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# ***Hawk Talks***

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### **Ronnie Cohen Passes**

It's my sad duty to inform club members of the passing of Ronna Cohen. She left us this week of heart failure. As per her wishes Leon will take her back to Indiana and placed in the family plot. Ronnie as we knew her was very happy that we held one of our meetings at her house. Leon also expressed how much the cards and messages meant to both of them. Leon should be back home in 2 weeks. Yours Truly, Steve Rainville, July 9, 2016

***President's Message***  
***April*** by Steve Rainville

***Secretary's Report***  
***April*** by Linda Barnard



Hello All

Well this is usually were I talk about last months meeting. Not this time I was in Rhode Island attending the International Meet. It

was well run and the weather could not have been better, about 65 at night and about 85 for the day time high. Roughly 200 cars were on the grass for the concourse event. As usual the cars were very very nice going back to the teens 20s 30s on up to the end of Studebaker. I'll tell you more later until then see you at the next meeting in Shingle Springs!



There were 31 members attending Mel's museum for our meeting with eight Studebakers with them.

Due to Steve Rainville attending the Studebaker International Meet back east, Vice President Johna Pierce called the meeting to order.

Pat Dilling agreed to take over as the Hawk Talks editor until November with help from Jon Stalnaker and Betty Martin. Thanks guys! Darrell and Le Ree Brunelli are hosting the September meeting at the Angels Camp Museum in the town of Angels Camp. They passed out flyers with directions to everyone. It will be a bring-your-own picnic lunch with drinks and desert provided.

There was a discussion of starting to think about meeting places for 2017. Perry would like to start on the calendar in October this year.

If you would like to show your car at the International Auto Show at Cal Expo October 21 through 23 contact Pat Dilling. (Date changed after the meeting)

We had eight Studebakers at the Wheelbary races in Placerville this year!

Art Smith won \$95.00 from the 50/50 raffle, and Lou Van Anne won the drawing for the car show certificate.

***Interim Editor's Corner***  
***By Pat Dilling***



As discussed and agreed to at our June Meeting at Mel France's home, I will take on the editor duties for the remainder of the year or until someone else steps forward; whichever

comes first. The Newsletter Editor is a key position in our chapter and is one of our primary means of communication for our members. Understand that the editor does not write all the articles, he or she assembles them into some semblance of order. The chapter has some great software tools to accomplish this and other members have taken on roles to assist such as mailing, advertising, up coming car shows etc. The task is a chance to learn and expand skills, and guidance from previous editors is offered. Hopefully someone will "Just Do It!"



**72nd John M Studebaker Wheelbarrow Races**



El Dorado Country Fairgoers admire a nice collection of Studebakers.

We had a great turnout of Studebaker folks for the 72nd running of the John M Studebaker Wheelbarrow Races. I think the Long Distance award goes to the Thom brothers. Carl and Herman decided to make this event their first stop on their really Long Distance trek as they headed for the Studebaker International meet in Warrick Rhode Island. The Highway Patrol was keeping an eye on their supercharged '51 Land Cruiser along with Ed and Laurie Sumner's Speedster.



Studebaker's brought by Steve Rainville, Tim Bates, Betty & John Martin and Pat Dilling are flanked by two unique trucks. Gene and his wife drove the custom Champ down from Reno and local 4 Wheel Drive shop owner Ben joined us with his turbocharged 289 powered '58 Transtar.



**(Studebaker Races continued)** We had a great day at the fair. We shared Studebaker stories with lots of people (everyone's uncle used to have one), toured the El Dorado County Museum where there are Studebaker wagons and a genuine Studebaker Wheelbarrow on display. Did you know the John M Studebaker returned to Placerville for a visit in 1912? He got together with some of his old gold rush buddies where they set out to "Paint the town red." While he was



Teen competitors in front of Ben's Transtar

there, he verified that the wheelbarrow the museum has was indeed one that he had made. The races this year were the most exciting I have seen in the last 3 years. In the championship race there were 3 competitors in the final water obstacle at the same time and only a few seconds separated them crossing the finish line. Then the number 2 finisher did not have the required amount

of "ore" on the scale and was disqualified. These races are held at the fair every year, if you have not attended I encourage you to do so, all in all a **great** Studebaker Day!

