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Presidents Message November 2015

By Pat Dilling

Kate and I really enjoyed having club members come to our house for the last months meeting. We completed a draft of our 2016 calendar and will bring it to the November meeting at Al's Place restaurant in Locke, for final review and approval by our members. We have lots of exciting events planned. I want to thank those who have agreed to stay on as Officers and to Steve Rainville for throwing his hat in the ring for the president's spot. Steve made it clear that he will certainly support anyone else who may be nominated or would like to volunteer for the position. He commented that the president usually is the one who gets calls or emails about cars or parts for sale, so they have an inside track for that sort of treasure. Also club officers have their dues paid for in the year following a served year. So don't be shy if you have some ideas and would like to lead our chapter! Nominations are still open!

Jon Stalnaker also reminded folks that our Studebakers will be featured in the California Auto Museum Car Club Cavalcade in January. There is room for up to seven cars. If you would like to show your car off, contact Jon for details. It also provides secure inside storage for a month as an additional benefit!

Our experience at the International Auto Show was a good one. We talked to lots of people who don't normally see classic cars, especially Studebakers, and hopefully we recruited a couple of new members. We got great feedback from the International Auto Show organizers and I expect we will be invited back.

Thanks to the 12 members who brought their cars out. We put on a great show! I hope we get even more cars next year.

Perry Knopf is still in need of car pictures and stories for the Karel Staple 2016 Calendar. These are needed by the end of November at the latest so he can have them printed before the end of the year. See you in *Locke!!*

Secretary Report *By Linda Bar4nard*

We had 23 members with 8 Studebakers

Our President, Pat Dilling, opened the October meeting by welcoming our guest, Pat Brown. The next zone meet, in May, will be in Reno. The Tumbleweed chapter has asked us for volunteers to help them, as they small chapter. Let Pat Dilling know if you are interested in volunteering.

We had a good turn-out for the auto show at Cal Expo. There were twelve Studebakers represented with very enthusiastic comments from the organizers and the public.

The annual Christmas tree trimming party at the California Auto Museum will be on November 29th from 2:00 to 6:00 P.M at the museum. This year our club and the Gold Country Street Rods will be hosting. We need as many members as possible to help put this on. Contact Johna Pierce if you can help. The club also voted to donate four $20.00 gas cards for the raffle.

The Autoramma will be the 12th thru the 14th of February in 2016. Butche's Club House will be in the cattle display building. The entry fee is $60.00.

The meeting schedule for our meetings in 2016 was discussed and the final copy will be presented at the November meeting.

The Cavalcade of Cars for January at the California Auto museum is looking for Studebakers to display. This is free to participants. If you would like to have your car displayed at the museum for the month of January contact Jon Stalnaker. 707-344-1957 Lisa

Hale won the Car Show reimbursement this month, good for up to $30.00. Congratulations! Joe Burch won $45.00 from the 50/50 bucket. Way to go Joe!

Membership Report *by Linda Barnard*

We have two new members! Welcome Steve and Sonja Bardin!

Remember that our club dues are due in January. If your dues are not received by the end of February you'll miss out on the Hawk Talks. Membership dues for our chapter are $20.00 a year with $ 8.00 additionally for a name badge. You can mail me a check, made out to Karel Staple Chapter SDC, or see me at the meeting. Also a reminder that in addition you need to be a current member of the Studebaker Drivers Club International.

Don't forget I'm collecting your gently used socks bring them to the next meeting. Linda

My name is Penny Polete and I am William Hollman's daughter. You may not remember Bill, but I'm sure there are people in the club that do. I would like to let the club know that dad passed away on October 26 at the age of 94. He loved being a part of the Studebaker club and he and my mother, June, participated in many events over the years. Mom died in 2008, and after her death, he started to decline. The last event he attended (in a wheelchair) was at Reiff's Garage in Woodland approximately 5 years ago. Some of the older members will remember him.
We finalized arrangements for dad's service and reception. It will be a graveside on November 18 at 11:00am at the Woodland Cemetery on West Street. It will be a short military service. A reception will follow at John Rogers Hall at the fairgrounds, 1250 Gum Avenue. We are so happy that members will come and bring Studebakers! As time approaches and you have a fairly good idea how many to expect, please let me know. Thank you...Penny

