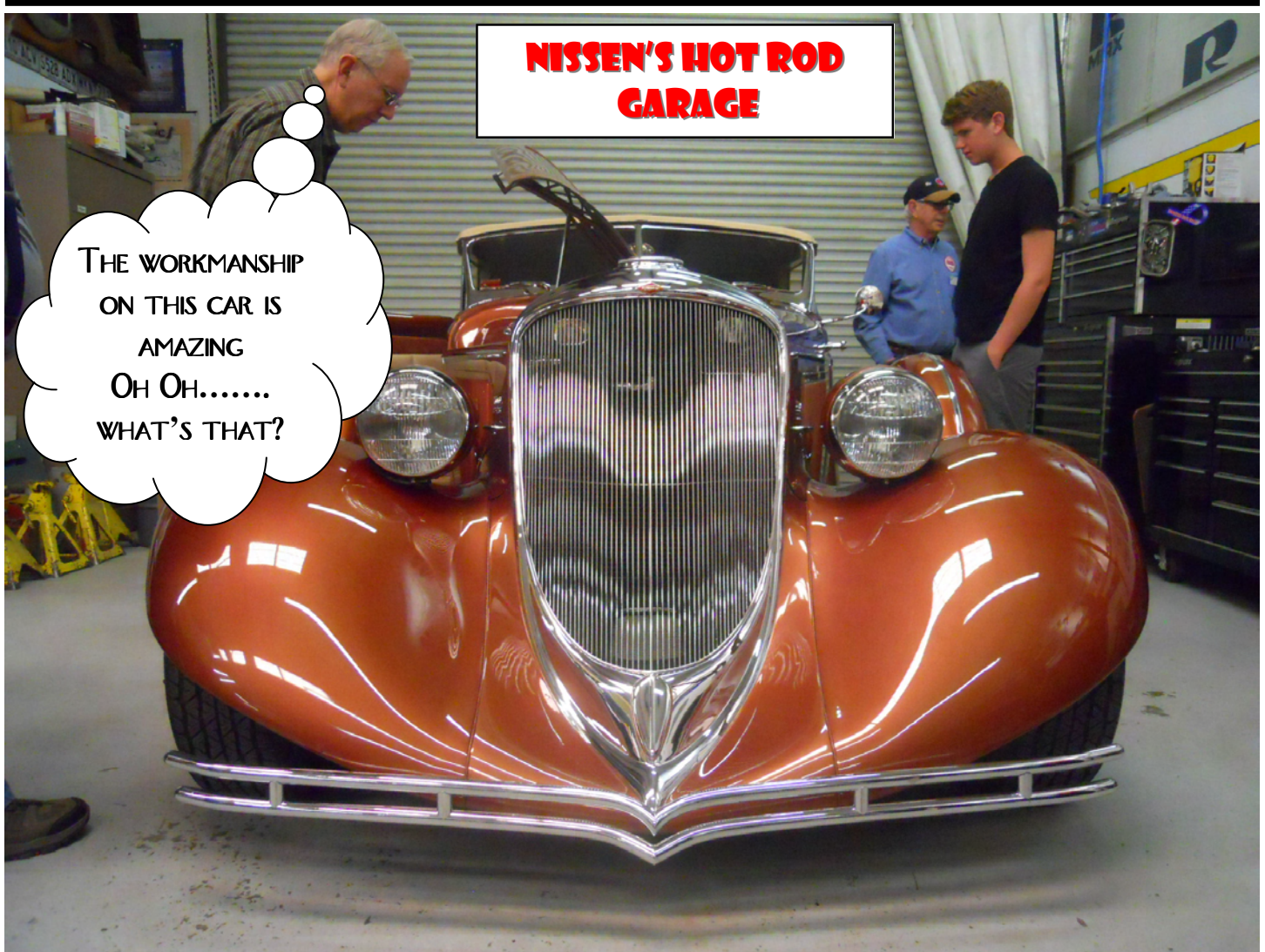


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President's Message

By: Pat Dilling

I was chatting with someone recently when the subject of interests and hobbies came up. I told them about my affliction with cool cars, specifically Studebakers. The question then was raised "Why Studebakers?" And I had to think about it before answering.

I learned, not too long ago from my brother, that to the best of his memory, after being born I was brought home from the hospital in a 1948 Studebaker. My Dad traveled a lot as a salesman so he traded cars frequently. His next one was a 50 or 51 Studebaker, followed by a 1953 Commander Starliner, it was blue with a white top. Dad was doing well in business and decided he wanted something more comfortable, so his next car was a '55 Cadillac. At that point the Starliner became my Mom's car and as such, it is the first car I truly remember riding in.

