

January 2024

# Hawk Talks

A Publication of the Karel Staple  
Chapter of the Studebaker Drivers Club



## Studebakers a Big Hit at International Auto Show



Thanks to  
all who  
brought  
their cars.  
You made  
our display  
awesome!!



We met lots of people who really enjoyed our cars. We connected with some potential new members. Our members were able to share their knowledge of Studebaker history.

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## President's Message

by Steve Rainville

Hello Everyone

Well we are starting a new year and I hope you happy and healthy and are getting ready for our meetings and driving your Studebakers. A few of our meetings are to be announced in the future as we were undecided on locations so please pay attention to our updates and help us inform members that don't get emails.

Our club is in pretty good shape right now and I trust you will make it even better, we could always use more for a better running club. We have a wonderful core of members that do most of the chores that run the clubs daily and yearly jobs if you feel like you could pitch in please do don't be shy.

That's about all I have for now so I hope to see you soon and often and driving a Studebaker

## Secretary's Report

Oct-Nov by LaRee Brunelli

**Date:** October 15, 2023

**Location:** Mark and Monica's Pizza

**Attendance:** Attendees, 22 Studebakers 6 Meeting was called to order at 12:08 PM, by President Frank Smith

Frank greeted everyone.

**Treasure Report:** Lou Van Anne, Treasure reported that all the bills were paid

Lou asked members if they wanted to donate to the Studebaker National Museum. Last year the club donated \$100 for the Fire Engine. Steve Rainville made a motion that we give \$200 this year for the Fire Engine. It was seconded by Johna Pierce. The club members voted to contribute \$200.

Lou Van Anne is selling Avanti Calendars. \$15 each.

**Membership:** Johanna Smith, Membership Chairwoman, reported that we have 66 paid members.

**Old Business:** Pat Dilling reported that our club has 10 cars going to the International Car Show on October 26, 2023. He handed out the information along with maps. He will have new membership forms on a table at the show. Johanna Smith will update the club pamphlet for the show and they will be displayed along with the applications. Please call Pat Dilling, 530-743-4176, if you need more information or would like to sign up to bring your car.

**Christmas Dinner:** December 10th, at the California Auto Museum. There will be a \$20 gift exchange. Club members want Turkey and Ham with all the trimmings for the dinner. Betty Knopf said she has names of caterers who can serve food at the Museum. She said she would give Frank Smith the list. Frank said he would call and find out what they charge. Linda Barnard offered to call Sam's Hof Brau for their cost. Johna Pierce called the Museum and received confirmation for using the room this December.

The person at the Museum informed Johna this would be the last time we could use the Museum for the month of December for no charge. We could rent the room for \$800. Johna has been actively looking for a restaurant that does not charge to use the room for next year's Christmas party.

**New Business:** Pat Dilling suggested we need ways to attract members to come to our monthly meetings. He suggested a monthly newsletter. Pat said he would help a volunteer with putting one together. Pat will continue to serve in his position for now.

Face Book was discussed.

Meeting Dates for next year 2024: These dates and places may change.

1/21/2024 Mels Diner, Auburn Host, Betty Martin  
2/18/2024 Elks Lodge, Carmichael 9am Host, Steve Rainville

3/16/2024 Black Bear Host, Linda Barnard

4/28/2024 Stockton Host, Lou Van Anne

5/18/2024 Trip to the Buttes, Host, Betty Knopf



**Secretary Report Continued**

.6/22/2024 Club auction, Olivehurst, Host, Pat and Kate Dilling

7/20/2024 Napa, Host, Johanna and Frank Smith

**Friday**, 8/16/2024 Mark and Monica's Carmichael, Host, Betty Knopf. **Friday**

9/14/2024 Suisun City Train Trip , Host, Linda Barnard, **Bring lunch and sweater**

10/20/2024 Mark and Monica's, Carmichael

11/00/2024 ??

12/8/2024 ??

**Misc. Announcements:** Betty and Perry Knopf attended the International Studebaker Meet in Wisconsin; they shared the news about Lou Van Anne's father. Lou said he will tell the club members about it at next meeting. He said watch for it in Turning Wheels.

**Opportunity Raffle:** Mel France won the raffle. Rick Pierce won the car show certificate.

Linda Barnard donated Studebaker T Shirt and Socks. Yoko Berglund won the T-Shirt and Steve Rainville won the socks. Frank Smith,  
President adjourned the meeting.

**Date: November 19, 2023**

**Location:** Back 40 BBQ

**Attendance:** Attendees, 25 Studebakers 5

Meeting was called to order at 12:20 PM, by President Frank Smith

Treasure Report: Lou Van Anne reported all bills are paid and the check book balanced. He presented the certificate from the Studebaker National Museum for the vehicle the club sponsors.

**Membership:** Johanna Smith, Membership Chairwoman, reported that we have 66 paid members.

**Old Business:** Pat Dilling thanked everyone for bringing their cars to the International Auto Show at Cal Expo on October 18<sup>th</sup>.