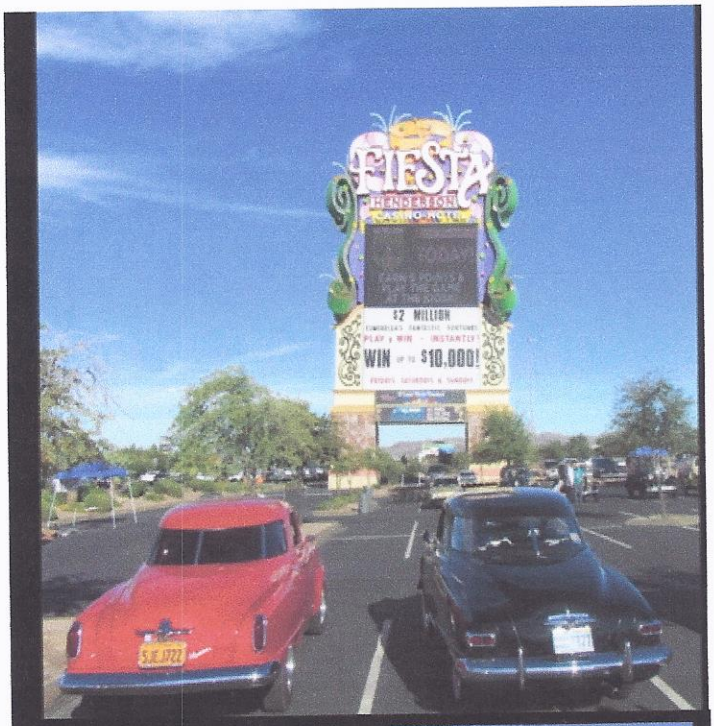
The family would like a head count of Studebakers, so they can save places for our Studebakers to park out in front of the reception.
They are having lunch catered and need a head count for the food.
Please let me know, so I can let Penny know. Johna Pierce

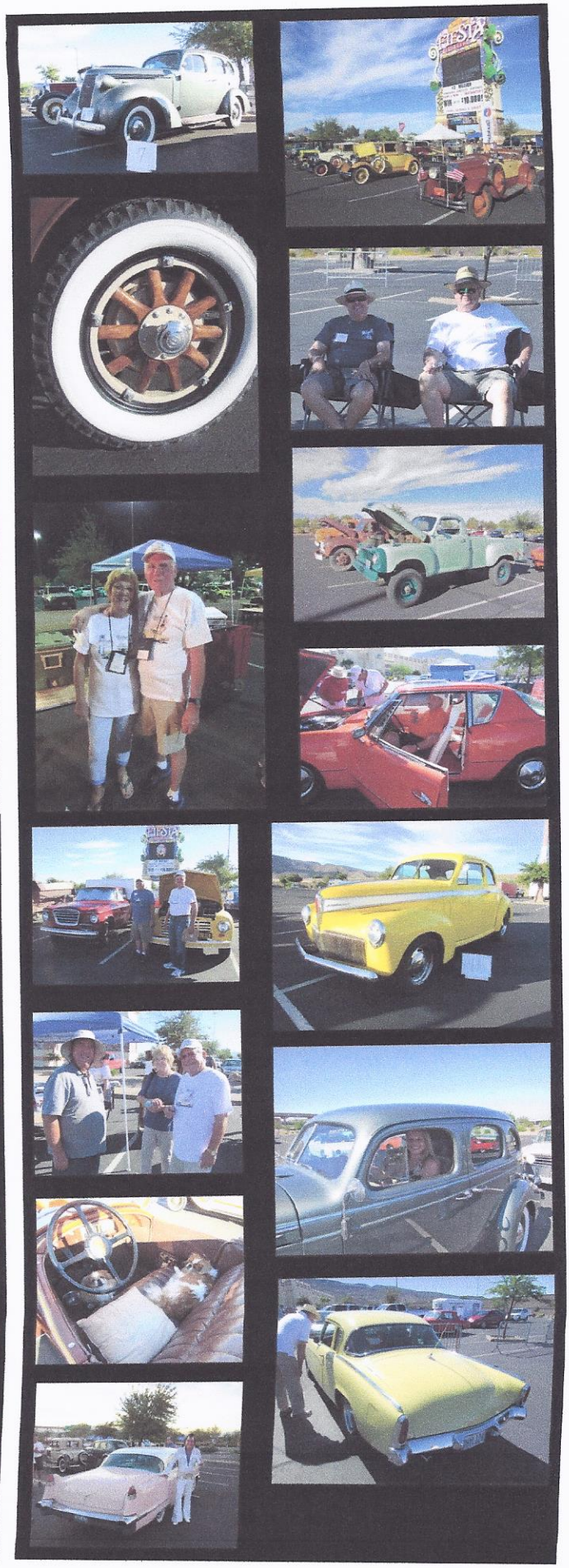
I have had request for Bill's daughter address to send cards & tell her stories about Bill.

