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**I know I've seen
this truck before....**

I just can't place it!

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back of your shirt" Department**

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President's Message – Editorial

By: Pat Dilling

This month my message is of an editorial or opinion variety. A couple things have inspired me to write it. First, the recent passing of a few friends and chapter members has reminded me of my own mortality. I have thought about what my family would do with my belongings, cars included, if I were to pass away.



The other is the debut of a new car related show on the Discovery Channel called "Lords of Car Hoards." On the show, two skilled car builders find people with a large collection of cars, many desirable and some not so much, that has become overwhelming either to them and/or their families. They make an offer to the owner that they will do a high level build of a car of his choice from the collection and clean the junk, er stuff, out of his property. In exchange the owner turns over most of the rest of his collection to them to sell. That is how they finance the build of the owner's "keeper" and make a profit for themselves. The owner ends up with a beautiful car and a cleaned up property.

This got me to thinking of people we may know in our hobby that have accumulated quite a few cars, many of them not in running condition, along with stock piles of parts. Studebaker owners tend to gather "flocks", very few seem to have just one. There are even songs written about folks that plan to "restore them someday." I wonder how many have thought about the task that would be left to their spouse and family once they are no longer around. Not only that, what would happen to the cars and parts? I think we have all heard of heirs of car owners who simply called the scrapper to haul them off. I have also heard some folks mention that they would like to do something with one or two of their cars but "money is tight."

If you see yourself in the comments above, may I make a suggestion for you? Pick out your favorite car, or cars that you would love to finish, and set aside the parts you have that are needed. Then, set about selling some of the rest of your accumulation to help fund the project. As the funds come in you can begin the build of your dream car. If all goes well, you will have a nice car to enjoy driving; other members of the hobby will have the use and benefit of the items you have sold and a possible future burden will have been lifted from your survivors. We can't all be on the TV show, but the concept is one that can be followed.

Please don't scrap me.....

I have a pretty libertarian view regarding what people do with their belongings; they are your cars, so it's your decision about what to do with them. It's just something to think about. Look forward to seeing you down the road!

Pat



I'm usually pretty good and figuring out which country is represented by these stickers on cars. I must admit, this one got me. I gave up and asked Peter what SFA stood for.



Star Fleet Academy—
I should have known, yep, they're Trekkies!

About The Cover

If you didn't make it to the Fair Oaks Fiesta Days Car Show, you missed out. I must confess, our cover picture this month was staged. I saw this woman walking around the car show with my favorite car show T-shirt on. I put her up to posing for this picture. *Thanks for being a good sport Yvonne.*

For her cooperation, she will receive a complimentary copy of this month's issue of Hawk Talks. **Jon**



Saw this one just south of Livingston on Hwy 99. Bet it still runs.....

Ray Clerici

Information gathered from "Ray's Life Notes" written by Ray Himself

Ray was born on the 17th of November in 1927. On his 16th birthday, he started working full time at the local Studebaker dealership in Napa. He started out on the grease rack and moved up to mechanic's helper and then apprentice. After studying nights for two years, he graduated in the first class after World War II.

Ray bought a 4 door Champ Regal in 1946 for \$1238. It was the 4th Studebaker sold in Napa after the war. He then bought a 48 Commander Convertible for \$2800, then a 1950 Land Cruiser for \$2711. A few months later he married Alberta who had come to work in the office



right out of High School in 1948.

Their next car was a 1955 President State Sedan. It was the first 55 President sedan with the wrap around windshield and overdrive to come out of the LA plant. Ray claimed this was the best car he ever had.

Ray worked for 3 Studebaker dealerships from 1943 to 1960. When the last dealership closed, he went to work for Basalt Rock Company. Ray started working on their forklifts then moved to the engine shop to help rebuilt gas engines. After the gas engines were phased out, he switched to rebuilding diesel engines.

Ray has several Studebaker trucks, most notable are his 47 M-16 Flatbed, 64 8E40 Car Carrier Flatbed and a 64 8E45 Diesel Tractor with a sleeper box. He also has 2 pickups that I have seen. His blue Transtar and his red Scotsman.



Ray also has a 1929 FE President 4 door Brougham. I heard tell it was stored away in a container.

My truck was once owned by Ray and his son remembered it well. I used to enjoy listening to Ray talk as it was amazing how much knowledge he had.

He would bring photo albums and memorabilia to the Smith's meeting in Napa each year. He was a major reason I enjoyed those meetings so much.

A few close by Karel Staple Chapter members attended his memorial service. We chatted with family and snooped around his graveyard of mostly Studebaker cars trucks and parts. Ray will be sorely missed by his Studebaker friends. He had a wealth of knowledge and losing him is like losing a library.

Our hearts go out to Ray's family and especially Alberta who lost so much more.

Jon



13th Annual All Studebaker Picnic in Stockton

By Jon Stalaker/Ace Reporter

Attendance was a little down even though Lou set us up with some awesome weather. Perhaps the major rainstorm the day before kept away those that were a little more squeamish. I, myself, trust Lou to come through with sunshine and he once again did not fail to deliver. This is a fun meet as we get to see Studeholics and Avantiacs from other clubs surrounding centrally located Stockton.



I counted 22 Studebakers (that includes the 2006 Avanti because it counts as a Studebaker in my book). Lots of food, lots of chat and if you are special (or lucky), a jar of Anne's Pomegranate jelly. I'll skip the words to make room for more pictures.



I split one Studebaker in half to get this panoramic view. But that's OK because the one I split was my own.



