Red Lark) taking a very close photo-finish second to Peter Braun's Lucy Lark (both Studebakers). The second heat included Dick Grove's Mopar cover (the Loaner). Dick brought this for folks who arrived at the Races with no vehicle to enter. The Mopar took second to Rick Pierce's Black Studie Rat Rod. As the contest rolled on, some racers limped down the track rubbing the side rails. Up against Dick Grove's Yellow Submarine (Studebaker), Skyler's 3-Wheeled Wonder skidded to the finish on it's "passenger side" for a WIN!



The final standings show Wade in 1st with the Chrome Fruitbasket (Brand-X), Peter Braun in 2nd with Lucy Lark (Studebaker) and Betty Knopf in 3rd with the Pink Flamingo (an unusual Tonka/Brand-X hybrid). The race for 1st and 2nd was a close photo-finish ending in dramatic, but not fatal wipe-out for both Chrome and Lucy. And though the Pink Flamingo easily won her first heat by a length and a half, her super-cute, but not very aerodynamic plastic tow-truck body pulled too much drag to step ahead of the Chrome Fruitbasket. There was a second chance at fame for Betty - the Creativity Prize. Though there was some stiff competition for the most creatively assembled / decorated racer (see Darrell Brunelli's Red Roadster), the crowd favorite was Betty's Pink Flamingo (I think we just liked her hat!).



The Hall of Fame award goes to Dick Grove for a terrific job with transporting, installing and operating the lovely wooden race track, on loan from the "Antique Truck Historical Society". And a BIG Thank You to Norma Grove for managing the contest ladder and awards. Steve Rainville was an excellent Finish Line Judge, making the tough calls.

In the end, a good time was had by all.

Participants and their Rides :

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|------------------|---------------------|
| Betty Knopf | Pink Flamingo |
| Skyler Osborn | 3-Wheel Wonder |
| Steve Rainville | Blue and Gold Racer |
| Darrell Brunelli | '29 Roadster |
| Lindsay Brown | Red Lark |
| Peter Braun | Lucy Lark |
| Wade Osborn | Chrome Fruitbasket |
| Perry Knopf | The Roach |
| Dick Grove | Yellow Submarine |
| Norma Grove | Pink Ford |
| Rick Pierce | Studie Rat Rod |



KSC CALENDER of Events 2014

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

Sunday, June 8th – **Time:** 11am - Potluck/Social (bring a dessert or salad or main dish) Note: McClure's will provide all drinks, plates, cups...Jeff & Darlene McClure 4129 Rawhide Rd Rocklin, CA 95677 phone 916-632-2306

Sunday, July 20th – **Western Railway Museum, 5848 State Hwy 12, Suisun City, CA 94585 707-374-2978**

Arrive 11am. 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.

Saturday, September 13th – International Drive Your Studebaker Day. Join us for a fun run or do your own thing. Just drive your Studebaker today.

Sunday, Sept 21st – 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!

Saturday, Oct 18th – Grass Valley, Empire Mine. Hosts: Darrell & LaRee Brunelli

Sunday, Nov 16th – Sacramento, Elks Lodge for lunch and Cemetery Tour. Hosts: Brian & Linda Challender

Sunday, Dec 7th – Annual Christmas Party. Elk Grove. Host: Jilg Douglass & Steve Rainville.

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2014 NorCal Misc. Car Shows & Events

Provided by Jeff McClure (updated 5/19/14)

Remember, nothing impresses the crowds more at a car show than a STUDEBAKER! If there is a car show/event that you would like to get listed in *Hawk Talks*, just email me at darlenejeff@sbcglobal.net. Be sure the date of your event does not conflict with our monthly gatherings.

June 6, Fri: Thunder Valley Casino Show & Shine, 1972 and older, No fee, 4-9pm.

June 7, Sat: Downtown Lincoln Classic Car Show, 1972 and older, \$20 pre-reg, 7am-3pm
www.rodsnrelics.net or 916-4346648

June 7, Sat: 14th Annual Pre-Father's Day Car Show, Elk Grove Regional Park, \$30 fee, 8AM
1972 & older, Benefits Project R.I.D.E. www.overthehillgang-sac.com

June 14, Sat: 14th Annual Reiff's Street Bash, 52 Jefferson St, Woodland. 4 – 11:30pm
\$7 donation requested. 530-666-1758

June 14, Sat: 3rd Annual Classic Cars, Craft Beers & Corn Dogs. At Denio's Farmers Market,
1551 Vineyard Rd, Roseville. FREE 8am start, 1975 & older. 916-760-2895

June 27, Fri: Vintage Friday's at Vintage Ford, 2484 Mercantile Dr, Rancho Cordova
All makes 1973 & older. FREE 4pm – 9pm

June 28, Sat: 7th Annual Car Show, 1000 Main St. Angels Camp, CA at Utica Park. \$25 gate fee
Music, food, awards. 1975 & older 209-728-9971

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National SDC Application

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Birthday (Mo) _____ Spouse: _____

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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 |
|------|-------|-----------|
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Spouse: _____

Name badges are \$8.00 each \$ _____
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Mail to: Johanna Smith
2140 Coronado Ave
Napa, CA 94559
or call: 707-255-5108

Here are a Few Items For Sale

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- Shell for same bed - \$150
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- 12v starter 6 cylinder standard trans - \$20
- 12v Prestolite alternator - \$35

Dean Sumpter
916-753-6003
carvin7712@yahoo.com (06-14)



FOR SALE

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Dave @ 916-428-8764 (08-14)

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2nd, 1933 2 ton. This truck was bought for parts that are bad or missing on the `32. Have extra 3rd member for the `32. Have some new parts, manuals, literature and a lot of research.

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Art - 530-743-2942. lucky7@succeed.net. (07-14)

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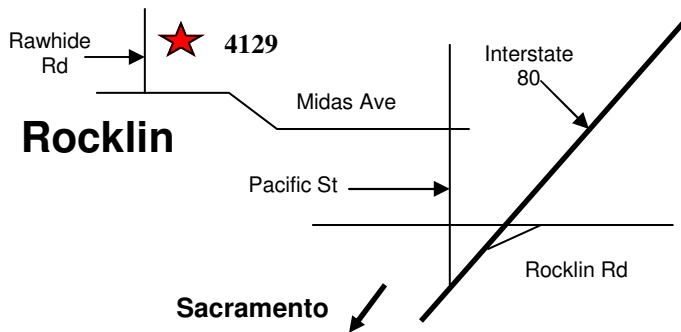
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