## ***First no Brakes, then she wont move!***

I found this post on the Chevytalk.org forum, posted by Ned27 and I want to give him credit for sharing this information that applies to any car, especially old ones! - Pat Dilling

"Last Friday night, took my wife and daughter out and had to do a hard quick stop at a stop light. Well, the pedal was like a rock, but the car stopped OK with heavy leg effort. I've noticed this car didn't stop that great before, but figured I'm spoiled by newer cars.

After the stop, noticed something felt weird. While sitting at the stop light, I released the brakes and the car wouldn't move!!!

I tapped the skinny pedal, the car struggled forward, but barely rolled forward. We were literally 1/4 mile from our destination, so I continued. The car seemed to roll ok after a bit. After dropping my daughter off, I repeatedly pressed the pedal hard and same thing ...car wouldn't move when released.



Next day, I traced to rear brakes as the sticky ones.

Well after enough research, figured I'd do what others have discovered, replaced the rear rubber flex hose over the rear diff,,wow what a difference!! Cut the 48 year old hose and found it almost swollen completely closed. It was acting like a check valve and what little fluid making it through, was stuck in the wheel cylinders. A previous owners had upgraded to front discs, those hoses seem ok... the rear was OEM. Test drove the car...wow,, now stops great! The front discs grab much quicker, I assume because now I can actually press the pedal down and the fluid has somewhere to actually go."

## Mel's Museum of the Interesting and Curious

Mel France was a gracious host, not only providing unique things to look at and enjoy, but also serving a tasty tri-tip from the grill prepared by his son-in-law Shane.



Karel Staple members spent lots of time admiring and operating Mel's lifetime of accumulations. He describes it as an interactive, hands-on museum. All were encouraged to touch stuff, bang stuff and even grind stuff! But once the dinner bell was rung, attentions turned elsewhere.

Unfortunately one of our members missed the meal. Tim Bates was just 22 miles from the destination when his generator ceased to generate. In fact it seized up and refused to move at all. Of course Ace Reporter Jon won't pass up a chance to record the event for history. Tim and his '57 got home safely.

Quite a few folks drove their Studebakers this month. Andy Maas, who always drives one, brought his newly painted '58 Champion. And although Doug Hadley was not able to make it, Art Smith brought Doug's sweet '54 Commander for all to enjoy.



**Tim calls for the hook, Carlene offers her sympathy.**



### **Sacramento International Auto Show Oct 21-24 ([SacAutoShow.com](http://SacAutoShow.com))**

The dates for this show have changed to Oct 21-23 due to a scheduling issue with Cal Expo. It's a charity event put on by area new car dealers and primarily features new cars of all types. We are invited to show our Studebakers as a special attraction and "class up the place!" Last year we had 12 cars and our members had a great time at the show. Did I mention it is **FREE** for us? So far we have 9 cars committed, with room for 17. We move in on Thursday afternoon-evening and out at the end of the show Sunday. Contact Pat to join in.

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**Parts for Sale**

**Correction** - Art Smith is clearing out his Champ Pickup fleet – He has 3 1962 Champ T-Cab trucks for sale. One is complete but not running, the other 2 for parts. **Also 2 C-Cab pickup beds – These are the narrow short-bed type (P-1) one is 48" wide (1949-1955) and the other is 51" wide for the 1956-59 C – cab pickups. He has 2 fenders for the pickup beds.** 1953 4 door parts car and 1954 4 door parts car. **Contact Art Smith 5307432942, [lucky7@succeed.net](mailto:lucky7@succeed.net)**

1964 259 V8 engine just over 100K with automatic transmission in dry storage for several years. \$650 OBO for both or will separate. S57 Supercharger from a 57/58 Golden Hawk, needs carb, air cleaner, and will need new bearings and races \$650 OBO. New reproduction floor pan for Champ T cab pickup passenger side \$120 OBO. **Contact Dean Sumpter 916-753-6003 or [carvin9755@gmail.com](mailto:carvin9755@gmail.com)**

Passenger's side door for Avanti – no cracks (no rust either). \$300 OBO – **Contact Craig at 209-293-7953**

