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President's Message

Pat Dilling/President

My notes are short and sweet this month since we have had a short time between meetings and events.

First I want to remind everyone to cast your vote for the Pacific Southwest Zone Director position. The two candidates are Colin Fort (Cardiff-by-the-Sea, CA) and Malcolm Stinson (Show Low, AZ). This position runs from April 15, 2014 through April 14, 2016. Voting ends April 1, 2014. Both spouses get a vote in family memberships. Details are in Turning Wheels or on the SDC Web page here:

http://studebakerdriversclub.com/election_2014.asp

Our next meeting is at Granzella's in Williams, CA and afterwards we are invited to visit Nissen's Hot Rod Garage just a mile or two away. John and his crew are master craftsmen and seeing the things they do will be a real treat for any car enthusiast. He is really looking forward to our visit. Directions will be provided at the meeting.

Things are progressing well towards our Zone meet in May. If you have not volunteered or registered to attend, please do so. This is our event and will be a lot of fun for all who participate. Speaking of Zone meets, the Pacific CanAm Zone Meet takes place in Post Falls, ID (near Coeur d'Alene) Aug 15-16. Anyone up for a road trip?



Nissen's Hot Rod Garage Tour

By: Pat Dilling

I just got off the phone and it is all set for club members to visit Nissen's Hot Rod Garage in Williams after our meeting at Granzella's on March 16th. His place is in the same neighborhood as Big M automotive Wrecking yard if folks want to stop by there too.

Nissen's does some amazing work, one that would be especially interesting to Studebaker folks is the '34 Studebaker they molded into the "Stugatti" a somewhat mythical joint venture between Bugatti and Studebaker during the 1930s. I have included a picture of the car. They will have pictures of the build for folks to see.

Pat



Look at all the Studebakers!

By: Pat Dilling

That was a comment heard pretty often at the Sacramento Autorama. We had a great showing of Karel Staple members and ten of their cars; the public clearly appreciated it.

Just one of the highlights was watching the excitement of one woman who learned to drive in one "just like that" as she gazed at George Newhouse's '63. When George invited her to sit in it for a picture she just about burst as she said "This has made my whole day!" Out of only 2215 ever made it was very special to have TWO '55 Speedsters in our display. Rick Pierce was "like a duck on a June bug" greeting anyone who showed even the slightest interest, handing out flyers and inviting them to come out to see even more Studes at our Zone meet in May. Way to promote it Rick! Members also brought a good supply of vintage Turning Wheels magazines to give away and we had quite a few takers.

Many folks showed interest and it seemed like a lot of owners who are not members stopped

by, hopefully we were able to recruit some new members. Our Karel Staple display was not the only place to find Studebakers. I counted at least 8 others, some with other clubs and some very professionally done customs in the main buildings including the amazing '51 Studebaker Woody custom that Karel Staple member Roy Valdez helped provide some original sheet metal for. We made sure to greet all of them and invite them to our Zone meet.



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Studebakers Gather at the Hof Brau in Sacramento

Story By: Jon Stalnaker/Editor

By my count, we had 12 Studebakers and a Nash in the parking lot of Sam's Hof Brau on a beautiful Sunday morning. In the back room we still managed to squeeze in while we enjoyed the great sandwiches and even greater friends. I was going to try something different this year but I just couldn't resist that hot pastrami Rueben sandwich with sauerkraut. Maybe next year I'll get something different (probably not).

We had an interesting meeting and talked a lot about the zone meet. It's getting closer and closer. Volunteer sign-up sheets were passed around and thanks to everyone that signed up. There's a lot of work to be done and the more folks that help, the lesser the burden.

I'll save the details for other articles. I want to save more space for pictures.



The "line"
Six in a row



George and Betty arrived in style



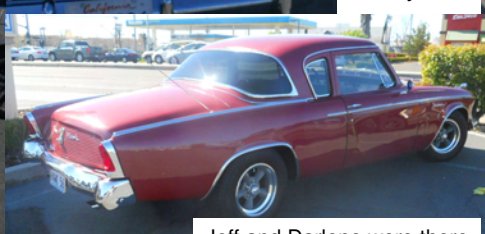
Here comes
Randy Rue



Betty Knopf's car



Leonard's Speedster



Jeff and Darlene were there



Gary Grant has the coolest looking 52 Hardtop (IMHO). He couldn't wait to show off his new carburetor. Nice



The Nash or as
we call it—
Brand X



Couldn't see
this at the end
of the "line"



Betty
and
George

See no
evil -
Hear no
evil—
Speak no
evil

I see
NOTHING



Skyler Osborn wrote this paper for his high school English class. He is the grandson of Darrell and LaRee Brunelli, members of the Karel Staple Studebaker Chapter.

