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# Hawk Talks

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Chapter of the Studebaker Drivers Club



Karel Staple Chapter Has First Meeting Since February In Dixon

Attendance was down due to the pandemic



*Sorry...  
I got here a  
little late  
and missed  
the group  
photo.*

## Something to think about

The above four members share something in common. I wonder if you know what it is without reading the answer on page 9.

Two other Dixon couples stopped by to check out the Studebakers. Read the story on page 5

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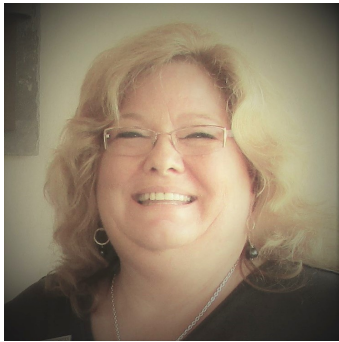
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## President's Message

By Johna Pierce/President

I hope our members are safe & doing well. Rick & I have canceled our summer vacation trips to San Diego & Hawaii. We want to be safe. Our next meeting Sunday, Aug 9th is at Frank & Johanna Smith's home in Napa. It will be an outside meeting. There will be shade and we ask that you bring your own chair. You need to bring your lunch. This is NOT a Potluck. Again due to my health issues, we may not attend the meeting. Lisa may not attend either. Since Frank is a past President I have asked if he will run the meeting. If anyone wants to bring up business it can be brought up at the meeting. I will be available by cell phone if there are any questions that I need to answer. We may need to rethink where we want to have our Christmas party. Just in case the restaurants are closed for inside dining.

Stay Healthy! Remember to wear a mask!

*Johna*

### SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

The Studebaker National Foundation has \$1,500 scholarships available for qualified students. Please visit <http://www.studebakernationalfoundation.org> to download an application. You can also contact Brian Millette at 602-300-5313 or [abmillette@cox.net](mailto:abmillette@cox.net) if you have questions about the SNF scholarship program.

## What Have You Done While Our Meetings are Cancelled?

By: Jon Stalnaker

I received a call from a woman in Suisun that has a Studebaker she is wanting to find a good home for. It was her dad's car and he never got around to finishing it before he passed away. She told me she made a pinky promise to him that she would not send it to the crusher. She gave me conflicting descriptions of the condition of the car so I wasn't sure what to expect. I called fellow member Greg Glubka and we took the afternoon to go give it a look over.



Unfortunately it was in worse shape than I feared and I was honest with her that it wasn't worth much. She was disappointed but I don't think she was surprised. I took some pictures and promised her I would get the word out. She would be happy just to find someone that could use it for a parts car. She told me it hadn't been driven in 30 years but looking at the registration stickers on the license plate it looks like it's been more like 50. It does have a V8 and an automatic transmission but we couldn't raise the hood to look it over.

If anyone needs a 55 Coupe for a parts car, it does have some value there. I can't tell you the condition of the running gear but it is there. She's not looking for a lot of money, she just wants to get it to someone that will do something at least with the parts. If you are interested, you can call **Ruth @ (707) 688-6032**

(more pictures on page 3)



## More Pictures of the 55 Studebaker Parts car in Suisun

(See page 2)



It's pretty rough. Are you up to the challenge? You might want to bring some roller tires. These are pretty shot. At least you don't have to dig it out.



I'm thinking about it,  
So, if you want it, you'd  
better call dibs...



## What Was THAT!!!?

I was on my morning walk the other day when I heard a loud car coming up from behind me. From a distance it was obviously gaining speed. It looked like a DeLorean, but I'm not exactly sure. I was fuddling with my cell phone trying to get a picture of the car as it whizzed by me but when I snapped the shutter on the camera, the car had disappeared.