Loran and Penny Polete, 1609 College Street, Woodland, CA. 95695

Vegas Baby!

2015 Southwest Zone Meet





Tree Trimming At the California Auto Museum

It is almost time for the 28th Annual Christmas Tree Decorating Party and Potluck Dinner on Sunday, November 29, 2015 (Sunday after Thanksgiving). As in past years, we plan to start decorating about 2:00pm with the Potluck beginning around 4:00pm. This year, the Karel Staple Studebaker Drivers Club & the Gold Country Street Rods will be helping to coordinate the Tree Trim and Potluck.

As an active California Auto Museum Club Member or Group, you are invited to attend this festive event. Each car club/group provides their own tree. Due to fire code regulations, if you buy a fresh cut tree, it must be sprayed with a fire retardant and displayed with a tag showing the treatment has been done. Electrical lights may not be used on the trees, due to the challenge of running the cords to the power outlets. At the registration table, there will be a map showing the location of each club/group's tree, when you arrive on Sunday.

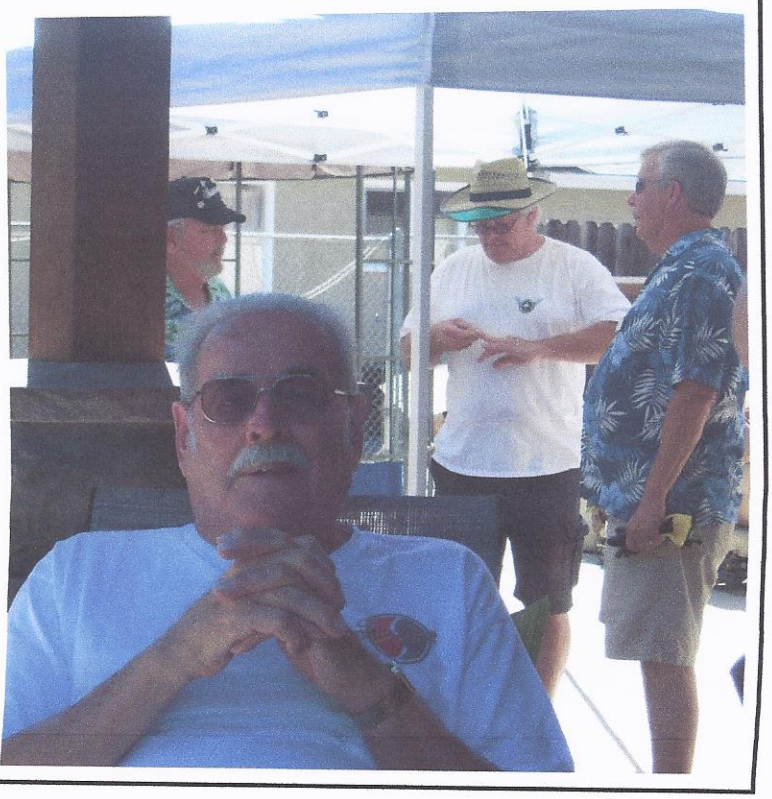
Each club/group is encouraged to participate in the fun by bringing one or more door prizes. Raffle tickets will be sold to cover the Museum's actual costs and hopefully, some extra money will be raised for a special need at the Museum.

For the potluck, we suggest dividing your membership in half by **last name** and assigning a category of main dishes and side dishes. For example, A-M main dishes, (casseroles, spaghetti, KFC, etc.), and N-Z side dishes and salads, (rolls, beans, vegetables, green or fruit salads). You can always bring a Main dish even if you are N-Z. Please remember the Museum will provide desserts, beverages, utensils and other paper products. We will also have a cash bar available for beer and wine for those interested.