I remember the back seat armrest that I used to sit on sometimes. There were no car seats or seat belts back then. I also remember having my fingers slammed in the door once, but they survived. So, at the age of 17 when I came across a '53 Champion while delivering flowers for our local florist, I convinced my folks that I had to have it. Turns out it was not running, the head was off and it had been sitting for a while. It became mine for \$75 of my hard earned flower delivery money. Since the motor was toast, and I was already a hot rodder, I set about putting a Chevy 283 in it.



I love this picture of Pat's car. I took this picture at Franz und Melba's place in 2010 and it is one of my all-time favorites. A beautiful car in a beautiful setting and the angle was perfect IMHO—Jon

I took a lot of guff from my high school friends about having such an "ugly" car that also did not run. Sadly before I figured out how to wire it, Uncle Sam told me it was time to go into the USAF. Over the years I had a lot of cars, mostly GM. I even got away from the car hobby for a while when I was busy bass fishing. But a seed was planted deep inside me and one day while web surfing, I came across my current '53. It took a while, but finally I managed to buy it, without ever actually seeing it in person. I bought it from a fellow near Houston and had it shipped to California.

The rest as they say is history, and those same friends from high school are admitting that my Studebaker is pretty cool. That was over 10 years ago and I have enjoyed this car and the people in the Studebaker world more than any other vehicle I have

owned. And I have had some special ones. My point in sharing this is to challenge all of you to tell us your "Studebaker Story". Our award winning newsletter editor is always in need of articles for the news letter. We could provide him with a regular monthly article that I am sure our members would look forward to reading. So, start writing!

I like that—Tell us YOUR Studebaker story—Editor

Welcome New Members

Lisa Hale
Sacramento, CA
ref by: Pierce

Skyler Osborn
Rocklin, CA
ref by: Brunnelli



Granzella's and Nissen's Hot Rod Garage in Williams

Story By: Jon Stalnakar/Editor

The weather on March 16th was gorgeous and Carlene and I killed hundreds of bugs driving up to Williams in the truck. I counted 11 or 12 Studebakers which includes Leon's Packard Hawk and a non-member's 34 Stude hot rod. Plus two more Studebakers at Nissen's garage. There were also some pretty cool brand Xs.

After breakfast and the meeting, we hightailed it to Nissen's Hot Rod Garage for a drool tour of a great shop full of amazing customs including the star of the show, the Stugatti, a custom what-if merger of a 34 Studebaker and a Bugatti. That's it on the cover of this month's Hawk Talks. BTW, I don't think Perry was really able to find a flaw in that car but if anyone could, he'd be the guy. Outside on a trailer was a rusty old Studebaker roadster of the early 20s vintage.

Who said we don't have interesting meetings!?! Pictures by yours truly, except the one of Frank and George was Pat Dilling's.



Cool, this Hot Rod is for sale—How much cash have I got on me?



This one is definitely out of my price range George.



I didn't have enough for the Hot Rods— Maybe I can afford this one.



Some of the cool Brand-Xs. Ralph Beard owns the Barracuda... Mike and Leonard's Fords and Mel's Nash are always a great addition to the parking lot.



You couldn't tell from the outside what kind of cool things were inside. Everything from finished Rods to projects in various stages of completion. Also, the walls were filled with incredible automobilia and parts just waiting to be mated to just the right car.

March Meeting Minutes

By Darlene McClure

Date: Sunday, March 16, 2014

Location: Granzella's Restaurant, Williams, CA

Attendance: Standing room only with 12 Studebakers

Member Moments: Rick and Johna Pierce brought their friend Lisa Hale as a guest. Lisa had attended meetings in the past, but this time she became a club member! Welcome Lisa! Darrell and LaRee Brunelli brought their Grandson Skyler. Skyler is a bit of a club celebrity as his story "The Pick-up Truck" was published in our March newsletter. Watch for his story in an upcoming issue of Turning Wheels!

Presidents report: If you have any raffle items for the Zone Meet, please be sure to give them to Steve Rainville. Pat Dilling encouraged the distribution of our newsletter through email and stressed the savings to our club. Pat also encouraged club members to solicit help from our pool of experienced club members when addressing specific car projects. Share your Skills and or tools! Please continue to sign-up to assist at our Zone Meet. Areas still needing volunteers: Parking, Registration, T-shirt sales, and Hospitality room host.

