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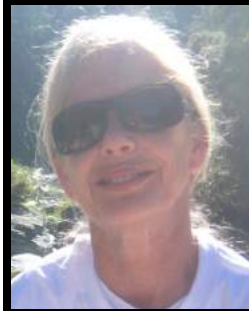


Well March is here. As I write this we are getting ready to put our cars in the California Automobile Museum 2200 Front St. Sac. This is a wonderful way to show our Studebakers. It has been an annual event for the past few years. If you think you would

like to show your car or truck you'll have to wait till next year. But don't be shy just say you like to display you Studebaker and we will do our best to get you in next year.

The incredible weather of February is behind us now. We all hope every one came through without any damage. It looked like a close call for some of our members and friends. The last few years it's been fire, now it's water. Such is life.

Well hang on kids the weather will change and car shows and swap meets are going to be plentiful . If you attend any events please take some pictures some mental notes to share. That's it for now see you at Mel's. Yours Truly, Stephen Rainville



Karel Staple Studebaker Drivers Club Secretary Report for 2-19-2017

28 members and 2 Studebakers.

President Steve Rainville called the meeting to order. New business...

Thank you to Jon Stalnaker for hosting the meeting this month.

A special Officer's meeting met before the regular meeting to discuss the lifetime membership. It was voted and passed that we are going to have 2 members at one time. They are responsible for the membership for National dues. The 2 members are Amy Foster and Alberta Clerci . As one of the positions become open, one will be chosen; by age and membership years, in the club. Frank Smith will call them to see if they want to continue to be members. Motion was made by Jon Stalnaker, and passed.

125.00 was collected in the 50/50. Bob Challender took home \$63.00 Good job Bob.

Thank you to Robert Foster, for the \$60.00 donation to the scholarship fund.

Motion was made and passed to give 125.00 to the Sacramento Auto Museum.

Club dues are due. March is the cut off date, so please send your dues to Johnna Smith. Address is with registration form.

Tim Bates is the new editor for the Hawk Talks. Great job Tim, thank you. Frank Smith said if Tim needs any help with the hard copy's, he would gladly help. Thanks Frank.

March will bring the Studebakers to the Ca. Auto Museum. See Jon Stalnaker, to sign your car up.

Next month the meeting will be at the Mel France Museum in Yuba City.

The 50/50 bucket seen it's last meeting. It was coming apart. It served many a meeting, so we voted and Mel is going to make a special place in his museum for it. So, it will always have a special place to retire to.
Linda Barnard Secretary

Editor's Corner



Hi, your new editor here. Got our cars to the Ca. Auto Museum last Sunday. We have plenty of room for your cars to join us next year. The biggest comment we heard at the Placerville wheel barrow races last year was the absence of family type cars and trucks (stock and not modified) that folks grew up with. You got one??? Please think about bringing it.....

Note from the Editor:

Definition from Funk & Wagnalls Standard Desk Dictionary: "Editor - To collect, compile and arrange material for publication"

This means The editor doesn't write everything. He needs information to share with other members. Material in any form is welcome. I'll put it together for the newsletter.

Thanks, Editor

February Meeting at the California Auto Museum

The weather in Northern California was angry. Dams were near capacity. Interstate roadways were flooded or closed due to mudslides and wash outs. Rivers and creeks were well over their embankments and you could see flooded landscape no matter which direction you came from to get to Sacramento. Our years long drought was just about history and I didn't expect to see any Studebakers at our meeting at the Auto Museum. I didn't even bring mine; not that I'm afraid to drive them in the rain, but road closures were happening all over the area. Not to mention people that insist on driving like it is a sunny day in these weather conditions. As people began to show up, the parking lot was proving me to be right.

Alas, two Sacramento residents brought their Studebakers so we did get some. Jason Michaels and new member, Roger Thibault, brought us a GT Hawk and C Cab pick-up. I was afraid I was going to attend the first Karel Staple Chapter monthly meeting with no Studebakers. Whew, that was close.