We hope you will plan on attending what is always a nice kick-off to the Holiday season. Please feel free to contact me directly at Ladyhawk64@comcast.net or (916) 442-5984 if you have any questions.

Warmest Holiday Wishes,

Johna Pierce
Karel Staple Studebaker



Thirteen States in a Studebaker – Part 2
Getting to St. Louis

Story By: Jon Stalnaker

Our story continues with a mad dash to get to Missouri. The plan was to take about three and a half days to drive the approximately 2000 miles to get to the International Studebaker meet in St Louis. Knowing we would spend more time on the Route 66 return trip, the drive out was more work and less play. Although it was still a kick to drive through seven states to get out there, we had more of a deadline as 4 days were all we had before the meet started. Our host hotel reservations were set and we would not be denied. The cars were ready, Mel and I had met up, we had full bellies and the road was open with Salt Lake City Utah as our day one goal.

Everyone familiar with the mid-west kept telling me how hot it was going to be out there at this time of year so I didn't even bring long pants. I should have known better as I was watching the weather reports and hoping the rain storms would be gone before we set out on the road. While I was a little concerned about tornados and hailstorms that come along with them, I really never considered that we might incur some rain along the way. We got our first rain in Nevada and it was considerable. Now, I didn't really think that rain would be a problem as I could always wash the car. It was a fresh rebuild with all new weather-stripping and seals so I had no reason to suspect the car was anything other than water tight. The rain subsided until we reached the Utah state border and another downpour.

We drove 683 miles on the first day and stayed the night in a hotel in Salt Lake City. On day two we got an early start and headed east to Wyoming. We spent most of the day traversing that state and yes, we got rained on there too. We weren't sure how far we would go and didn't really have a clear destination goal for the day. After driving 560 miles, we settled down for the night in Sidney Nebraska. That being our fifth state, I was beginning to notice that each state had its own look when we crossed the borders. I would find that consistent throughout the entire 13 state excursion.

Our original plan had us spending the second night in Wyoming and we had exceeded that so our next soft goal of Nebraska City was a little too close for the next leg. We were just going to see how far we could get. Making it all the way to St Louis was a bit much so we knew that our last segment would be a short one. We drove all the way through Nebraska and caught the very southwest tip of Iowa before reaching Missouri. We were only in Iowa for about 10 to 15 minutes and the whole time we were on the road there, we did not see one Iowa plate on the cars around us on the road. And I was looking for one. I thought that was rather strange. Oh yeah, and did I also mention that it rained on us in Nebraska and Iowa too?

So now it's Sunday night, we made it to Missouri, but we had the entire width of the state to travel. It would be a short trip on Monday morning so I thought it would make sense to stop in St. Joseph for the night. Carlene was smarter than me and realized that we would be driving through Kansas City during Monday morning rush hour so it was an easy decision to make to get through Kansas City before stopping. We drove to Blue Springs for the night after another 570 miles of driving. The parking lot at the hotel was alive with the buzzing of cicadas and we took a little walk to stretch out our legs after 3 days cooped up in the car.

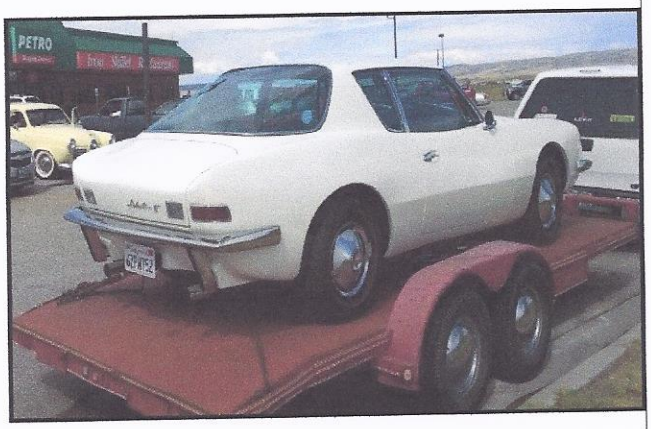
In the morning we had a little breakfast and hit the road for the last measly 221 mile segment. We arrived at the International Meet before noon and luckily, our room was already available. Carlene went to the room and I found the car wash area and set out to clean off six states worth of bugs and rain. While cleaning the car I did notice a few rock chips in the paint. I was not upset about that as I considered it "red badge of courage" damage that only proved that I was not afraid to—continued on page 7

drive the car 2034 miles to attend the event. I did lose a point in the judging because of it but am more proud than disappointed about that. I also lost points for dirt that turned out to be the valence under the rear bumper. I didn't clean it and didn't even notice it. Carlene had told me that water was wicking up her skirt while we were driving in the rain. I thought she was exaggerating a bit but when I absorbed it out of the carpeting, she was right, we had a major leak. I parked the car in the display area and didn't get into it for another two days.

