

Fall 2023

Hawk Talks

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Chapter of the Studebaker Drivers Club



International Drive Your Studebaker Day

We had a great showing at the California Auto Museum. There were 10 or more Karel Staple member Studes plus a couple others. We also had a member car inside the museum with Perry & Betty's GT Hawk, plus the "1963" 200 mph Avanti was on display. Perfect weather, fun day!



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President's Message

by Frank Smith

Hello members: Hope everybody had a nice summer. August was rough on us. Both of us were sick almost all month. We haven't been to a meeting since our July meeting.

We have been getting some camping in. This message is coming from Olema. Last week was the Russian river with our extended family.

We missed drive your Studebaker day at the museum. I understand there was a good turnout. We did our own drive to Marin for Johanna's Mom's birthday party. After the party, all the grandkids piled into the Lark and we went for a ride around the neighborhood. They thought it was great. They like rolling the windows up and down. They also liked the ash tray on the back of the front seat. They really had fun. Maybe some future Studebaker owners here. Trying to Educate and entertain the young ones that never had the opportunity to experience an old car.

Spreading the Studebaker word in Marin.

Our next meeting is October 15 at Mark & Monica's Pizza, Hope to see everyone there!

Frank Smith



Secretary's Report

Jul-Aug by LaRee Brunelli

Studebaker Drivers Club Karel Staple Chapter Meeting Minutes July 16, 2023

Place of Meeting Frank and Johanna Smiths home in Napa. Thank you Frank and Johanna for a delicious meal, and hosting the meeting in your beautiful backyard. Frank barbequed hamburgers for us and had all the condiments to go with them.

Meeting was called to order by President, Frank Smith at 12:40. 19 members and friends attended the meeting. One Studebaker was driven to the meeting by owner Rick Anderson.

Membership:

Membership Report by Johanna Smith: 65 members, no new members. Introduction of visitors: Craig and Frieda introduced Amanda from Peru.

It was great to see Darlene Anderson at the meeting. She arrived in her son's, Rick Anderson's, 1924 Studebaker.

Treasure Report: Lou Van Anne was not present. No report.

Old Business: Corrections to the May 20, 2023 Meeting; Betty Knopf reported that she is the one who suggested we reserve \$2000 for donations to charities. Betty made a motion for the amount to be divided up for 2023 and 2024. It was voted on and passed.

Pat Dilling reminded members about signing up to bring their Studebakers to the International Auto Show, October 27th thru the 29th. Cars go in on October 26th. Please call Pat Dilling if you plan to show your car and for more information. .

Frank Smith has information regarding the Foster Freeze Napa car show.

Betty Knopf reported that there are no high school ROP automotive programs in the area. She has been researching other schools. She will report back next meeting.

New Business: Johna Pierce reported Louis Luau Car Show is September 4th, at El Tapatio restaurant on Sunrise Blvd. Citrus Heights. She also reported the La Palma Studebaker Car Show is Memorial Day weekend, in Anaheim, California. Frank Smith suggested getting a group together to go to this event, received a lot of enthusiasm. Frank Smith told the members about his new interior for his Daytona. Vice President, Steve Rainville reported that his hand surgery was good.

Pat Dilling needs a new computer program for the News Letter. Pat will get the information and present it at the next meeting. Pat Dilling thanked Betty and Perry Knopf for all the information they send to him for the newsletter.

Linda Barnard suggested club buy ink pens with club name. Frank concurred asked her to bring information to next meeting. Betty Knopf is a judge for the National Studebaker Printed Newsletter. She brought judged news letters from various clubs to give out.

Steve Wilkie proposed club "pay us back". He suggested adding a budget item for the club to pay for (1) a yearly dinner for the club officers. (2) A dinner, movie night etc. for all members. (3) Hold a yearly wake for when Studebaker manufacturing died. Members are to think about this suggestion and come up with additional ideas for the next meeting.

Linda Barnhardt suggested we have more Saturday Club Meetings. Club members can do this during our year planning meeting.

Opportunity Raffle: Won by Johanna Smith's daughter, Amanda, and the car show certificate won by LaRee Brunelli. Also Frank and Johanna Smith donated many raffle prizes. President, Frank Smith closed the meeting and thanked everyone for coming. Happy Birthday Cake for Frank Smith was enjoyed by all.

Secretary Report Continued

Date: August 19, 2023 **Location:** Taste of Tuscany Restaurant, Citrus Heights

Attendance: 16 Attendees, 4 Studebakers. Brunch was served at 10 AM.

Meeting was called to order at 10:45 am by Vice President Steve Rainville. President Frank Smith was unable to attend because Johanna Smith has Covid

Due to the few attendees at the meeting, the restaurant had planned for 30 members, LaRee Brunelli made a motion to have the club reimburse the restaurant for their extra help, preparing, and serving us. The motion was made to give them \$200. It was second by Betty Martin and a vote was taken and passed to give the restaurant the \$200. Johna Pierce paid the \$200 to the owners and LaRee requested that our treasure reimburse Johna for taking care of it.