**Cars for Sale**

1953 Studebaker Commander Coupe – restored V8 engine, auto transmission, brakes, exhaust, and paint are done. Interior upholstery included but not installed. Less than 65K original miles. \$12,000 OBO. **Contact Craig Debaeke 209-293-7953**

**ROAD TRIP!!**

A small group consisting of Steve Rainville, Jon & Carlene Stalnaker and Pat & Kate Dilling will be cruising in their Studebakers heading to The Dalles, Oregon for the Cruisin' The Gorge Car Show Aug 12-13. We will be departing the Sacramento area on Thursday Aug 11 with a stop in Klamath Falls, Friday morning, on to the Western Antique Aero and Auto Museum (<http://www.waaamuseum.org/>) in Hood River Oregon. From there it is just 35 miles to The Dalles where we will join in the Friday night Cruise and Saturday's show in the local park. Dennis Gage and his My Classic Car TV show will be there filming a show. On Sunday there are several local options including another car show, or head for home. The Columbia River Gorge has beautiful scenery and cooler August weather. If you would like to join the group, contact Pat or Jon for details. (<http://midcolumbiacarclub.org/cruise-gorgheshow-shade/>)

### **Durham Car Show**

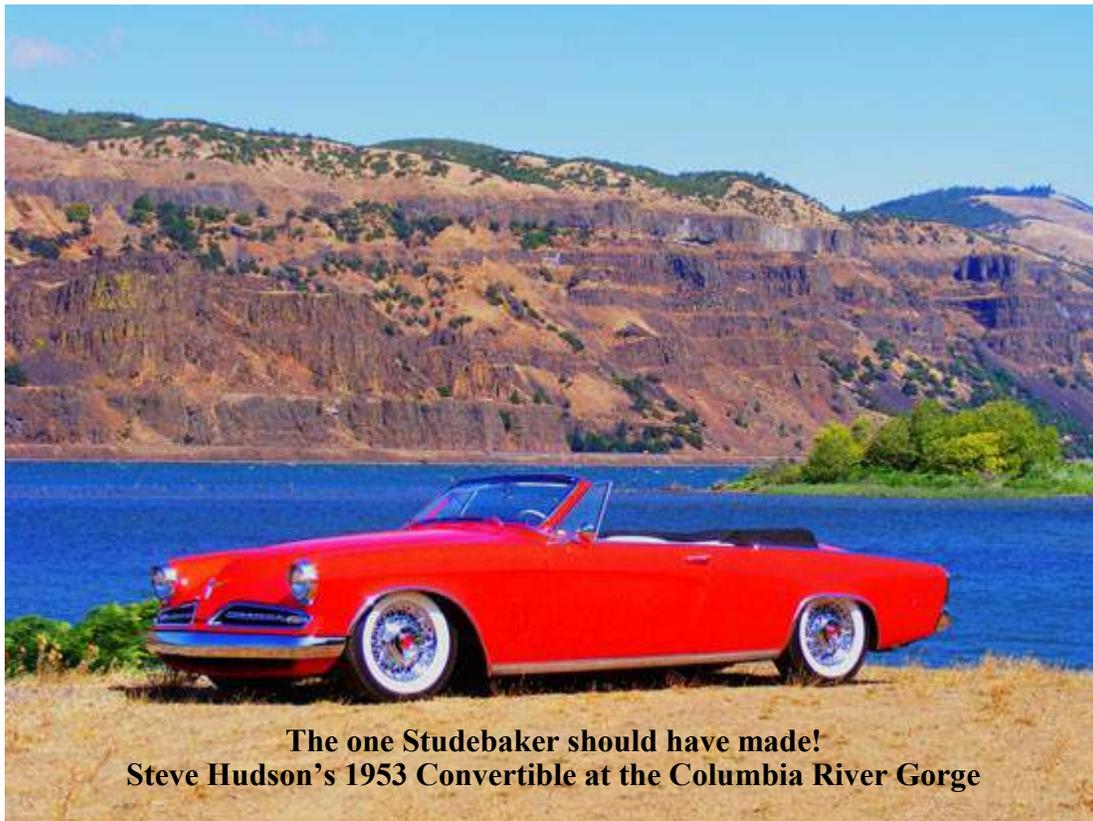


Mel France represented the marque at the Chico Drifters car show on July 9th in



Durham Park. The Drifters recognize a cool Stude when they see one, presenting Mel the "Best Sedan" Award. Here he is explaining the finer points to an awestruck fan.. Mel's '34 was not the only award winning Studebaker. This nice 57 Transtar won for "Best 50s Truck." It's for sale. 530-518-9016.