Vice Presidents report: The Zone meeting at Lions Gate was on April 6th at 11:30. All club members were welcomed and fed lunch before the tour of the facilities. Volunteers are still needed for the Hospitality room. Please sign-up as we need an attendant present throughout the weekend. We also need contributions for the Host room in the



way of cookies, fruit, sandwiches, baked goods, etc. All snacks are welcome! Please let Johna know if you would like to contribute. Also, if you have issues reserving your room at the Lions' Gate please let Johna know; however, for best results while booking 'Hit 0', do not go to the reservations desk.

Treasurers report: The club checking account balance and expense paid outs were stated. Annual club membership fees are now past due and payable, please see Johanna. If you have a change of email, phone or address, please send the updated information to Johanna.

Misc. Announcements: Gift cards were handed out to those who attended the most meetings in 2013. We had a 3-way tie! Congratulations to our recipients: Stephen Rainville, Brian Challenger, and Brit Berglund.

Sheri Nordstrom took home \$40 in the 50/50 raffle and Tom Hosford won \$35. Congratulations to both!

To purchase your 50/50 raffle tickets for the Zone Meet, please see Linda Barnard or Jilg Douglas.

Judith Starr has once again donated a beautiful quilt which will be raffled off during the Zone Meet! Betty Knopf has raffle tickets available now for \$1.00 for one; \$5.00 for six; or \$10.00 for thirteen. Get your tickets early and you do not need to be present to win!

Our meeting next month will be a joint picnic with the Sequoia Chapter and the Avanti Club on Saturday April 26th at Stockton-Grupe Park. BBQ pits are available and bring a dish to share as well. For more information regarding the picnic, contact our host Lou Van Anne at 209-473-4898.



If you would like a red polo shirt for the Zone Meet, please let Frank Smith know as he is placing orders soon. You can pay for the shirt at delivery.

The CHP tour will take place on Friday during the Zone Meet. The tour and lunch is limited to 40 people and will leave Lion's Gate at 9:15AM and return at 3:00PM. Sign-ups are on the bottom of the Zone Meet registration forms.



Wheelbarrow Races



Or as they say in West Virginia—
Wilbury Races

I will be the point of contact for those who want to bring their cars. Here is a youtube video about the races.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q26ZlI28i9g>.

Pat Dilling

A Note from Charlie

Hi,
Well, we have got all the details for the 2014 El Dorado County Fair and the Studebaker Wheelbarrow race. The Fair would like to display up to 15 Studebaker cars and participation will get you free entry into the fair.

The fair would like the cars there by 10am and the show would take place in the plaza area which is in front of the main exhibit building and next to the museum. The museum has three Studebaker wagons along with an original wheelbarrow.



At 4pm we would like to move all or some of the cars to the grandstand area for display during the races. The fair will do a "Peoples Choice Award and the Kiwanis will provide the trophy along with dash plaques.

Thanks,
Charlie



Ray Clerici

With saddened hearts, we regret to inform our members of the loss of one of our members, Ray (Buck) Clerici. He passed away on March 27, 2014. If you remember, Ray and his wife, Alberta, attended our club meeting in Napa every August. He made our raffle ticket tumbler years ago for our 2009 Zone Meet. He also brought many raffle prizes to the meeting to share and he also brought one of his many Studebaker trucks.



There will be a memorial gathering on Saturday April 12th at his son's house in Napa from 12-4 pm. I talked to, David (his son) and he was happy to hear from me. He said anyone from the Karel Staple



Club is welcome. If you would like to come, please try and bring a Studebaker. If you plan to go, we will meet at our house and caravan over. (The house is in the country and a little hard to find).

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me: 707-255-5108



Sincerely,
Frank Smith

Editors note: Look for more on Ray in next month's issue of Hawk Talks. Ray was a great guy and I too, will miss him.

13th Annual All Studebaker Picnic

Well Folks, Spring is here and it's time to kick off the 2014 Classic Car season. Again, we're going to start by staging our 13th annual All Studebaker Picnic in Stockton at Grupe Park, Landview Dr. and Seagull Ln., Saturday April 26th, 12:00 to 4:00.

Avanti LTD will host the event with the Sequoia, Karel Staple and San Joaquin Valley Chapters of SDC participating. Last year we had 34 Studebakers in attendance...can we set a new record? BBQ grills, serving tables, utensils, paper plates, bottled water and good weather will be provided.

