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## TIME TO CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS

Don't forget to bring a  
White Elephant gift...



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## President's Message

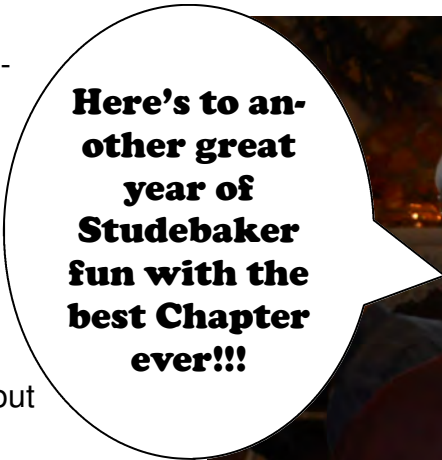
Pat Dilling, President

Merry Christmas everyone! I hope everyone has a great holiday season and is able to spend time with family and friends. We are all looking forward to our annual Christmas party, this year at Jilg's house. I expect the food and the white elephant gift exchange to be EPIC as usual.

Our November meeting had a great turnout in spite of all the last minute location changes. I think all the phone calls to our members may have served to get more people there. Great job Brian and Linda for making it happen.

Congratulations to our newly elected club officers, Pat Dilling and Johna Pierce will continue as Prez and VP, Lou VanAnne is taking over treasurer duties, Linda Barnard is our new secretary. Linda will also take on duties as membership chairman. Jon Stalnaker has a help wanted sign up for someone to take over duties as Newsletter editor. We cannot expect Jon to continue in the role forever. So please, someone in our membership please step up and take on this most important task. Our chapter cannot survive without members joining in to help run it.

Thanks to our outgoing officers, Johanna Smith who was treasurer for 10 years! And Darlene McClure who has done a great job as secretary. I look forward to adding our thanks to Jon Stalnaker for his service in the very near future. Thank you for your confidence in me as President, I look forward to another great year. Keep looking for opportunities to enjoy and show off your Studebaker!



**Here's to another great year of Studebaker fun with the best Chapter ever!!!**



## Editor Wanted



I plan to retire (again) in 2015. The last time I retired, I volunteered for all kinds of things because I feared having nothing to do. I have learned my lesson and this time around I want to be free of things I **HAVE** to do.

I enjoy writing about Studebakers and Studebaker people and intend to continue doing so. I need to reduce my responsibility for this newsletter to that of perhaps a contributing editor or even feature writer. While putting this newsletter together does not consume that much time (depending on your computer skills), it has become somewhat of a burden for me.

While I appreciate all the compliments about my work, accolades are no longer important to me. Somebody please step forward.

***It really is a fun and rewarding job. Don't let my whining scare you away.***

# Dixon Car Folk Celebrate the 60th Birthday of Jim Goodland's Studebaker

Story By: Jon Stalnaker/Editor

I've been invited to many birthday parties in my years but this one takes the cake (pun intended). Jim Goodland's 1954 Commander is 60 years old this year and Marianne Macdonald was not going to let that milestone pass without a party. The invitation went out to Dixon's car lovers and the cool cars came. While Jim and I don't have the only Studebakers in Dixon, I do believe we own the only ones you see driving around town.



We had a good mix of old cars including a Model A Ford, Early Chevy Panel Van custom,

Happy Birthday to you...  
Happy Birthday to you...  
Happy Birthday Commander...  
Happy Birthday to you!!!



a nice 65 Vette, a Triumph TR4, A semi-stock Merc led sled, and two Studebakers.

Carlene and I had a great time talking with friends, looking at cars and, of course, eating great food. Thanks, Marianne for the invitation. It was a great opportunity to show off our favorite cars.

