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# ***Hawk Talks***

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## **President's Message**

**By Johna Pierce/President**

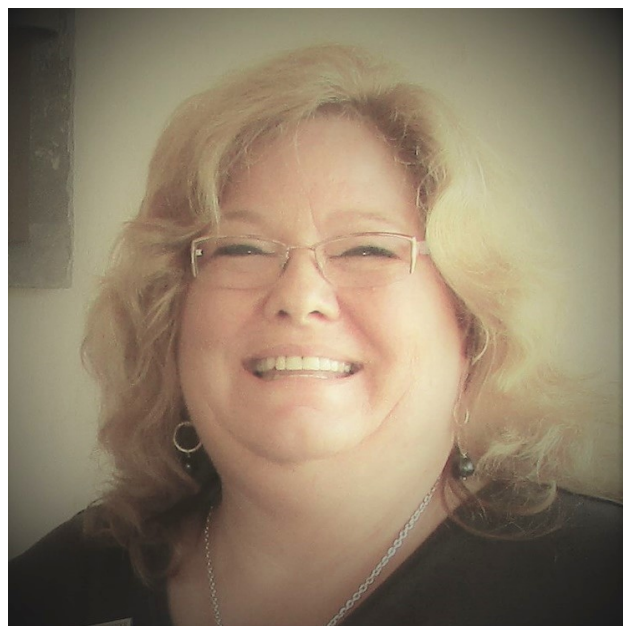
Hello to all our Karel Staple Members,

I must say I do miss seeing you all, but we need to be safe from the Corona Virus.

I pray & hope you are all safe & healthy. At this time I am sad to say we will not be having an April meeting.

If you miss talking Studebaker, please feel free to give my husband Rick Pierce a call (916-548-0340). He loves to talk Studebakers & may know of parts too. Remember we can still contact each other by phone, email, Facebook & the internet.

Please take care & stay safe



**Johna**

Words from Lou about the Annual Multi Chapter Meeting in Stockton that normally takes place in April

March 24th—Well folks, decision time has come: The April 25th joint picnic in Stockton is cancelled.....God willing, we will reschedule for 2021..... Stay safe.....

**Lou VanAnne**

March 25th—FYI: I just called the City of Stockton to let them know that we had cancelled the picnic.....they were just about to call me to tell me that the permit had been revoked! (Great minds think alike)?

**Lou**



***We're gonna miss this one Thanks Lou***





**PACIFIC SOUTHWEST ZONE MEET**  
**OCTOBER 9 - 11, 2020**  
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**FRIDAY** REGISTRATION, HOSPITALITY, TOUR, LADIES ACTIVITY, EVENING SOCIAL  
**SATURDAY** REGISTRATION, HOSPITALITY, SWAP MEET, CONCOURS, VALVE COVER RACES, PRESIDENTS MEETING, BANQUET  
**SUNDAY** FAREWELLS, TOUR

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SPOUSE / GUEST FULL NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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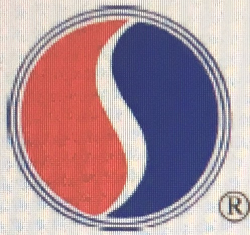
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# Studebaker

DRIVERS CLUB INC

March 16, 2020

A statement from  
The Studebaker Drivers Club, Inc.  
on the recent outbreaks of Coronavirus

**The Studebaker Drivers Club, Inc.** is aware of the impact the **Coronavirus** is having on the daily life of SDC's members. Our hearts go out to those who have been affected by this unprecedented event. At the same time, we support the efforts of healthcare personnel, governments, and persons who are working on the front lines of this situation to keep people healthy.

SDC will continue to monitor events as they occur in the coming weeks and months. Travel to an event some 4-5 months away may not be high on your list at this time, but SDC will continue to keep you informed of our plans for the **International Meet**.

SDC and the **Chapters of the Southeast Zone** continue working on the **56<sup>th</sup> International Meet** of the club in **Chattanooga, Tennessee** on **August 5-8, 2020**. SDC will keep you informed of any changes to planning for the meet through the Studebaker Drivers Club Forum (<https://forum.studebakerdriversclub.com>), the SDC International Meet site ([www.sdcmeet.com](http://www.sdcmeet.com)), and in various postings on FACEBOOK, and other media.

Please be cautious in your travels. SDC is hopeful this time will not affect your travel plans for Spring, Summer and Fall, but the **Executive Committee of SDC**, and the **Chapters of the Southeast Zone** remain committed to bringing you an informative, educational and relaxing late Summer event to cap your travel season with Studebakers.

**The Executive Committee and Chapters of the Southeast Zone of The Studebaker Drivers Club, Inc.**



We have received a message from our church about the need for food for an increasing number of people requesting food from the local food closet. Also included in this message was the need for bags to pack donated food items.

