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Presidents Message

By: Pat Dilling



I have been emailing with Malcom Stinson, our new Pacific Southwest Zone representative on the National Board of Directors. Here is a quote from one of his messages:



“I want to thank all that have voted for me. If anyone has any suggestions as to how to encourage young members into the SDC, please, I would love to hear from you. Also any suggestions and/or comments that you would like SDC to consider, please list and let me know. This is a club of the members and they should be heard. Thank you” swstudebaker@live.com

Malcom is our voice on the National board and is clearly interested in carrying our thoughts forward. If you have suggestions that will make our club better please send them to Malcom, or send them to me and I will be happy to send them forward. There is no deadline, just speak up whenever something occurs to you.

I will be inviting Malcom to attend one of our upcoming meetings. One of my first suggestions to him continues a goal I mentioned in my very first President’s message and that is to encourage our members to get their cars out to non-Studebaker specific events. The car show and cruise night season is in full swing now, let’s go out and have some fun showing off our Studes. I have noticed an increased interest in orphan cars and I think we can take advantage of that. One of the things we can promote is the availability of parts compared to other orphans and the generally lower cost of getting into a nice Studebaker compared to the big 3 Brand X cars. And, we can also point out our “Different by Design” uniqueness as opposed to having cars like everyone else’s. Hope to see you at an event soon!

And speaking of Non-SDC events, several of us from the Karel Staple Chapter along with others from San Joaquin and Sagebrush chapters, had a great time at the John M Studebaker Wheelbarrow Races in Placerville. I will be doing an article, complete with pictures, for a future edition. In the meantime, mark your 2015 Calendar for the Saturday before Father’s Day and plan to join an event that is desiccated to the founder of “our” car company.

My New Steering Wheel Has Arrived

By: Jon Stalnaker



OUT with the OLD

As some of you may know, I have been unhappy with the expensive custom steering wheel I put in my bullet nose. It just looked too custom and had way too much chrome. So, what did I do about it? Well, I bought an even more expensive one, but this one I love. I wanted something period correct for my car but did not like the stock 51 Champion steering wheel. I found a place in Southern California that makes vintage wheels so I had a 48 Packard wheel built in 16 inch diameter. The center horn button was custom made using a new hood ornament Studebaker crest. I can’t wait to get it in the car.



And IN with the NEW

Leland (Bud) Miller

Cover Story by: Jon Stalnaker

My wife has a standing request from me to let me know if any letter carriers from Stockton are listed in the obituary column of the *Postal Record*, a union magazine for the National Association of Letter Carriers union, **NALC**. I was a letter carrier in Stockton in the 70s and 80s and most likely, I will remember these people as old friends and co-workers. When she asked me if I knew Leland Miller, I reminded her that he was the man that sold us the Studebaker. She didn't recognize the name as I always called him Bud. Bud was a senior carrier when I was just a new



This was what the car looked like when Bud sold it to me. The picture on the left shows the slight surface rust

hire and when I was talking with him about purchasing his car, we remembered each other from many years ago. I even remember Bud driving that nasty old Studebaker to work. How could you not notice a car like that, even in 1978. Bud inherited the car from his grandfather who bought it new. But it needed a little work. The license plate said it all -"AKK"

Some of you may remember the visitors we had at our monthly meeting at Leon Cohen's house in Roseville back in 2010. The cover picture was taken at that meeting. Pictured with me is Bud Miller (on my right) and his son Doug and wife Margaret on my left. Earlier in the year, I had driven my car to his home in

Stockton to show him what I had done with it. Both he and his wife were excited to see what their old car looked like now and had told their son Doug about it. Bud had read about our meeting in Roseville and decided to give us a visit and let his son see the car. Doug was very much impressed as well and made the comment to me that he was supposed to be next in line to inherit the car. I laughed and said "oh yeah, you want the car now!"

That day and the day I took the car to Stockton were significant emotional events in my life and the memories will be forever on my list of great days. I'm so glad that Bud got to see the car before he passed away. I'm sure that knowing the car (that had such personal history for him) will have another chance at life was meaningful in his life.



I immediately sent a condolence e-mail to his wife Margaret and I included a few pictures for her. She replied with details of Bud's passing. He went peacefully in his sleep. I will see that she gets a copy of this newsletter. Farewell, my friend and rest assured that I will be a worthy steward of your family car. **Thanks for sharing it with me.** **JON**

Studebakers & Vintage Aircraft

Article by: Jeff McClure

On Saturday, May 31st, several of us had the opportunity to drive our Studebakers to the little town of Ione for one of the best car shows of the summer. The Rotary Club of Ione was responsible for setting up this event at the "Eagle's Nest Airport", and their initial hope was to get ~200 vehicles to register. Well, they far exceeded their estimates as ~600 vehicles showed up on this beautiful sunny morning. The displayed vehicles were of all makes and all years along with a number of



Picture of crowd: "Over 600 cars and lots-n-lots of people"

vintage motorcycles. This was truly impressive!