## Sacramento International Auto Show

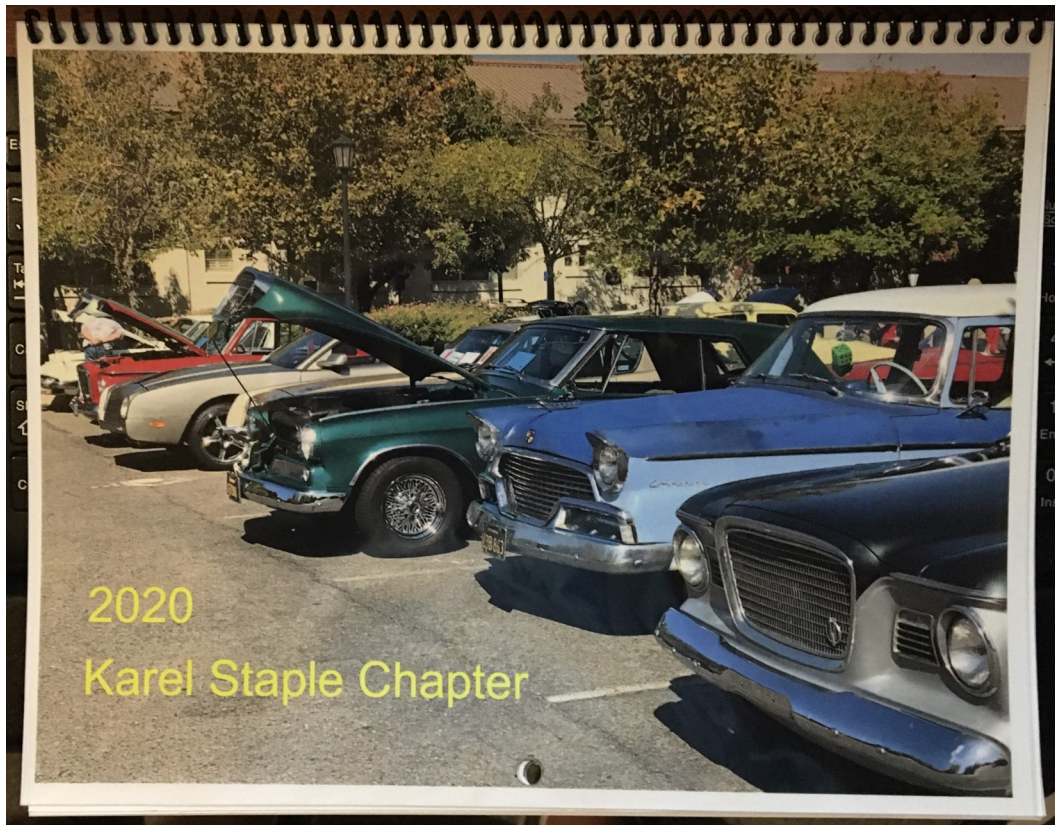
Save the dates, October 16-18, and hope or pray that the virus will allow us to enjoy it! Once again the Karel Staple Chapter is invited to participate in this great event at Cal Expo. This will be our 5th



year and the organizers and attendees just love us and our Studebakers! We will have one of the Expo Center Buildings as before. We will have room for about a dozen cars. There is no cost to participate. I will provide additional information as we get closer to the event. Keep your fingers crossed that it will go on. - **Pat Dilling**







## Annual Karel Staple Calendar

By: Perry Knopf

Yes, a 2021 calendar is going to happen!

Usually by this time of year members have sent me their favorite Studebaker pictures or I have taken several Studebaker photos at monthly meetings for the next year's calendar. Obviously, that has not happened this year.

To make a 2021 club calendar I need pictures from members. If you have a photo of your car, send it to me. Another option is to take a photo this week. A progress photo on your car under repairs is a great photo. Another option, take a photo of you, your favorite pet or grandchildren and your Studebaker.

Let's get some variety in our club calendar for 2021.

**Send to Perry Knopf: Email – [fpstude@aol.com](mailto:fpstude@aol.com) Text – (916) 425-3207  
Or by Mail – 3834 Marshall Ave., Carmichael, CA 95608**

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### In Other News from the Awesome Knopfs

I resigned the job of Newsletter Judge for print newsletters. Susan Thomson searched for a replacement and found one in our own back yard.

*I am pleased to announce that:*

Betty Knopf is now a SDC Chapter Newsletter judge. She will be judging printed/mailed newsletters. Betty is perfect for this job, thanks for stepping up. ***Please wish her well in her new endeavor. Jon***

## July Meeting at Cenarios in Dixon

Story By: Jon Stalnaker

Well, We cancelled the March meeting at the Ramshead Museum in Sacramento. Then Lou cancelled the April multi club meeting at Grupe Park in Stockton just before they pulled his permit to use the park. In May, there was the Fair Oaks Fiesta car show that is usually well attended and an auction meeting at Mel's in Yuba City...all no go. I also did not get to participate in the May Fair parade in Dixon since they didn't have it. Then we couldn't meet for breakfast at the Elks Lodge in Carmichael this year. We also missed out on the Wheelbarrow races in Placerville.