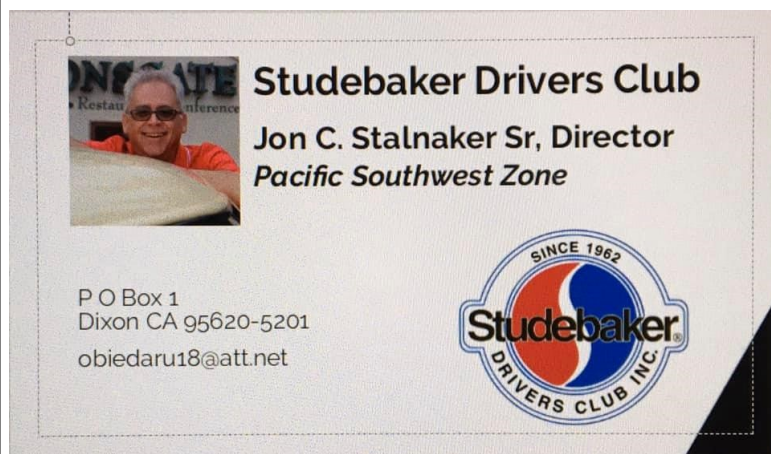


On behalf of the Karel Staple Studebaker Club, a large box of left over heavy plastic tote bags has been donated to the San Juan Food Closet.

Betty and Perry Knopf

## Well, It's Official Now

I ordered my new business cards. My first board meeting will be this month and I'm looking forward to it. Call or email me if you have anything you would like the SDC board to consider and I will be able to pass that on. My appointment was effective on **April Fools Day**.



I can't get that Buck Owens song out of my head.... Am I the Biggest Fool that ever hit the big time? If so, I know that "all I have to do is... Act Naturally".

**Jon**

## March Meeting at the Ramshead Museum Story By Johna Pierce/President

Due to the Corona Virus and health concerns for our Karel Staple Chapter SDC members and after the RSVP response from the club members, the board members decided to cancel our Sunday meeting on 3/15/20.

The Ramshead Collection said we can reschedule our visit to another date.

Regards,

Johna Pierce/Rick Pierce Cell 916-548-0340

### PS

We still have 16 members that have not paid their dues for 2020! Please send your dues payment to:  
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These are all pickup trucks. All run and are currently licensed and driven.

*Not much business this month for obvious reasons. I did have one addition to make, see if you can find it...*

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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

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## Karel Staple Chapter CALENDAR 2020

**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.**

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

## What's Else is Happening?? - **Maybe**

By Pat Dilling

**Great shows and events to show off your Studebaker! Do the miles and get the smiles! **But only when it's safe to do so.....****

**May 3** – Fair Oaks Fiesta Days car Show. Arrive early, space is limited. 916-967-2903

**May 3** – Elk Grove: The Elk Grove Western Festival Classic Car Show is Sunday, May 3rd from 10am to 3pm at Elk Grove Regional Park, 9950 Elk Grove-Florin Road.

**May 16** – Townsman Car Show, Loomis Train Depot, Horseshoe Bar and Taylor Rd, Loomis 916-316-9001

**June 6** – Downtown Lincoln Car Show, Rods & Relics, 916-408-1950

To find weekly Cars & Coffee and Cruise Nights check here: <https://norcalcarculture.com/>

## Directions to This Month's Meeting



## HUNKER DOWN

WITH THE ONES YOU  
LOVE AND STAY HOME  
WHERE YOU ARE SAFE!  
WE'LL MEET AGAIN WHEN  
IT MAKES SENSE TO DO  
THAT.



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\_\_\_\_\_

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

In an effort to offset the price increases, discounts for 3 and 5 year memberships are now available. See the back page of your Turning Wheels magazine for the discounts.

**Karel Staple Chapter Application**

**All members of local chapters**  
**must be members of the National**  
**Studebaker Drivers Club**  
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**Membership dues are \$20 Annually**

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 Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Referred by: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Birthday (Mo) \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**Please list Studebaker (s) owned:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year Model Body type

**Name Badge Application:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (may be a nickname)  
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 Name badges are \$10.00 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Membership fee: \$ 20.00  
 Total enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Make check payable to:**

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## Tech Tips

by: Studebaker Mike



*Thanks Jerry for this month's tech tip...*

## Tech Tip on thermostats

By: Jerry Blount, Northwest Newsletter

There are certain parts used on Studebakers that are fairly universal and thus commonly available. Thermostats –for example.

Thermostats come in different outside diameters, temperature ranges, and quality levels. The types used on Studebakers are used on many other cars of that era.

In fact, the thermostat housing gasket used on '61-'64 V-8 and 6 cylinder engines is the same one used on Chevrolet V-8 engines of that era. (Originally Fel-Pro had a distinct part number for these Studebaker 2-bolt housing applications, but much later designated the "Chevrolet" gasket as the one to use.

So changing your thermostat shouldn't require too much advanced planning. You will need to have the correct gasket in hand if you are changing a '51-'60 V8 four bolt thermostat housing. The '39-'60 Champion engines and the Commander 6 engines also had specific thermostat housing gaskets.



There is one unusual item in the Studebaker thermostat housing world and that is on the '39-'60 Champion 6 engines. Only these engines had a metal spacer (sleeve) installed above the thermostat. Additionally, there is a separate gasket between the spacer and the housing.

After all these years the spacer may be corroded, so one should have the spacer and the 2 required gaskets before changing a thermostat on a '39-'60 Champion 6-cylinder engine.

With Thanks to Jerry Blount and The Northwest Newsletter

## Welcome New Members

David & Nancy Chelini  
Sacramento, CA  
1953 Studebaker on 61 Hawk body frame



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