"P-51 Mustang ready for take-off"

So, what was the big draw that caused all these people to drive to Ione? Well, for starters, how about a number of vintage WWII aircraft including a couple of P-51 Mustangs. An airshow was even provided to all the guest and participants. There was food, vendors and wine tasting, but the large crowd overwhelmed everyone and made for long lines if you were trying to get a taste of some barbeque tri-tip.

This was a unique event, and I hope the folks in Ione are already planning on making next year's event even bigger & better. I was able to locate 4 Studebakers, two of which belonged to club members. Send me an email if you too have an upcoming unique/interesting car show that our members might like to attend.

Show & Shine



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"Beautiful GT Hawk owned by Rick & Johna Pierce"



"Yep, that's a Purple Hawk"

Empire Mine State Historic Park Tour and Karel Staple Meeting Saturday, October 18th , 10am

By: Darrell Brunelli

Join us for the October 18th Karel Staple Meeting at the Empire Mine. The tour will be led by one of our own members Jack Laird. The tour will start at 10am and take approximately 2 ½ hours. Cost of the tour is \$7 per person. Following the tour Darrell and LaRee will barbeque hamburgers and hot dogs and have all the condiments, drinks, salads, and dessert. You only need to bring your chairs.



A little information about the Mine:



Empire Mine was once California's richest gold-producing mine. The mine Closed during World War II when many miners enlisted. In 1945 the mine reopened, but gold was still at its 1934 price \$35 per troy ounce. Unfortunately, it then cost more to bring gold to the surface than it was worth. It finally closed in 1956. I'll leave, our guide, Mr. Laird, to provide you with all the historic information as he takes us through the park. Empire Mine is a beautiful place to spend your Saturday afternoon. Bring a sweater, sweat shirt, or jacket because it may be cool. Also a sun hat is recommended as well as walking shoes.



Accessible Features: The visitor center and museum are generally accessible. Routes through the park, includes some paved walkways, some sloping terrain and shifting gravel.

Restrooms are generally accessible.

Sunday, July 20th – Karel Staple Monthly Event

LOCATION: **WESTERN RAILWAY MUSEUM** 5848 State Hwy 12, Suisun City, CA (707) 374-2978 TIME: 11am

Our July meeting will be held at the picnic grounds of the Railway Museum. There will be reserved parking for Studebakers in the paved parking lot at the Museum entrance.

NOTE: It is a lengthy walk from the Museum to the shaded picnic grounds, so you may want to have your food/drinks on rollers for easier transport.

ADMISSION FEE: Adults is \$10 (seniors over 65 is \$9)

Admission includes: Museum store and gift shop, railway exhibits, snack bar, and over 50 historic streetcars. Also included is a 15-minute streetcar ride around the grounds, and a 1-hour electric streetcar ride to Gum Grove and back.

Potluck: A - G: bring salad, H - N: bring desert, O – Z: bring main dish



Also, bring you own drinks and utensils. Lastly, we could also use some disposable picnic table covers (about 6-7) for cleanliness.

Jeff



KSC June Meeting Minutes

By: Jeff and Darlene McClure

Date: Sunday, June 8, 2014

Location: McClure residence, Rocklin, CA

Attendance: 32 Attendees, 5 Studebakers

Member Moments: John Martin brought his friend Stan from Colfax who happens to have just purchased a 1936 Dictator! Congratulations Stan!

Presidents report: Pat Dilling was unable to attend our June meeting due to the wedding of his daughter! Congratulations to the Dilling family!

Vice Presidents report: Johna offered a big thank you to all whom participated in making the Studebaker Zone Meet successful! If you have a chance, login to YELP.com and give praise to the Lion's Gate for the great job they did in contributing to the success of our Zone Meet. Johna was looking for 5 car questions from the group that could be sent to the car czar. Send any questions you might have thought of after leaving the meeting to Johna.

Treasurers report: The club checking account balance and expense paid outs were stated along with profit/loss from the Zone Meet. Johanna received some nice thank you cards from Zone Meet attendees! Johanna still has Zone Meet T-shirts available, contact her for available sizes. Please see Johanna if you need to order a club name badge.