Then things got better and they started opening up restaurants. And then it went crazy again and the restaurants, although not closed, were limited to outdoor seating with social distancing. Marianne MacDonald and Jim Goodland were willing to attempt the first meeting in 5 months. I called Marianne and told her that we could always just meet for lunch since we both live in Dixon. We weren't expecting a large turn-out anyway so we said let's do it. Things continued to digress and Marianne and Jim wanted to cancel the event. I told her that I would still go if I have to be there myself. There were a couple of people that expressed an interest but they didn't show up either.

Marianne did let us use her parking lot and she even set up a nice table for us. I went over and parked my



truck and waited. Frank and Johanna showed up from Napa and Carlene came by later and we had a couple of Dixon car guys show up. We staged the cover picture to show that we all had masks and we were practicing social distancing. My friend Rich Hardy took some pictures and we looked over his beautiful Chrysler. Ron Moe and Patricia showed up in Ron's Mustang convertible and Steve Rainville showed up to round out the group.

That was only nine people and less than the mandated maximum of 10.

We got an opportunity to talk and it was nice to visit with good friends again. We talked about their meeting in Napa next month and they wanted to go through with it. They figured it would be all outside and bring your own lunch. I guess we will have to transition slowly back into having meetings again. This mess isn't over yet and there is NO pressure on any member that does not feel safe enough to attend.



While we were chatting a young pre-teen boy came over to check out Johanna's car. She told him about it and let him sit inside. He actually knew what a Studebaker is. Maybe he'll be Chapter president some day. We weren't disappointed with the turnout. We certainly understand, but we felt safe enough to participate and so we did. Let's see how many show up in Napa next month.



## AUGUST 2020 ADVERTISEMENTS

### CARS, PARTS, SERVICES

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#### Cars For Sale

These are all pickup trucks.  
All run and are currently licensed and driven.

1949 - \$15,000, 1949 with 4 speed - \$22,500, 1951 - \$27,500, 1953 - \$19,900, 1954 - \$19,900, 1955 flatbed - \$19,900, 1956 long bed - \$17,900, 1957 long bed - \$28,000, 1957 - \$18,000, and 1958 - \$19,900.

*Nothing new from me this month but check out the bargain on pages 2 and 3...*



Contact Larry Jones 530-933-3941 or email lwj1@yahoo.com

1960 Lark VIII - \$17,500. Contact Larry Jones 530-933-3941 or email lwj1@yahoo.com

1952 2 Ton Studebaker Truck Cab and Chassis. Running 6 cylinder engine 4speed w/ 2 speed rear differential. \$2500  
Contact Dallas in Happy Valley (West of Anderson Ca.) 520-444-1840

#### Parts for Sale

12volt Delco generator works good, clean and painted \$25. Lark VI Script (2 Lark and 2 VI) - original not reproduction in very good condition, sell as set \$45 (reproductions are \$100) 1957-61 Hawk chrome fin caps R&L side \$50 ea or 2 for \$80. 1960-64 Champ L&R chrome horizontal bar type (not mesh type) parking light assemblies \$85ea 1959-66 Lark and 1959-64 Hawks Chrome metal Seat Hinge Covers \$75. NOS (New Old Stock) Hood Prop for 59-61 Lark or 60-64 Champ Pickup - \$10. STUDEBAKER chrome license plate holder, used needs touch up \$4. Studebaker Wheel black sweatshirt large, \$4. Turning Wheels magazines selling complete years from 1977 to 2000, price negotiable. Contact Dean Sumpter 916-753-6003 or carvin9755@gmail.com

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## Karel Staple Chapter CALENDAR 2020

Business meeting with lunch with friends and Studebakers. Come if you feel safe  
No judgement if you want to stay safe at home.

Sunday August 9—Napa - 11AM 2140 Coronado Ave—Frank and Johanna Smith are still planning to meet This is NOT a Pot Luck. Bring your own food. We will provide drinks. Bring your own chairs and a mask.