Clockwise

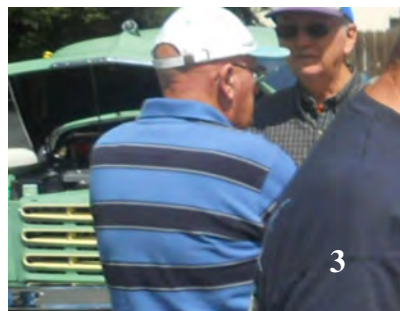
- 1. This Bullet nose chop top was just placed on an S-10 Chassis.
- 2. Two Presidents discuss serious SDC business.
- 3 & 4. Lou's back-side matches that of his beautiful red



Champ truck.



5. Paula Groh's 2006 Avanti (looks like a Studebaker to me)



Fair Oaks Fiesta Days Car Show

Story By Jon Stalnakar/Editor

This show starts the busy season for me. The next week I have the Dixon May Fair parade, the week after that is our zone meet in Sacramento. Summertime car shows are upon us and there are plenty that I attend locally. It's nice to attend the local car shows as they typically do not have many Studebakers and we get a lot more attention than the Ford and Chevy guys. (they hate that) I know many of our members do the same thing and it's a wonderful opportunity to get our marque noticed. Make sure you take application forms and business cards with you to promote our club.

The Fair Oaks car show is well attended and we typically have at least 10 Studebakers on display. This year was no different. Our club didn't take home any awards this year but a Studebaker got some love from the judges. You may have seen this Lambo doored Loewy custom before. It's a gorgeous car and if you see it at another show ask him the story about the possum he uses for the display. It's a cute story.

Here are our cars and some of my personal favorite Brand Xs, chickens and the fake dog that fooled my dog Sally.



And Here's something from our Friend Pete Yuen

Odds "N" Ends

Clothes dryers

The heating unit went out on my dryer! The guy that fixes things went in to the dryer and pulled out the lint filter..It was clean. We always clean the lint from the filter after every load of clothes.

He told us that he wanted to show us something. He took the filter over to the sink, ran hot water over it. Now, the lint filter is made of a mesh material I'm sure you know what your dryer's lint filter looks like. WELL...The hot water just sat on top of the mesh! It didn't go through it at all! He told us that dryer sheets cause a film over that mesh. That's what burns out the heating unit. You can't SEE the film, but it's there. This is also what causes dryer units to catch fire & potentially burn down the house!

He said the best way to keep your dryer working for a very long time and to keep your electric bills lower is to take that filter out & wash it with hot soapy water, using an old toothbrush (or other brush), at least every six months. He said that it will double the life of the dryer! How about that?! Learn something new every day! I certainly didn't know dryer sheets would do that. So, I thought I'd share!

Washing the filter screen with hot, soapy water and a brush then rinsing it only takes a minute or two. It is well worth the effort.

Article: Received by e-mail

Easy Deviled Eggs

Put cooked egg yolks in a zip lock bag. Seal, mash till they are all broken up. Add remainder of ingredients, reseal, keep mashing it up mixing thoroughly, cut the tip of the baggy, squeeze mixture into egg. Just throw bag away when done for an easy clean up.

Experience is what enables you to recognize a mistake when you make it again.

—Earl Wilson

A well-known speaker started off his seminar by holding up a \$20.00 bill. In the room of 200, he asked, "Who would like this \$20 bill?"

Hands started going up.

He said, "I am going to give this \$20 to one of you but first, let me do this. . . ."

He proceeded to crumple up the \$20 dollar bill.

He then asked, "Who still wants it?"

Still the hands were up in the air.

Well, he replied, "What if I do this?"

And he dropped it on the ground and started to grind it into the floor with his shoe.

He picked it up, now crumpled and dirty.

"Now, who still wants it?"

Still the hands went into the air.

My friends, we have all learned a very valuable lesson.

No matter what I did to the money, you still wanted it because it did not decrease in value.

It was still worth \$20.

Many times in our lives, we are dropped, crumpled, and ground into the dirt by the decisions we make and the circumstances that come our way. Sometimes we may feel as though we are worthless. But no matter what has happened or what will happen, you will never lose your value.

Dirty or clean, crumpled or finely creased, you are still priceless to those who DO LOVE you.

The worth of our lives comes not in what we do or who we know, but by WHO WE ARE and WHOSE WE ARE.

You are special- Don't EVER forget it."

"What am I suppose to do?" A young man looking to get married asked his friend.

"Every woman that I bring home to meet my parents, my mother doesn't like.

"Oh, that's easy," his pal said. "All you have to do is to find someone who is just like your mother."

"I did that already," he said. "And that one, my father didn't like."

KSC CALENDER of Events 2014

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

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 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 Xmas Party. Elk Grove. Host: Jilg Douglass & Steve Rainville.

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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.

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, Ione, CA, 7am-4pm
\$25 pre-reg, www.ionerotary.com or 209-274-9160 *raffle for P51 Ride!!

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

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2140 Coronado Ave
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Here are a Few Items For Sale

- Champ pickup wide box - short bed \$200
- Shell for same bed - \$150
- Tailgate narrow box - \$150
- T-Cab front valance - restore painted black - \$125
- 1964/65 Lark Type grille - \$25
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- 12v starter 6 cylinder standard trans - \$20
- 12v Prestolite alternator - \$35

Dean Sumpter
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FOR SALE

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Call Larry Jones 530-671-0384 for more information and pricing. (05-14)

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.

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