Treasure Report: Lou Van Anne was absent. His car had a flat tire._

Club members voted to give the Studebaker International Museum our annual \$100 donation.

Club members voted to pay our AAAC dues of \$150. Motions were made and passed for these expenditures.

Old Business:

Pat Dilling reported that the International Auto Show Date **has been changed to October 27th**. We are to **bring our cars/trucks in on October 26th** and pick them up **October 29th**. Please call Pat and let him know if you plan to bring your vehicle. Pat is arranging for our October meeting.

September 9th is Drive Your Studebaker Day. Lou Van Anne has arranged for our members to meet at the California Auto Museum **at 10am, bring your picnic lunch and chairs**. We will be eating outside. The Avanti club will be joining us. There will be toys on display and the 1963 Bonneville Avanti will be displayed at the museum. Cost \$10 for nonmembers. Brian Challender wants the club to have more meetings on Saturdays. It was suggested to be sure to get Saturday dates on the yearly calendar.

New Business:

September 4th is the Louie Luau Car Show fundraiser for families of the Maui Disaster. Pre-Registration by August 30th is \$20, day of show \$25. Show hours 9am-2pm. Wear your Luau shirts and hats and Hula Grass Skirts. Decorate your car or truck. For more information call Mary Gromer 916-335-8566.

Steve Wilkie reported that the San Juan High School car show was a huge success making \$8,000 for their auto shop program. 350 cars participated. Brian Challender also attended taking his Studebaker.

Linda Barnard proposed that next year on September 7th, 2024 that our members celebrate Drive Your Studebaker Day by going to the Suisun Western Railway Museum. Train ride and museum cost is \$15 for seniors. Members voted on the outing and it passed.

Linda Barnard presented the cost to buy club ink pens. They will be 100 pens for \$89. A motion was made for Linda to order the pens. Club members voted yes..

Misc. Announcements: Studebaker West may be closing the first of next year.

Items For Sale or Wanted:

Brian Challender has many parts and Studebakers for sale. Steve Rainville has C cab truck for sale.

Skyler Osborn is looking for a driver side door for his two door 1960 Lark and a floor pan for the driver's side.

Opportunity Raffle:

Johna Pierce won the raffle and Betty Martin won the car show certificate.

There are no minutes from September. No meeting was conducted at the Drive Your Studebaker Day gathering.

Karel Staple Member News

We got a note from Dean Sumpter, who won his first ever plaque, at the Galt Drive Down Memory Lane Car Show on 8/26/23. He entered his 1961 Hawk. He said there were about 90 cars and 10 awards total. Congratulations!!

Welcome back member Eric & Kelly West. Good to have you back in the club!

Frank Smith is excited about his new upholstery



Shawn Cline is always active showing off Studebakers!



Pat Dilling and Rick Pierce were honored to help present the American Flag at the Louie Luau car show!



Sacramento International Auto Show—Oct 27-29

This Auto Show is sponsored by the Greater Sacramento Area New Car Dealers and is a fundraiser that benefits a number of charities. This is a rebuilding year after a pandemic hiatus for the show, so it will be done at a smaller scale. Our Karel Staple Studebakers have been honored guests and special attractions at a number of previous shows. We are always well received by show attendees. It is a great opportunity to show off our Studebakers to a different audience than at a typical classic car show or Studebaker event. In the past we have met many people who remember Studebakers and even owned or drove one. We have also found out about Studebakers “in the wild” that we were not aware of. In some cases we have recruited new chapter members or found cars or parts to buy. We currently have 8 to 10 cars committed for our display. We have room for two or three more. There is no cost to display your car. The show will provide 24 hour security. We will have full access to the rest of the show. We move our cars in on the afternoon or evening of Thursday Oct 26th. We will move them out after the show closes on Sunday Oct 29th. Car trailer parking will be available. If you would like to display your Studebaker, or have questions, **call Pat Dilling ASAP at 530-218-0641**

TECH TIPS

Thanks to John Crooks, Member, Kaw Valley Chapter

Carburetor Float Bowl Plugs

With our Ethanol fuels, the problem of the fuel evaporating in the float bowl resulting in slow starts is a well-known problem. On the Stromberg 2 BBL carburetors used on 259 and 289 Studebaker V/8 engines, fuel loss in the float bowl can also be caused by the two plugs leaking on the bottom of the float bowl. This can often go unnoticed as it leaks onto the intake manifold and evaporates. You can remove the carburetor and have it resealed. A simple fix is to clean the area where the plugs are located and use a gas tank repair epoxy to cover the plugs. J B Weld makes gas tank repair epoxy that works. Make sure it is suitable to stand up to gasoline.

Note from Pete Yuen: Do not clean the carburetor bowl with lacquer thinner as it will destroy the coating that inhibits the gas from going through the porous “pot metal” known to some as pewter.

