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Hawk Talks

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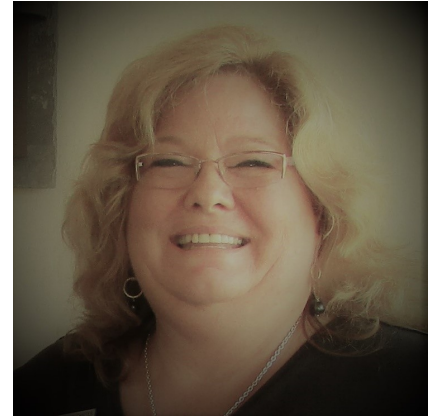
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President's Message

By Johna Pierce/President



What a great meeting at Taste of Tuscany! Jeremey the owner of TOT offered to open the restaurant at 9:00 am and do a brunch buffet for us. If we want to have another meeting there, we would have the whole restaurant for our club. I thought that was nice & then we may be able to hear better.

We got a lot accomplished at this meeting! Thank you to the people that stepped up to be on the committee for donations. We will be donating to 2 high school auto shop classes & looking into more schools. Next week



Rick & I will be delivering 3 tool boxes with 227 tools in each one + screwdrivers sets & flare nut wrenches, all with lifetime warranty to Marysville. We are making plans to meet with Auburn to deliver their tools and gift card.

Thank you, Pat Dilling, for being our contact person for the car shows. I am hoping that our Studebaker members can make it out to more community car shows, so people can see our beautiful Studebakers. We have so many Veterans in our chapter and I am so proud we voted to buy a brick for the Carmichael's Vietnam wall walkway with our chapters name on it.

We have changed the place we get our name badges. Frank & Johanna Smith will be ordering & picking them up for us. They will be blue with white text and a magnet on the back. They will be \$10.00 each.

Please remember to pay your 2020 dues.

Johna

Secretary Report for January

By: LaRee Brunelli/ Secretary



The January 12, 2020, Karel Staple Chapter Studebaker Club meeting took place at the TASTE OF TUSCANY RISTORANTE, hosted by Richard and Johna Pierce. 33 members and 2 guests attended the Italian buffet lunch. 7 Studebakers made the trip to the Ristorante.

The meeting was called to order by President Johna Pierce. She began by wishing everyone a Happy New Year.

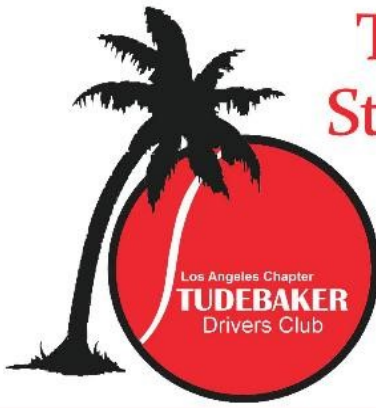
Lou Van Anne gave the Treasury report. The club received a request from the Studebaker Museum in South Bend to make annual donation. Linda Barnard made a motion to donate to the Museum, and Gary Nordstrom seconded it. The motion carried and the club will donate to the annual museum fund.



Old Business:

The August 9th meeting in Napa will be kept as planned. Only a few members plan to attend the International Meet in Tennessee. The 2020 Christmas Party was discussed. Members want the time to be moved up. They did not want to drive at night. Johna suggested that members bring their ideas for a place to have the Christmas party. Mel France suggested he would check with Justin to see if the time could be moved earlier for the 2020 party at Justin's Kitchen. Leonard Brewer said he did not mind driving and he is coming from Georgetown. He liked it at Justin's.

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The Los Angeles Chapter of the
Studebaker Drivers Club Presents

The 35th Annual
**Classic Studebaker
Car Show**



Sunday, March 29, 2020

9:00 a.m. ~ 3:00 p.m.