September 12th, we might meet at Granzella's. This will be IDYSD—That'll be fun

**More to come stay tuned**

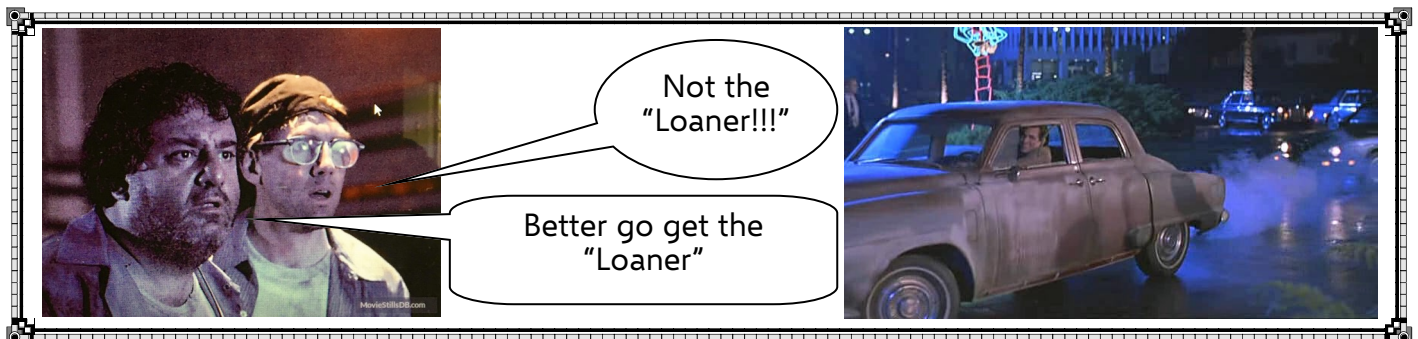
Because of the COVID-19 Pandemic, I have deleted the meetings that I know are cancelled. The ones still listed could also get cancelled, so be prepared for that to happen. Keeping your health and that of your loved ones is far more important right now. Please follow all suggested guidelines as we move through this situation as a planet united against this virus.



### Directions to this Month's Meeting...

HIGHWAY 12 TO HIGHWAY 29  
TURN RIGHT ON IMOLA THEN LEFT ON CORONADO

LOOK FOR THE CORNER IN THE PICTURE ABOVE





**Mail to:** Johanna Smith  
2140 Coronado Ave  
Napa CA 94559  
or call: (707) 255-5108





## Tech Tips

by: Studebaker Mike



*I've been a little busy. Yes, that's the motor out of my 52. Maybe some day I'll tell you what I did.*

This months Tech Tip is an online reading assignment.

I invite you to [AvancedDistrbutors.com](http://AvancedDistrbutors.com) and read through the Tech/FAQ pages(2).

I had recently sent another distributor out for rebuild. While at AD filling out the work-sheet for each distributor I've sent in, I re-read the Tech/FAQ pages and was reminded of how valuable the information was on those pages and wanted to share.

For extra credit read some of the testimonials.

If you are interested in the Pier fire in San Francisco, here's a video I just got a link recently. This film crew was doing a history piece on the J O'Brian when the fire took place.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iIAqUdbdxKE>

My 52 was a little too far gone to restore so this souped up little Champion six went into a 50 Champion belonging to John Thomas Brayton. We can't save them all.



## So, what do the fab four on the front cover have in common?

Meet the group that make this newsletter happen every month. Now there are other contributors such as Dean who regularly does the want ads, and Mike who helps with the Tech Tips, but these four are the ones that make it and send it out. Jason Michaels is another champion as he gets the completed newsletter posted on our web site.

You know that I am the editor and I get my name on the recognition plaques, but I can't say enough about the help Frank and Johanna are in getting these newsletters in your face. Frank prints and mails the hard copies and Johanna gets them all emailed to your inboxes. And that is no small task.

And what about Carlene? Talk about a cherished, behind the scenes, gets no credit for her valuable contribution hero. Carlene proofreads every issue before it gets published. I make plenty of errors and miss a lot of them when I proof read myself. I really appreciate her work and patience while my frustration with these stupid computers gets the better of me. I really appreciate all the help I get.

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