During that two day period, something was going on with the car as it sat. Apparently the water did not just soak into the carpeting; it had also gotten into the electronics under the dash. When I went to open the car (it has electric door locks) it would not open as the battery was dead. I had a work around built into the car in case the door locks failed but that involved the power windows which also did not work. I had built into the car an outside hood release should I have a dead battery since the hood release lever is inside the car. That also did not work and I began to panic about getting into the car without breaking a window. I ended up removing the right side grill so I could reach up to open the hood. I got a jump for the battery and was able to get in the car.

I had yet to get the car judged so I had to disconnect the battery to protect me from again getting locked out. I had a bunch of suggestions about how to fix the car but I didn't want to go out and buy a new battery and/or alternator if that wasn't the problem. So I bandaged it enough to get me through the judging and to get me home, which is now over 2000 miles away. While in St. Louis, we received even more rain. After having the car judged, I took it out for a spin to charge up the battery. St. Louis is right on the Mississippi river so a quick drive across the bridge netted us another state for our trip and put a good charge on the battery. I figured that would be sufficient to make it back to California.

And that my friends, is another story to be told. We obviously made it back, but you'll just have to wait to find out if it was with or without incident. Stay tuned for a return trip on Route 66 and another 2320 miles in my bullet nose Studebaker.



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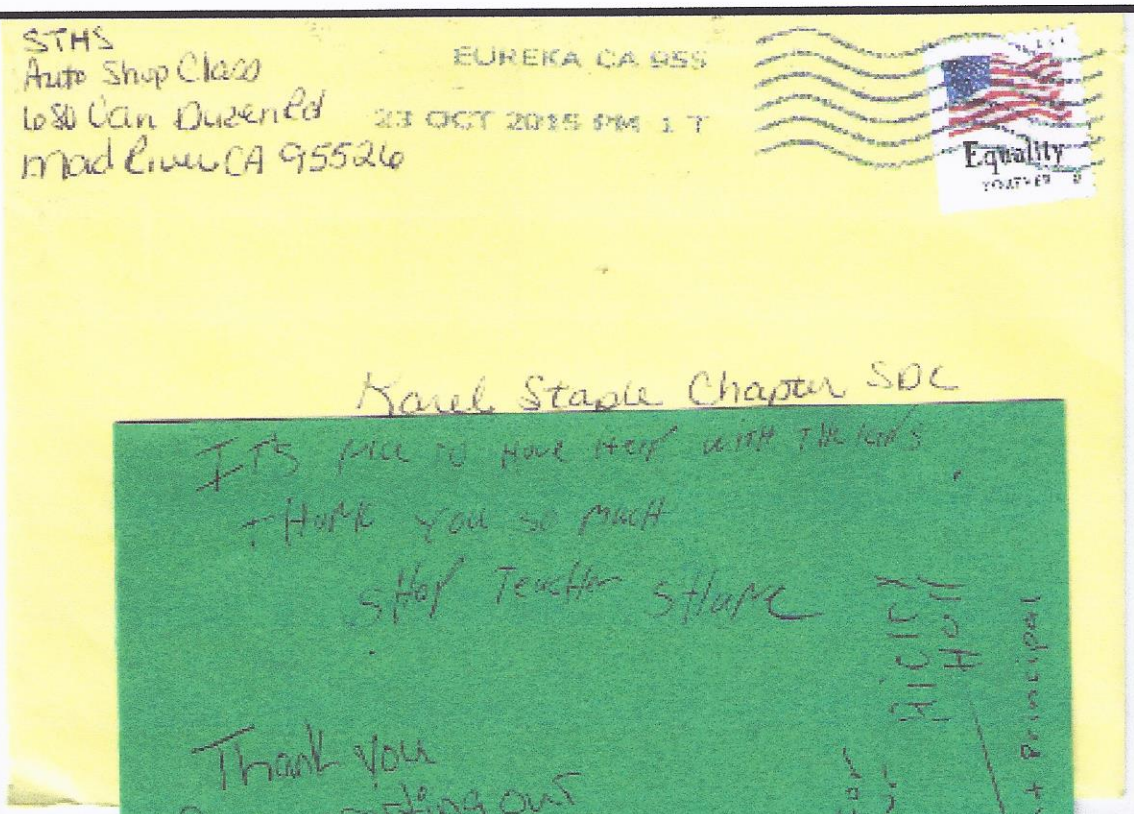
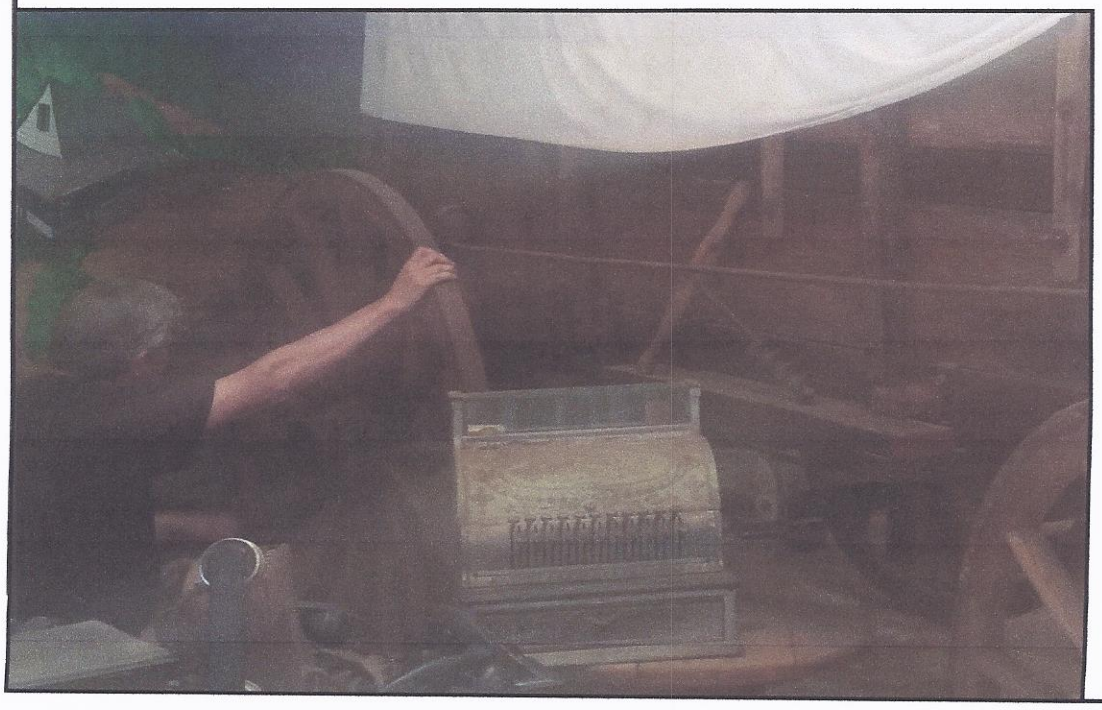


A trip to Apple Hill

By Johna Pierce

We went with our daughter Johanna & granddaughters Rylee & Marlee to Apple Hill outside of Placerville CA. My daughters favorite farm is Larsens Apple Barn, it's less crowded & great prices on apples & apple seconds. Founded by the Larsen family in the 1860's, one of the longest family owned Apple Hill farms. When we got there we saw an old Ford in front of the family museum. (http://www.larsenapplebarn.com/history) After sampling apples & buying 3 large boxes of wonderful tasting apple, we took our oldest granddaughter Rylee over to look at the car & the museum. We said Hi to the older gentleman sitting in the front of the museum & went in. They had rooms set up with the founding family's belongings. It was very interesting reading the history of the family & seeing their belonging and old farm equipment. When we went back into the building we saw a covered wagon & gave Rylee a Studebaker history lesson, then we walked up front & asked the gentleman about the covered wagon & if it was a Studebaker. He said that it was his great-great grandparent's wagon and his grandfather had told him it was a Studebaker. He & Rick went into the display to look at the axels, it was hard to tell, so we agreed with his grandfather that it was a Studebaker. He then told us that Studebaker started in Placerville & I had to explain that John M Studebaker had brothers in South Bend IN, & that's how he knew how to make wheelbarrows by making covered wagons. They had a carriage, but we didn't go into that display. What a fun day & what a great find!