You need to bring your Studebaker, main course to grill, a side dish to share (salad, bread, desert, etc.), a couple of folding chairs and your best, most outrageous Studebaker story.

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May 16 CHP Tour By: Betty and Perry Knopf



Yes, It Is Happening.....A Customized Tour of the CHP Academy

As part of our zone meet, a tour of the only CHP academy is scheduled for Friday, May 16th! The tour will start at 9:15 in the morning and last till around 3 pm. The event will definitely include a tour of this world-famous facility, a docent led tour of the newly enlarged museum, lunch in the cafeteria and some really special one-of-a-kind CHP activities such as a tour of Fleet Ops. This is the facility that installs thousands of dollars of technology into every new CHP Interceptor sports utility pursuit vehicle that is based on the Ford Explorer.

This tour is limited to 40 people. There will be walking. The cost of this tour will be \$25.00 per person. The price will include lunch, a donation to the museum and a donation to our club's educational projects fund. As a reminder, registration at the zone meet is required for this CHP tour and there is no refund for cancellation.

It's Not Too Late for Quilt Tickets

This beautiful quilt will be raffled off at our zone meet. There is still time to purchase tickets. Tickets are \$1 each, 6 for \$5, or 13 for \$10.



Contact Betty at 916.944.3553.

P.S. You need not be present to win. Sell some tickets to your co-workers and family.

It's for a great cause!



KSC CALENDER of Events 2014

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

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.

Saturday, September 14th – 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!

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

2014 NorCal Misc. Car Shows & Events

Provided by Jeff McClure (updated 2/28/14)

Soon we will be displaying our Studebaker's at all the upcoming car shows, and nothing impresses like a Stude! 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. Lastly, if you know you are going to a particular event, call or email one of the Chapter Officers so we can garner as much interest as possible and participate as a group with several Studebakers.

April 19, Sat: April Springfest at Lowe's 7840 Greenback Ln, Citrus Heights, \$25 at gate, 8am-3pm, 1974 and older, 916-595-5038

April 19-27: 25th Annual Kool April Nites, Redding CA, event requires pre-registration. www.koolaprilnites.com/index.asp or 530-226-0844

April 26, Sat: Grass Valley Downtown Car Show, all pre 1972, \$25 pre-reg fee, 10am-3pm www.historicgrassvalley.com or 530-272-8315

May 4, Sun: Fair Oaks Fiesta Days Show-n-Shine, 6am-3pm, 1974 & older, \$25 pre-reg. www.american-icons.com or 916-967-2903

May 9, Fri: Feather Falls Casino Show-n-Shine, Oroville CA, Free, 5-8pm, 530-535-5566 www.chamberorganizer.com/orovillechamber/mem_goldrush

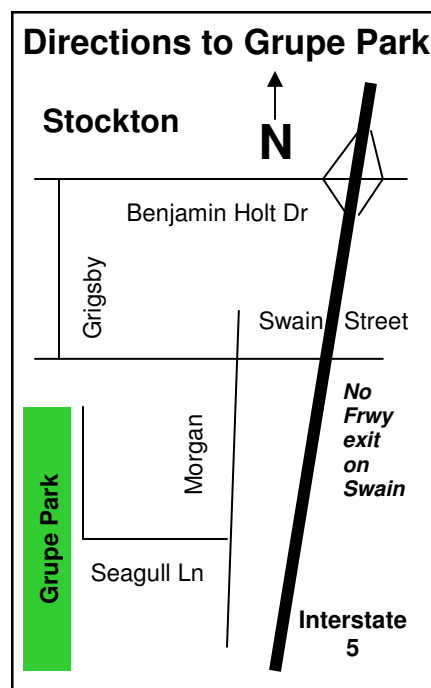
May 10, Sat: Gold Rush Car Show, Downtown Oroville, \$15 at gate, 6am-2pm www.chamberorganizer.com/orovillechamber/mem_goldrush

May 10, Sat: Elk Grove High School Classic Car Show, 7am- 916-806-4319

May 16-18: ***Pacific Southwest Studebaker Zone Meet, Best Show on the West Coast!!***
www.hawktalks.com for info and reg.

May 26, Mon: North Highlands-Antelope Annual Memorial Day Parade, free, 8am- www.vfwpost4647.org for more info.

May 31, Sat: Show 'n Shine & Aircraft Too!, Eagle's Nest Airport, Lone, CA, 7am-4pm \$25 pre-reg, www.ionerotary.com or 209-274-9160 *raffle for P51 Ride!!



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