8876 Corbin Ave., Northridge, CA



2019 People's Choice ~ 1955 Packard Caribbean

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www.Studebakersla.com**

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Giving donations and scholarships for students in automotive programs was discussed: Betty Knopf researched the idea of giving scholarships to students in the automotive programs at American River College and Consumes River College. Los Rios College District gave her 3 options for donating: 1) Endowment of \$10,000; 2) \$500 a year, minimum 3 years, \$1,500 total cost. 3) \$500 one time donation goes into the general fund.

The club decided that this would be too complicated. Mel France suggested that the club choose something easier. Betty Martin asked how much money we are taking out of the treasury for the donations. Lou Van Anne said we were keeping a reserve.

Leonard Brewer made a motion to wait on the college scholarships and Linda Barnard second the motion.

Club voted to wait. Mel France suggested the high school auto programs.

Johna shared information about the Marysville and Auburn High School Career Tech Education Programs. If we give a cash amount, it would go into the school district general fund. Johna has a list of what the automotive program needs in the way of tools, supplies and chemicals. If we purchase the items ourselves, we may give them directly to the teachers in charge of the program, the school district does not get involved. We discussed what tools and how much we could spend for the Marysville and Auburn High School Automotive Programs. Betty Martin made a motion to give each school money to buy tools and gift cards. The motion was second and it was carried. Johna will purchase the tools and gift cards and deliver the items to the teachers at the Marysville and Auburn Automotive Programs. (CTE Programs)

New Business:

Johna asked for volunteers to form a committee for future donations from our club. Steve Rainville, Betty Knopf, Marianne MacDonald, and Johna Pierce volunteered. They will meet and bring the information to the club for the future.

Pat Dilling volunteered to be the contact person for car shows. He will submit items to Jon Stalnaker for the newsletter.

Steve Rainville will organize Drive Your Studebaker Day September 12 to Granzella's in Williams.

If members need plastic ware for future events please contact Johna Pierce.

Linda Barnard will bring the unclaimed Red Polo Shirts to the next meeting.

Lou Van Anne talked about the April meeting and AMC will attend again this year.

Linda Barnard said her sister-in-law just had heart surgery. Also, she said Betty Newhouse was coming home from the hospital. She suggested that if someone needed a get well card sent, to please let her know.

Steven Rainville told about the Vietnam Memorial located in Carmichael. They are selling bricks to be placed at the Memorial. Betty Martin made a motion that we buy a brick and Linda Barnard second it. The motion was carried.

Johna adjourned the meeting and Linda Barnard did the drawing for the 50/50. The raffle was won by Leon Cohen.

Yay!!!



The Grand Canyon State Chapter of the Studebaker Drivers Club is pleased to announce the 2020 Pacific Southwest Zone Meet to be held on October 9, 10, and 11, 2020 in Phoenix, Arizona.

As an incentive to get you to register before September 1, 2020, you will be entered into a drawing for a \$100.00 prize. For registration forms, please check out our website at www.hawktalks.com.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you in October, 2020. If you have any questions, please contact Larry Vahe, Meet Chairman at (480) 694-3899 or 58pkhawk@cablone.net

Studebaker Memories—A Fan Letter from Bill Fairfield

By: Jon Stalnaker

As many of you know, I write stories for my local newspaper, the Dixon Tribune. I share them when the newspaper posts them on their web page. This was from a story I did a short time back. You may already have seen it on Facebook, but I reprint it here for those member that do not participate in that medium.

I don't get a lot of fan mail but I really enjoy it when I do. I got this letter from an old friend in Dixon. Bill Fairfield was the Dixon Fire Chief from 1959 to 1985. Maybe George Newhouse knows him. I interviewed him about 3 years ago for a story I wrote about a Dixon Fire Truck I saw at the California Auto Museum. Bill is a wealth of knowledge about Dixon history and when I read his letter, I drove over to his house to get permission to publish it. I convinced him to step outside for a photo with my truck. That is what you see on the cover of this month's newsletter. I thought the club might also appreciate his reminisce. Bill is 94 years old this year.