THE PICK-UP TRUCK

By: Skyler Osborn

There's nothing like the distinct, gritty, smell of used motor oil. Even the slightest whiff moves me back to my younger years working in my grandpa's garage; the two of us leaning over the engine with our arms resting on the shiny polished red fender of his 1958 Studebaker Scotsman truck. The pick-up had been sitting in the garage for decades. It was my birth that prompted my grandpa to bring it out of retirement. Finally, a grandson to do all the things that daughters were not interested in.



Skyler at age 10—getting' dirty

Unbeknownst to me, my grandpa had each stage of the repair and rebuild of the pick-up timed with my age so that

we could work on it together. From infancy I would spend two or three days a week with my grandpa and grandma. At their house, my "toys" consisted of matching bolts with the nuts that fit them, or taking apart old lawn mowers for the scrap metal. As I got older, together we rebuilt small four-stroke engines and completed all routine maintenance on their other cars.



Then one day together we removed the covers on the beloved Studebaker and spent an enjoyable summer day washing the decade's worth of dust and grime off of it. It was that day that I fell in love with all things related to cars. Every visit we worked on that fire engine red truck. We polished it back to a shine so bright you could see your face in it. We installed new tires, replaced the fluids and the air filter. My grandpa had extreme patience and let me try things over and over until I got it right. He never had a harsh word or angry tone.

On my tenth birthday it was time to start rebuilding the engine so that we could eventually go riding in it. Together we removed parts, cleaned everything and replaced the worn hoses. The brakes were seized up so we removed those and replaced them. Grandpa's garage was a garage filled with love. He taught me to take pride in anything that I do, to clean up after myself, to stay organized, to have patience and to keep working on my dreams and goals.

The smell of oil, a well-organized garage and the love of family shaped who I am and who I will become. I plan on getting a Mechanical Engineering degree. I would like to find a career where I can work with my hands building mechanical devices, a career that takes me back to my roots.



Skyler, age 7 (left), with mom and brother at the SDC Museum in South Bend

KSC February Meeting Minutes

By: Darlene McClure

Date: Sunday, February 23, 2014

Location: Hof Brau, Sacramento, CA

Attendance: 38 Attendees, 14 Studebakers**

****count taken from sign in sheet. I only saw 12 in the parking lot. Perhaps a couple of attendees listed what Stude they "have" on the sign in sheet instead of what they drove that day. The proper entry is what was "driven" to the meeting.—Editor**

Member Moments: Special Happy Birthday wishes to Brian Challender, Mel France, Johna Pierce, Darlene McClure and Steve Wilke! Len and Peggy Brewer brought their daughter Jessica to the meeting. It was Jessica's 2nd time attending our monthly meeting. New member Don Rausch attended his first meeting this month! Welcome Don! Our hearts go out to Alex Macias and his family for the loss of Alex's wife Venus, may she rest in peace.

Presidents report: Johna our VP was unable to make the meeting due to illness. Pat thanked all the officers for their service to the club. If you have any raffle items for the Zone Meet, please be sure to give them to Steve Rainville at our next meeting. Vendors, Sponsors and additional raffle items are needed for the Zone Meet, please see Frank Smith. If you plan to attend the Zone meeting at Lions Gate on April 6th at 11:30, please contact Johna. Our new President, 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!

Treasurers report: The club checking account balance and expense paid outs were stated. Annual club membership fees are now 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: Please send Jon S. stories from the Autorama or any articles of interest to the club and he will publish them in our newsletter next month.

Mike Shaw took home \$30 in the 50/50 raffle and Mel France won \$20. Congratulations to both! CAM is having a Fundraiser on April 6th which will be a Spaghetti feed. Tickets will be available through CAM for \$10.00.

If you would like to donate some time in the Hospitality suite during the Zone Meet, please contact Johanna. Also, if you would like to contribute snacks or baked goods to the Hospitality suite, please let Johanna know so she can add you to the list of donors.

Judith Starr has once again donated a beautiful quilt which will be raffled off during the Zone Meet! Betty Knopf is selling raffle tickets for \$1.00 for one; \$5.00 for six; or \$10.00 for thirteen.

Our meeting next month will be on March 16th at Granzella's Restaurant in Williams.

Dues are Past Due

If you haven't paid your dues, please do so now. This will be your last issue of Hawk Talks if we do not receive your dues by next month.