V-8 Heat Riser Replacement aka “Manifold Heater Valve”

By, and Thanks to Jerry Blount

This valve is installed on the passenger side, between the exhaust manifold and the front exhaust pipe connection. During warm up, the valve is held closed by spring tension and deflects hot exhaust gases into the lower passages of the intake manifold. As the engine warms up the spring loses its tension and the weight on the valve operating shaft opens the valve, allowing the exhaust gases to pass directly from the exhaust manifold to the exhaust pipe. The valve improves the engine economy by heating the fuel-air mixture and reduces the time for engine warm up. The main failure of these valves, as used on 1955 - 1964 models, is cracking of the main body casting at the shaft pivot points. The valve may seem to be intact up to the time of unbolting the front exhaust pipe from the manifold but will come off in two pieces - thus needing replacement. The valves available from Studebaker parts dealers function perfectly fine but don't necessarily look the same. They should be installed with the larger side of the internal valve opening to the downstream of the exhaust flow. Lately, our local Studebaker mechanic has dealt with several cars with the valve installed upside down. He had to remove the valve and install it properly. So, make certain that your new replacement valve is installed correct side up.

KSC CALENDER 2023**Bold Dates are Karel Staple events**

October 27-29 Sacramento International Auto Show, Cal Expo. Contact Pat Dilling 530-218-0641 to display your Studebaker.

October 15th at 11 AM. Pat Dilling Host. Mark & Monicas Pizza, 4751 Manzanita Ave, Carmichael,

November 19th Sunday 11 am hosted by Johna Pierce. Back Forty Texas BBQ

1201 Orlando Ave, Roseville, CA 95661 ·(916) 726-4040

Dec 10th Sunday 11 am California Auto Museum Christmas Party

2200 Front St, Sacramento, CA 95818 11 AM

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8:00 am - 3:00 pm

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Directions to the October Meeting

Follow the Blue or Gray Roads →

Mark & Monicas Family Pizza

4751 Manzanita Ave

Carmichael.

[\(916\) 487-1010](tel:(916)487-1010)

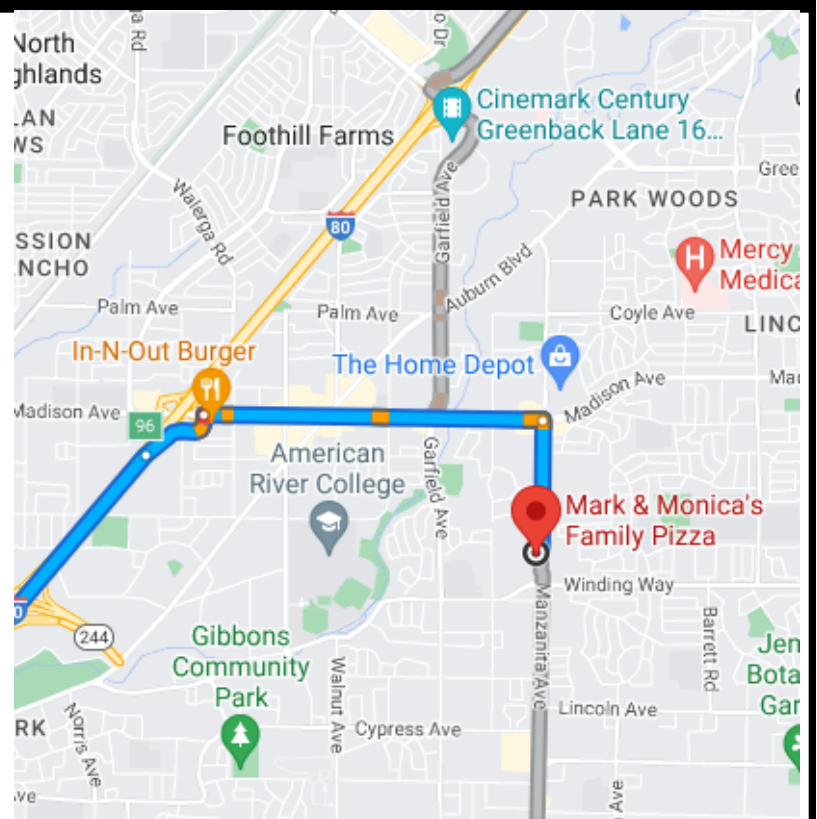
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**JUNE 25-29, 2024
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Please list Studebakers, including
Year, make, body style on separate page.

Karel Staple Chapter Application

All members of local chapters
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SDC #: _____

Membership dues are \$20 Annually

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: (____) _____
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Referred by: _____
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___ YES, I would like my newsletter emailed to
me each month.

___ NO, I would not like my information to be
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Please list Studebaker (s) owned:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
Year Model Body type

Name Badge Application:

Name: _____
(may be a nickname)
Spouse: _____
Name badges are \$12.00 each \$ _____
Membership fee: \$ 20.00
Total enclosed: \$ _____

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