## Tech Tips

### Improved Pads for Disc Brake equipped Studebakers

There are new brake pads available for disc brake equipped Studebakers. Reports are that these pads will increase your braking up to 30%. If it's time to replace your disc brake pads you might consider these new pads made from modern brake material. The new pads are EBC GreenStuff Pads #DP2120. I found these pads available through Summit Auto parts for \$62.97 a set. I have just ordered a set and will give a report after I have installed them. **Rick Pierce**

### Smoothing out Curled up Gaskets

I'm rebuilding a 348. I've had the gaskets for quite a while and the pan gaskets were really starting to curl up and distort, as they will with age. So what I did was cut off the heads of several one-inch bolts, as needed, and screwed them into the block, slid the gasket over them, then fit the pan over the studs and onto nice flat gaskets. You can do the same with timing cover and valve cover gaskets. Since I do a rebuild job every once in a while, (I've done three in the last two weeks), I keep a pile of studs in my tool box. **Mel France**

**Date:** November 9, 2014

**Location:** Brookfields Resturant, Sacramento

**Attendance:** 37 members and one guest

**Members moments:** Roy Valdez brought a guest to our meeting

**Welcome new member :** Nick Delisa!



**President's report:**

Pat Dilling opened the meeting by thanking all members who were veterans for their service. Thank you to Linda Barnard and Brian Challender for hosting. Meeting dates for next year were finalized with all twelve months dates being hosted. The membership roster will be e- mailed to all members. Pat Dilling suggested convoying to the 2015 international meet in St. Louis next year , and maybe the 2015 Southwest Zone meet in Las Vegas next October.

**Vice Presidents report:** Johna

Pierce asked if there were any more sweatshirts wanted as the order was going in tomorrow. Also that gray was all that was available , no tan. Sweatshirts will be delivered at the December meeting. The "Trim the tree at the California Auto Museum in Sacramento" was discussed. Going to be Sunday after Thanksgiving, Nov. 30. Starts at 2 P.M and pot luck starts at 4 p.m. 10 members volunteered to help this year. The Autorama clubhouse is once again available at \$50.00 registration fee. Interested members need to register soon— Contact Johna Pierce. The California Auto Museum is asking for Studebakers to display at the museum from January 3 through February 7. Six members stepped forward and Jon Stalnaker will coordinate with the museum.



**Elections:** Pat Dilling will continue as President and Johna Pierce as Vice President, Lou Van Anne will be taking over as treasurer. We would all like to thank Johanna Smith for her many years service as treasurer, membership Chairperson, and all the other "hats" she has been wearing for the club. Well Done! Linda Barnard will be our new secretary and membership Chairperson. The two positions will be separate.

Jon Stalnaker is not going to be able to do the newsletter next year. So, we need to find someone to step up and take this over. He said he will do it a couple more months, till we find someone. He is willing to show how this wonderful newsletter is put together. We will miss you Jon, and thank you for the many hours that you have put your heart and soul into this.

Tom Hoskins won the 50-50 raffle, congratulations Tom!

**Dec. 7** is the Christmas party at Jilg Douglas home. Don't forget to bring a gift for the white elephant gift exchange. The meat dish will be provided, so you just need to bring a side dish.

**A reminder that membership dues for our club are due in January!**

**Linda Barnard  
Secretary**

**Editor's Note:** Since this meeting was a last minute reservation, we had to park all over the place. I think I included all the Studebakers in pictures even though many are one at a time.

### 52 Cruiser Gets a Makeover Story BY: Peter Braun

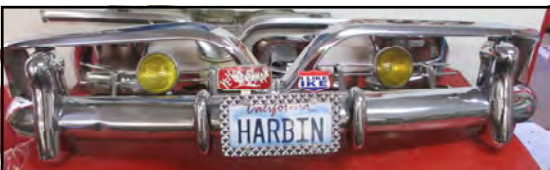
It turns out that the silver lining in having my '52 Land Cruiser hit on International Drive Your Studebaker Day will turn out to be shiny black. I am finally going to paint this whole car! A momentous occasion in the history of a car never before fully repainted and that I have owned for 42 years!

As I was packing up, standing behind "Elsie", (or LC short for Land Cruiser) at the Capital City Cruisers meet in Sacramento on the fateful day, I heard a crash and saw her move a foot closer to me. I must admit that my first thought was, "Okay, now I'll finally paint the whole thing!" (Over the years I painted all four fenders hood and trunk, but all four doors and the roof are still original paint.)

For over a decade I have used the car in promoting my home and place of work, Harbin Hot Springs and I was wondering how and when I would finally take off all those vinyl decals that have so effectively disguised how badly the car needed a paint job for so long. I located both a presentable upper grille bar in re-chrome-able condition (only slightly more common than hen's teeth) at Desert Valley Auto Parts in Phoenix, Arizona. I purchased an already re-chromed "auxiliary front bumper guard set", Studebaker part number AC - 2202, from Studebaker parts.com, to replace the bent one.