***I know you don't want to miss a single issue of this
Awesome publication.....***

Betty's Tip for Quilt Tickets

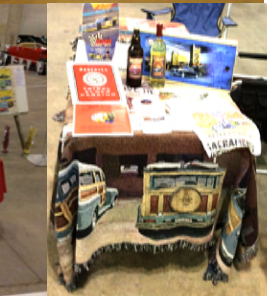


This beautiful quilt will be raffled off at our zone meet. There is still time to purchase tickets. Tickets are \$1 each, 6 for \$5, or 13 for \$10. Contact Betty at 916.944.3553.

P.S. This a tip from Heloise or some other friendly person. Use return address labels when you purchase raffle tickets that require your name. Quick and fast to use. Bring them to our next meeting to use when you purchase quilt tickets.....

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Thanks to all the Karel Staple members who participated and spent time at our display sharing them with the public: Randy Ruh – '55 Champion, Eric & Kelley West – '55 Speedster, Leonard & Peggy Brewer – '55 Speedster, George & Betty Newhouse – '63 4 Door, Darrell & La Rhee Brunelli - '58 Scottsman Pick up, Pat Dilling '53 Starlight, Will & Jeffie Vogt – '53 Champion, Art & Debra Smith – '63 Avanti, Dean Sumpter – '61 Hawk, Johna & Rick Pierce '64 Gran Turismo and Ralph and Cynthia Beard whose Packard Hawk was there in spirit but was waylaid by a failed hydrovac. Enjoy the pictures Jon has included, you can see more that I took on-line by going to this web address: www.tinyurl.com/Autorama-Studes.



Mar14 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 in the morning but exact time and activities continue to be finalized and will be available about March 15. The tour 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.



KSC CALENDER of Events 2014

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

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.

Saturday, September 14th – International Drive Your Studebaker Day. Join us for a fun run or do your own thing. Just drive your Studebaker today.

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.

Mar 15, Sat: 2nd Annual Casa Roble Car Show, 9151 Oak Ave at High School, \$10 at gate, 916-205-9587

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

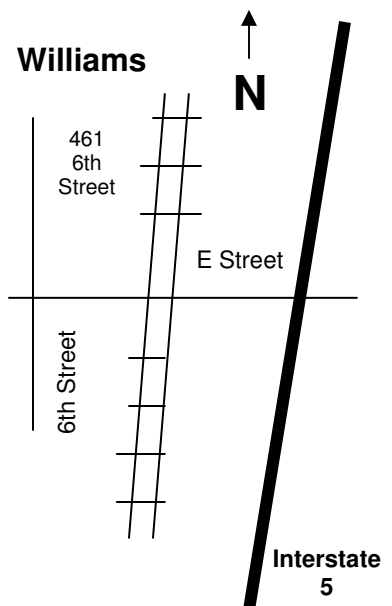
May 10, Sat: Gold Rush Car Show, Downtown Oroville, \$15 at gate, 6am-2pm www.chamberorganizer.com/orovillechamber/mem_goldrush

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.

Directions to Granzella's



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City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

If new member, source of referral:

Please list Studebakers, including
Year, make, body style on separate page.

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members of the National Studebaker Drivers
Club SDC #: _____

Membership dues are \$20 Annually

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Year	Model	Body type
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Name Badge Application:

Name: _____

(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
or call: 707-255-5108

Hi! My name is Nick Vinciguerra, and I would like to invite your members and affiliates to an upcoming drive-in movie event, held at our local West Wind Sacramento 6 Drive-In on March 29th.

Sacramento Modern (a local non-profit organization dedicated to promoting, preserving and protecting modern art, architecture and design in the Sacramento region), in conjunction with film director and producer, April Wright, has planned a double-feature movie night screening April's documentary, "Going Attractions" and the forever iconic, "American Graffiti".

As an owner of two classic cars and a Board member of Sacramento Modern, I am an avid supporter of celebrating our last standing regional drive-in theater and encourage the preservation of drive-ins across the country. April's film captures the essence of this rare breed and our non-profit organization is thrilled to promote it.

I would like to highlight that April will be attending our event for a meet and greet with the attendees. General admission prices of the drive-in apply, with all proceeds benefiting West Wind Drive-In itself.

We aim for a fun, educational evening to celebrate our local car culture while supporting a Sacramento venue. Sacramento Modern would greatly appreciate your attendance, so please feel free to forward this email and postcard to any interested parties.

I look forward to seeing everyone's rides, whether they have wide whites, lake pipes, or anything in between! Please email me with any questions.

Many thanks,

Nick Vinciguerra mycarshavefins@gmail.com or nick@sacmod.org

(see Postcard below)

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Don't forget to renew your National membership.

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