Here is his Studebaker story exactly how it was written;

"To the Studebaker Man"

When I pick up my Tribune, I turn first to the "Studebaker Man" column. Having owned two Studees, I still like them. My first one was a 1930 Commander four door sedan. I bought it from a guy at the start of WWII. I was still in High School and jobs were easy to get. My Stude ran well except it needed tires and used a lot of gas. Both were rationed.

I wanted to keep that Stude, but Uncle Sam had other ideas. So, I parked it at a guy's ranch and shipped out in the Merchant Marines. My first trip to the South Pacific lasted a year. On return, when I looked up my friend and asked about my Studebaker, he said he junked it and turned it in into the scrap drive.

My second Stude was a ¾ ton pickup truck, 1952 model. It was in great shape and got good mileage for its size. So, me and one of my buddies decided to drive it to Canada to hunt moose. Arriving in Vancouver, 1000 miles from home, I had the oil changed. That was mistake number 1. You see, it was November and the further north we got, the colder it got. When we arrived at our destination, it was 12 degrees below zero. So, I parked my Studebaker and didn't start it for a week. We hunted in the snow for that week with no luck. My friend in Canada told us we were too late, that every day you could see winter coming down the Rockies and that the moose had left.

So I tried to start my Stude and it would not turn over! You see 30 weight oil was like concrete, I needed 5 weight. When I got my Studebaker started, I kept it running and headed for California. When I got home, I sold it for what I paid for it. I wish I still had it.

Respectfully

Bill Fairfield



February 2020 ADVERTISEMENTS CARS, PARTS, SERVICES

*Here you go... I sold the items I listed for myself last month
so the ads do work sometimes.*



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, 1952 - \$19,900, 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.

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

1954 Studebaker Commander 2-door coupe. Excellent original upholstery and nice straight body. Paint is in great condition and may be original. V8 232 cu. in., automatic transmission, power steering. Aftermarket air conditioner added for comfort but can be easily removed for original configuration. From the estate of long time classic car enthusiast. Car is available for inspection and test drive. Family is motivated to sell. Photos available. \$20,000.

Contact dduncanoc@gmail.com

Parts for Sale

Pre-1962 259 V8 engine \$150 Contact Joe Burch 916-645-9491

Parting out 1949 Champion 4 door Contact David Falls 916-410-7435

Misc for Sale

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Karel Staple Chapter CALENDAR 2020

Sunday February 9th 11am pot luck at the Cal Auto Museum—Jon Stalnaker Host

Sunday March 15th potluck at Ramshead—Rick and Johna hosts

Saturday April 25th Multi Car Club Meeting in Stockton—Grupe Park—Lou Van Anne Host