At my shop, just before driving to the body shop.



we love our chrome!!

1952 Studebakers already have a massive amount of chrome on the front of them and the auxiliary bumper guard set probably adds another 25 pounds! These were the only parts damaged in the accident needing replacing.

But, of course, to do complete paint, there are the sundries, like door gaskets, a trunk gasket, front fender vent door gaskets, rear fender welting, hood bumpers and front vent window rubbers! And I realized that now is my chance to get rid of those scratched and dinged up stainless steel fender skirts and get some painted black like I have always wanted... And while I have the headlight buckets out, I want some new six volt halogen bulbs... And I might as well finally upgrade my wheels to those Ford Ranger wheels that I have out back... after I paint them burgundy...Etc.... You know how it goes!



I know my fender bender was in the front, but while it's in the body shop

Although it's still not a total restoration it's a very exciting project that I have been looking forward to for years! Elsie should be dressed in a brand-new formal black evening gown by Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all at Studebaker events in 2015!

**Peter Braun**

### Trivia from Art Smith

Was there ever a Studebaker boat made?

**Answer:** There was a man named Studebaker who made boats in Topeka Kansas in '59-~60.

### More Stuff from Peter Braun

Two years ago I was surprised that my \$1008 bid won an eBay auction for a 1957, Transtar 3/4 ton, Oregon Bell Telephone truck located in Yuba City.



It had the big six engine and a four speed and was drivable. I played with it for a while and then passed it on, again through eBay, to a fellow who just sent me some pictures of how the restoration is going.



He has chosen the red and white Deluxe two-tone color scheme and it looks like he's going 100% stock Studebaker. Another happy Studebaker story! Attached are some pictures. The first two shots of how the truck looked when I got it. (The seller had brush enamel painted "FOR SALE" and his phone number on the truck!) a few shots of when I had it and some of it as a resto work in progress! :)



**Peter Braun**



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

**Sunday, Dec 7<sup>th</sup>** – Annual Christmas Party. Elk Grove. Host: Jilg Douglass & Steve Rainville.

**Sunday, January 18, 2015**—California Auto Museum Pot Luck, meet at 11am. Tell them at the front desk you are here for the Studebaker Club meeting and you don't have to pay. Of course the museum can always use the money so if you make a donation, please do. Jon Stalnaker is host

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

## Dec14th Christmas Party

**Sunday, December 7 @ 11:00 am**  
**Address: 8816 Inisheer Way**

From Hwy 99, take Calvine Road/  
Consumnes River Blvd exit. Go east on  
Calvine road, turn left on Vintage Park Dr,  
right on Delvin Way, left on Foynes, right  
on Inisheer Way.

From Hwy 50, take Watt Ave exit south.  
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Park Dr, right on Delvin Way, left on Foy-  
nes Way, right on Inisheer Way.

If you have any questions, Phone 916-  
501-7626 or 916-899-1135.



**NOW, THIS IS WHAT I CALL A  
WHITE ELEPHANT**

Please  
bring side dish, salad or  
dessert.

Main dish is ham, Jilg and Steve will cook for  
everyone.

Don't forget the white elephant gift exchange  
we will be doing again!!



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NO, I would not like my information to be published on our roster.

**Please list Studebaker (s) owned:**

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(may be a nickname)

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Name badges are \$8.00 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Mail to:** Johanna Smith  
2140 Coronado Ave  
Napa, CA 94559  
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**Wanted**

I have a want/ need for a 73" speedometer core as neither Studebakers West or Studebaker International have them now.

Bob Foster 530-277- 1834. Thank you (02-15)

**WANTED**

Hi horn from `63 or `64 Stude sedan. Need it to assist in restoration of Will Vogt `64 Avanti.

Contact Art. 530-743-2942. lucky7@succeed.net. (09-14)

**WANTED**

Need 2 axle shafts to fit a 50 rear end, threads stripped

mcshaw517@gmail.com 707 217-7170 (12-14)

**MORE STUFF FOR SALE**

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Dean 916-753-6003 carvin7712@yahoo.com

(01-15)

**Recognize These?**

They were left at Rick and Johna's house in September.



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