The **February Meeting has been moved to Rosie's Country Kitchen** at 11am. 6233 Auburn Blvd, Citrus Heights.

The Christmas tree was placed at the California Auto Museum on November 26. 10 members decorated the tree. The members: Brit and Yoko Berglund, Mel France, Betty and Perry Knopf, Gary and Sheri Nordstrom, LaRee and Darrell Brunelli and Rick Pierce. Rick Pierce set up and delivered the tree. Due to the time mix up, Betty Martin and Steve Rainville arrived at 2pm.

Studebaker Christmas Dinner will be at CAM this **December 10<sup>th</sup> at 11AM**. There will be a \$20 gift exchange. Members are to pay the club treasure, Lou Van Anne, \$20 per person. If you cancel or do not show up you will not be able to get a refund. Taste of Tuscany will cater the dinner. If you have not paid please contact Lou Van Anne.

Christmas Dinner for 2024 was discussed on where to have it. We cannot have the 2024 dinner at CAM in December, left for further discussion.

**New Business:** Betty Knopf presented to the club a program called Compassion Planted. It helps empower aged out foster youth. Betty suggested the programs at CAM, such as tours and the small engine class would be an interest to these young adults. Betty proposed this would be a good program for the club to sponsor. There was a discussion of how much the donation should be. Steve Rainville suggested \$2,000. At the May 20th meeting Betty Knopf made a motion that we reserve \$2,000 to be divided up for 2023 and 2024 for charity donations. It was voted on and passed in May. Also, it was mentioned that we needed to save for a zone meet.

LaRee suggested that the club do something for Lisa Hale, she has been sick for over a year. Betty Martin made a motion for the club to buy a \$100 grocery store gift card. The motion was second by Johanna Smith and it passed. Johna Pierce offered to get the card and see that Lisa gets the card.

**Let's Welcome New Chapter Members**

Greg & Kim Shuster  
Monterey, CA  
56 Golden Hawk  
63 Avanti  
58 Packard

Raoul Renaud  
Davis, CA  
Looking for 1949 Champion Conv.



**Studebaker Dealership Photo, Marysville High School 1951**

**STUDEBAKER**  
*La Palma*  
CAR SHOW &  
PARTS EXCHANGE

**50**  
Years  
1974 - 2024

THE LARGEST  
**STUDEBAKER**  
MEET IN THE WEST!

Sunday, May 26, 2024  
8:00 am - 3:00 pm

*Celebrate our Anniversary  
with us!!*

**La Palma Park, Anaheim, CA**  
[www.StudebakerSoCal.com](http://www.StudebakerSoCal.com)

## TECH TIPS

### Noises and Causes *From Pete Yuen*

At one time or another, most motorists have heard some type of noise coming from their cars. They are often an indication of a problem that can be nipped in the bud. Some of the problems are:

#### Vibration noise

If the car vibrates at moderate speeds you should check to see if your wheels are in balance. This is a common cause. If the front wheels are out of balance, you will feel most of the vibration in the steering. When the rear tires are out of balance, you will generally feel it in the back seat.

A bent drive shaft will also give vibration but it will be noiseless.

The vibration will be felt more on the back seat also.

#### Thumps

If you hear a steady "thump" when you are driving, check your tires. You may have a foreign object like a stone that is wedged in the tread. You may also have an air bubble on the tire surface, which is critically dangerous. If it is an object, just remove it carefully so that you do not damage the tire. If it's a bubble, change the tire immediately as it is unsafe to use. Bubbles mean that the tire is very thin and it could explode while you are on the road.

#### Bangs on bumps

If your car 'bangs' while going over a bump, it means that the suspension is hitting bottom or bottoming out. This may be the result of worn-out shock absorbers or broken springs.

#### Grinding

When the brakes are applied, sometimes you will hear a grinding noise like metal being scraped together. It may mean that you have worn brake shoes or pads in the case of disc brakes. It is a problem of gradual wear. It is a problem that should not be ignored. Things are not going to get better, only worse things happen. When this happens, have it checked out by a competent mechanic.

#### Chattering

If you turn on the ignition and hear a chattering noise, you may have a problem with the starter. Check the battery and the cable connections first. A bad connection of the battery cable on the battery terminals may cause insufficient amount of current flow to the starter through the solenoid. The solenoid chatters. A low charge on the battery also gives the same effect. In this case, get the battery charged up. Some batteries will not charge directly from the charger that you may have. You may need to connect the charger to another battery, then have jumper cables attached to the battery that needs to be charged. If this does not work, then you consider buying a new battery.

#### Squeaks

Squeaks are often caused by the rubbing of metal-to-metal surfaces. Movement or vibration can cause this to happen. In some cases, the source just needs to be located and oiled or greased. In other cases, an insulating material such as rubber can be placed between the metal to keep it from squeaking.

Squeaks can also come from mice that have found a home in your car. Solution? . . . Get rid of them.