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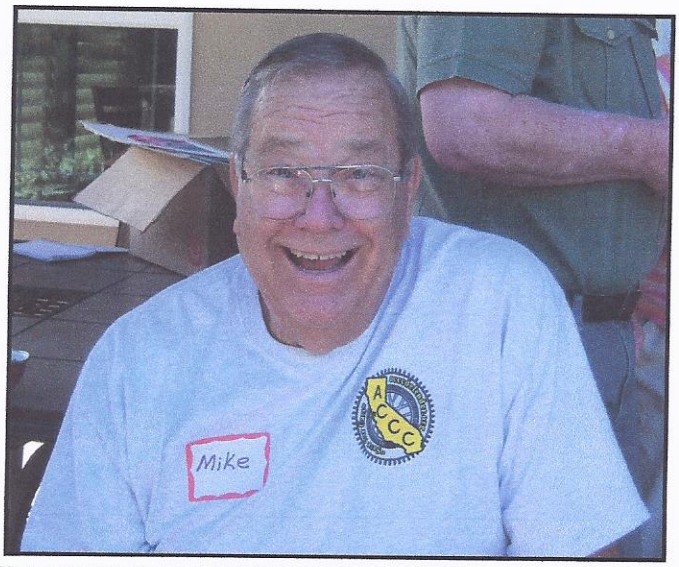
KSC CALENDER of Events 2015

Sunday, Dec 6th – Annual Xmas Party & Pirate White Elephant gift exchange. Ed and Laurie Sumner, 5115 Deerwood Dr. Shingle Springs. (530)676-2736



Directions to This Month's Meeting

The November Meeting Date & Place Has Changed! November 22nd at Al"s Place Restaurant in Locke, Ca

Hosted by Darrell and La Ree Brunelli

The Lunch/Meeting at Al's Place Restaurant in Locke, Ca.
Address is 13920 Main St. Walnut Grove. Also the address is listed as 13920 Main St. Locke, Ca. Some map quest and GPS list Walnut Grove. The Al's Place list it as Locke, Ca and other places Walnut Grove.
Directions:
From Sacramento: I-5 south approximately 22 miles.
Take Twin Cities Rd (exit 498)
Turn Right West
Proceed 4 miles to end of road; Turn left onto River Road;
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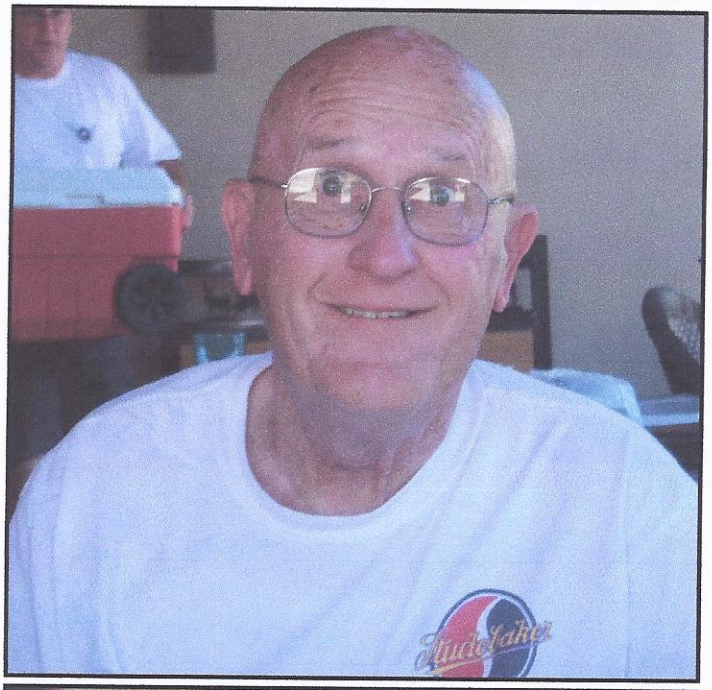
The meeting will start at 11am and you will be able to order your lunch 11:30.

Thank you LaRee.



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