Misc. Announcements:

Congratulations to Brian Challenger who took home \$42 in the 50/50 raffle!
DMV is making new plates available with a Black background and yellow letters.



It was a very hot day so there were plenty of Brand-X cars at the meet. I was really digging Gary Grant's land yacht Buick wagon but I have to give the coolest Brand-X award to Skyler's Jurassic Park Jeep.



She flew over our Studebaker meeting today! So Cool!

Thanks Jeff for planning it! Don't know how this can be topped! LOL

We had a Warm & wonderful meeting!

Johna

KSC CALENDER of Events 2014

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

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 Challenger

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 6/14/14)

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 darlene-jeff@sbcglobal.net. Be sure the date of your event does not conflict with our monthly gatherings.

New Event "Twilight Thursdays" at the Sacramento Zoo: **July 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31st**.

Includes car show, concert, beer & wine and Zoo entrance. \$10 reg fee.
5-8pm. Go to www.saczoo.org for more details.

July 11, Fri: 30th Annual Auburn Cruise Nite, Downtown Auburn, 4pm-9pm, 1972 & older, FREE, www.auburncruisenite.com

July 12, Sat: 2nd Annual Auto's for Alzheimer's, Utopia Auto Body, 7329 Roseville Rd
8am – 3pm, \$20 pre-reg, music, raffles, food, 1974 & older, j.kniesel@gmail.com

July 19, Sat: Grillin' & Chillin' Car & Truck Show #5, Downtown Dixon, 10am-10pm, \$30 fee
Chili and Rib cook-off, music. www.dixonribcookoff.com

July 25, Fri: Vintage Friday's at Vintage Ford, 2484 Mercantile Dr, Rancho Cordova
All makes 1973 & older. FREE 4pm – 9pm

July 26, Sat: Rods to Rails Car Show, at Railtown in Jamestown, CA. \$35 reg-fee,
Steam Train rides, raffles, music, food. jamestownrodstorails@gmail.com

Aug 8, Fri: 30th Annual Auburn Cruise Nite, Downtown Auburn, 4pm-9pm, 1972 & older,
FREE, www.auburncruisenite.com

Aug 9, Sat: 6th Annual Cal Auto Museum Car Cruise, 2014 Fulton Ave, Sacramento.
\$39 pre-reg, trophies, cruise, music, food. www.calautomuseum.org

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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

Parts for Sale

1. Hub Caps 53-55 - \$100
2. Trunk lid 53-55 - \$200
3. 64-65 Lark type grille - \$85
4. 63 Hawk trunk overlay - \$200
5. Lark type Day/Night mirror - \$45
6. Delco 12V generator - \$35
7. 49-51 C cab front bumper chrome - \$200
8. Champ pickup bed wide box short wheelbase - \$150
9. Pickup shell for above bed - \$150
10. Misc Weasel NOS parts - \$75 lot
11. V8 4 barrel manifold - \$175
12. V8 2 barrel manifold - \$100
13. 289 V8 supercharged engine w/auto trans, w/ starter, generator, PS pump from 57 Packard \$1600
14. 57S supercharger - includes bracket idler, carb bonnet, (not complete) - \$750
15. Lots of 53 - 64 C/K rear quarters, doors, various transmissions, starters, etc.

That's a lot of cool parts for cheap!



Dean Sumpter, 916-753-6003 or carvin7712@yahoo.com

(09/14)

FOR SALE

`50-`51 Stude Champ. Right and left front doors with hinges. 2 door trunk lid with hinges [not coupe]. Two rear fenders. All for \$600. . Also 3 speed trans with OD, \$300.

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

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)

More Stuff for Sale

For sale. Two Studebaker large trucks. 1st, 1932 S21 1 1/2 ton cab and chassis. Has not run since 1975. Engine turns over. Two new front tires, rear are shot. Needs complete restoration. This truck is the one to restore.

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.

\$3,200 OBO for everything. Only sold as a package. Delivery possible.

Art - 530-743-2942. lucky7@succeed.net.

(07-14)

FOR SALE—Make Offer

I have a sign that I've had hanging in my garage for over forty years. I first saw it in 1964, in Oakley, Ca. mounted over the service bay door of a sports car dealership...The Stude-



baker dealer had gone out of business long before. When the building changed hands, I bought the sign. The sign is an "Authorized Studebaker Service" sign, double sided, porcelain, made by Walker and Co. It is in extremely good condition. Mark B. Smith Oakley, Ca. mark-donna@comcast.net (09-14)

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