**KSC CALENDER 2024****Bold Dates are Karel Staple events**

**Jan 21 Sunday** Mel's Diner, 11 am 1730 Grass Valley Hwy #2885, Auburn, Host Betty Martin

**Feb 18 Sunday** Rosie's Country Kitchen at 11am. 6233 Auburn Blvd, Citrus Heights. Host Steve Rainville

**Mar 16 Saturday** Budweiser Brewery-Black Bear Diner. 3101 Busch Dr, Fairfield, Host Linda Barnard

**Apr 28 Sunday** Studebaker Rambler Picnic, 11 am Grupe Park, Stockton, BYO picnic lunch Host Lou Van Anne

**May 18 Saturday** Sutter Buttes Cruise, Host Betty and Perry Knopf

Jun 15 Studebaker Wheelbarrow Race, El Dorado County Fair. Host Pat Dilling

**Jun 22 Saturday** Annual Chapter Auction, 11 am Pat & Kate Dilling's home, 4074 Mary Ave, Olivhurst. Pot Luck, Bring things to auction. Proceeds to Chapter.

**Jul 20 Saturday** Johanna & Frank Smith's home, 11am Pot Luck

**Aug 16 Friday** California Auto Museum, 11 am, 2200 Front St, Sacramento, Hosts Johna & Rick Pierce

**Sep 14 Saturday** IDYSD Western Railway Museum, 11 am, 5848 CA-12, Suisun City, BYO lunch, Host Laree Brunelli

Oct 18-20 International Auto Show, Cal Expo, Host Pat Dilling

**Oct 20 Sunday** Mark & Monica's Pizza, 11 am, 4751 Manzanita Ave, Carmichael, Hosts Pat & Kate Dilling

**Nov 16 Saturday**, Back 40 Texas BBQ 11 am, 1201 Orlando Ave, Roseville, Host Johna Pierce

**Dec 8 Sunday** Christmas Party, location to be determined

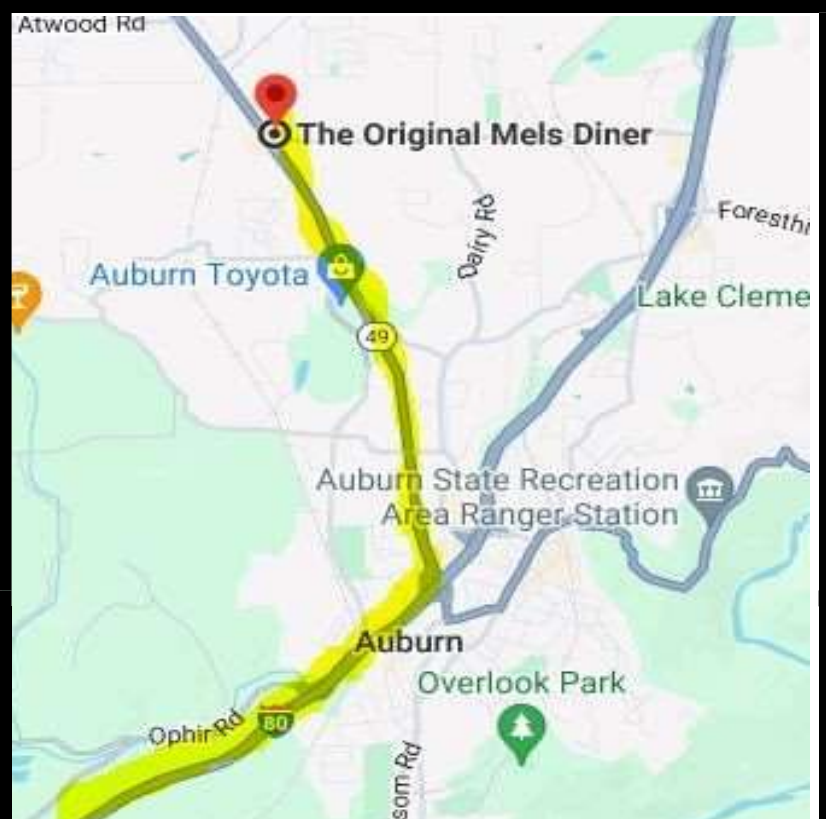
**The Link For the Digital Edition of Turning Wheels January 2024**

The link is live to view the digital edition of Turning Wheels. You do have to know your SDC member ID. Login here: <https://sdc.cornerstonereg.com/>

**Directions to the October Meeting**

Follow the Yellow Brick Roads →

**The Original Mel's Diner**  
1730 Grass Valley Hwy #2885,  
Auburn, CA  
[\(530\) 823-6357](tel:5308236357)



**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 55311-6715**

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_____ Student/young adult (up to 22 years old)	\$29.00
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To use Visa or Mastercard call:

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information.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ St: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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 \$12.00 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Membership fee: \$ 20.00

Total enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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also to comply with SDC Bylaws  
governing chapters, all members  
of a local chapter must also be a  
member of the National Club.  
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National membership.

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