Sunday May 17th Auction at Mel's in Yuba City—Mel France Host

Sunday June 14th Elks Lodge in Carmichael—Steve Rainville Host

Sunday July 19th Cenario's Pizza in Dixon—Jim Goodland/Marianne MacDonald hosts

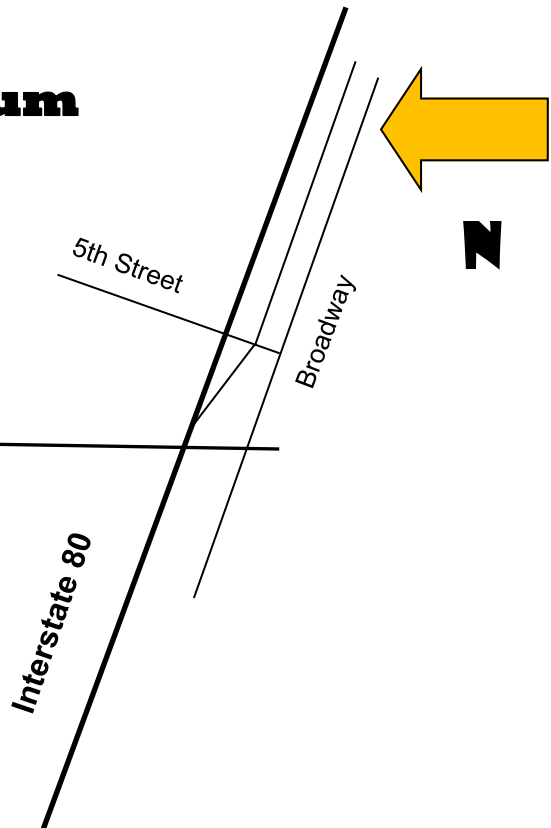
More to come stay tuned

Beginning next month we will expand this Calendar to include non club events

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

Directions to California Auto Museum Sacramento

← To Old Sacramento



**Our Pot Luck System only works when you follow
the breakdown listed below. Sometimes, not even then.**

Members A thru G— Bring a Main Dish
Members H thru M— Bring a Salad or Appetizer
Members N thru Z— Bring a Dessert

National SDC Application

For SDC National membership:
Please mail check or money order
to:

Studebaker Drivers Club, Inc.
P.O. Box 1715
Maple Grove, MN 55311-7615

Includes monthly publication of
Turning Wheels Magazine

_____ First year membership	
_____ w/periodicals class mail	\$24.00
_____ Regular membership	
_____ w/periodicals class mail	\$31.00
_____ Regular membership	
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If new member, source of referral:

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

Karel Staple Chapter Application

All members of local chapters
must be members of the National
Studebaker Drivers Club
SDC #: _____

Membership dues are \$20 Annually

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____

Email: _____

Referred by: _____

Birthday (Mo) _____ Spouse: _____

___ YES, I would like my newsletter emailed to
 me each month.

___ NO, I would not like my information to be
 published on our roster.

Please list Studebaker (s) owned:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Year Model Body type

Name Badge Application:

Name: _____
 (may be a nickname)

Spouse: _____

Name badges are \$10.00 each \$ _____

Membership fee: \$ 20.00

Total enclosed: \$ _____

Make check payable to:

Karel Staple Chapter SDC

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



Tech Tips

by: Studebaker Mike

*Sometimes you just need to
get creative...*



Brake drum

I had a recent dilemma with rear flanged 11" brake drums. This is how I tackled it.

This Hawk had the factory set of 11" X 2-1/4" front finned drums and 11" x 2" rear finned, but flanged drums. The problem was the rear drums were turned way past their safe and serviceable limits, turned 0.100". As some of you know there are no drums available for this two year only rear drum option. I'm aware there are a number of other ways to tackle this problem. I just don't recall ever hearing or reading about this way. Plus I had all the parts and tools available to make this happen.

Simply, I took a pair of front 11" finned drums and converted them into rear drums. The finned front and rear drums are almost identical, with the following two exceptions. The hole on the center of the drums and the width of the shoe contact area. After I acquired a pair of 11" front drums, only 0.030 over. I drilled out and removed the bearing hub. At this point you can see the holes in the center of the drums are different in size and function, the rears have a small flare, this is what centers the drum on the axle. The flare provides a small cavity for any debris or rust to gather under it and allows the drum to seat squarely to the axle flange.



The next move is to weld in the center flare of the rear drum to the front drums. In a vise, I secured a spare axle, placed the front drum on it with a few nuts and centered it within a few thousands of an inch. Measuring between the studs and the raised shoulder in the center of the axle flange. The closer you get the drum centered, less material needs to be removed to true them up. Next, I used a cut off wheel and passed it thru the 5 mounting holes of the condemned drums and then re-cut, ground and belt sanded the flared ring till it fit snugly in the center of the mounted front drum. (If you have a lathe, you can make this part). I then prepped the parts for welding, placing only one weld on the outside. To make sure the wheel seats flat against the drum the weld needs to be ground flush with the drum surface.

Because the front drums are 2-1/4" wide vs only 2" on the rears, a 1/4" of the brake surface on the the new rear drums needs to be removed. It will contact the backing plate if not removed. This procedure was done when the drums were sent out to be turned to true them up.

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