**If you make it to a show, please send me pictures and a story and I will make you famous in the newsletter! [p.dilling@outlook.com](mailto:p.dilling@outlook.com)**



**The one Studebaker should have made!  
Steve Hudson's 1953 Convertible at the Columbia River Gorge**

**KSC CALENDER 2016**

July 17<sup>th</sup> - Hosts—Ed & Laurie Sumner home, Shingle Springs Potluck  
Aug 21<sup>st</sup>— Hosts—Frank & Johanna Smith' home —Napa Potluck  
Sep 10<sup>th</sup>—Drive Your Studebaker Day—Angels Camp Museum, Hosts Darrell & LaRee Brunelli, Bring your Picnic.  
Sep 24<sup>th</sup>—Ironstone Concours d' Elegance, Murphys ([www.ironstonefoundation.org/](http://www.ironstonefoundation.org/))  
Oct 15<sup>th</sup>— CCC Octoberfest Car Show and Toy Run  
Oct 16<sup>th</sup>— Auction—Hosts Rick & Johna Pierce's home Potluck  
Oct 21-23—International Auto Show, Cal Expo, Contact Pat Dilling to reserve a spot  
Nov 12<sup>th</sup>—Back 40 BBQ in Roseville—Host Johna Pierce  
Dec 4<sup>th</sup>—Annual Christmas Party, Justin's Kitchen, Yuba City—Host Mel France

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

**Local Car Shows for July, Aug & Sep**

Jul 23—Nostalgia Cruise of Dreams, Folsom City Lyons Park, 411 Stafford Street, Cappucino Cruisers Chris, 916-988-6376  
Jul 30—Sacramento Swap Meet, Sleeptrain Arena, 916-955-8777  
Jul 30 - River Ranch Run, Isleton, Charlie 916-806-6919  
Aug 13—Autos for Alzheimers, Rusch Park, 7301 Antelope Dr, Citrus Heights, Jennifer 916-960-6873  
Aug 13—Baby Boomer Festival, Placer County Fairgrounds, 800 All American City Blvd, Roseville, Stacey 916-768-8092  
Sep 10—Cruise Fest Fulton Avenue, 4-8:30 pm Cruise/Car Show, [www.calautomuseum.org/event/cruisefest2016/](http://www.calautomuseum.org/event/cruisefest2016/) 916-442-6802  
Sep 11 - Motor Madness, 6850 Five Star Blvd. Rocklin, CA, info Contact Steve Berg - Cell 916-595-5038

**Directions to This Month's Meeting**

Instructions for driving to Ed & Laurie's

Head east on 50 from Sacramento for about 35 miles Exit on Ponderosa (exit 37 ) Turn left at top of exit ramp and move to right lane. Immediately after crossing over 50 there are 2 stoplights in 50 ft. At the second, turn right on North Shingle Rd. ( The first is an off ramp from 50 ) Continue on for about 4 miles, at the junction with Green Valley Rd. (stop light) go straight, you will be on Green Valley. This does not require a turn. In a short distance you will pass over a new bridge. About 1/4 mile after the bridge take the second right - Sleepy Hollow Dr. Warning: The first right has a large sign that says Sleepy Hollow- it's the name of the development not the street. The second right is Sleepy Hollow Dr. There is a Caboose on the corner. From Sleepy Hollow take the first left (about 1/4 mile ) onto Deerwood Dr. About 1/2 mile farther turn left into our driveway 5115 Deerwood. Cannot see the house from the street but mailbox is marked. The mailbox is on a dragon post. The driveway looks narrow but opens to a circular drive near the house. 530-676-2736

**Suggested Potluck for July Meeting**

Last name beginning with: A-G Salad or side dish, H-M Main Dish, N-Z Appetizer or Desert

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