Museum docent John Tennyson attended our meeting and helped finalize the Car Club Cavalcade display for the month of March. I had originally asked for March and was denied. The club that was scheduled for March backed out and the museum called me to see if we could pull together a display at the last minute. Since we had been denied, I tossed out my notes about who wanted to show their Studes. They have reduced the size of the display to 4 or 5 cars, so I was able to put together a nice display on short notice. Thanks to Jason Michaels for bringing his 50 Bullet Nose, Doc, and Andy Maas for getting his 58 Champion on the road in time. Andy just finished fixing up his car and it was nice to include the often ignored 58 model. You don't see those every day. Mel brought his beautiful 34 Commander and Steve Rainville brought his Champ Pick-up. Our new editor, Tim Bates, brought his 57 Silver Hawk, and George Newhouse rounded out the display with his awesome die-cast collection.

Later this month, I will be teaching the Studebaker segment of the 2017 Docent class and I love having our club cars on display for the students to admire. I'm glad it worked out because it would have been the first time without our club represented during my presentation. Thank you all that stepped up. Our club is indeed awesome.

Story By: Jon Stalnaker

Studebakers at CAM

Round 2 (Braving a month of visitors)



My '34 Commander has never had as much character as she enjoys now with the five gallon bucket balanced on her nose. It is like she has been waiting all these years to put on her makeup. One must admit orange eye makeup on her ebony foundation makes for an intriguing combination. It can't be seen in the photo but the clear plastic draped over her bustle creates the perfect designer ensemble. The only way she could draw more attention would be if she started solely taking it off.

Mel France

Who knew Mel was such a gifted author????



Fun Times in the South Bend Area

If you are going to the International Meet in South Bend, be prepared to have fun not only in South Bend but also in the surrounding areas. South Bend has the Studebaker Museum to get a full dose of Studebakers; the Studebaker Mansion (Tippecanoe Place Restaurant) to enjoy the architecture and delicious food; and the famous Norte Dame campus with tours and beautiful architecture.

However, there is a huge assortment of wonderful sights, sounds, and tastes in neighboring areas. For example, Shipshewana is located about 45 minutes from South Bend. It is in the heart of Amish country. You will see horse-drawn buggies being driven along roads, hear the clomping of horse hooves, and see Amish families dressed in their “plain” clothing. You will be able to shop in stores that have no telephones or electricity. Be sure to check out how cash registers are operated by batteries and hear conversations in the German-dialect of the Amish. Perry especially enjoys visiting the local hardware store that sells products to Amish farmers and families (check out the battery maintenance items). Betty enjoys shopping at the three fabric stores and seeing the buggies parked outside the local department store. One thing we saw in one sewing machine store was a new treadle operated Bernina sewing machine. This type of sewing machine is often an Amish engagement gift. While in Shipshewana make sure you visit the Hostetler Hudson Auto Museum. It is amazing! We have actually met Eldon Hostetler, who was raised Amish; enjoyed going to the local dump to find “stuff” to tinker with; invented chicken feeding equipment used worldwide; and is now a Mennonite. This museum has the world’s largest collection of Hudson products. Eldon’s wife told him to get a hobby 25 years ago and this is the result. This museum is definitely a “must see” experience.

Another “must see” in Shipshewana is the Menno-Hof. For those who have not been to Amish and Mennonite areas in the past, this is an opportunity to see a multi-image presentations and historical information about the life and history of the Amish and Mennonites. Lovely handcrafted items made by locals are sold in the gift shop.

There are also other great little towns, roads, and eateries in the Amish country. We will bring a CD to our next meeting called the Heritage Trail which shows many more local tourist options. (Please remember to be respectful of the Amish and not take direct/obvious photographs of them.)

Betty and Perry Knopf

[916-944-3553](tel:916-944-3553)

Super Thanks!

Karel Staple Studebaker Club members have consistently been generous in donating clean, gently used clothing for the children of Spinelli Elementary School and to students in the other schools in the Center Unified School District. Now, thanks to the caring, dedication, and energy of Linda Bernard, MANY more children will now be able to attend school in shirts, jeans, sweaters and jackets. Linda was able to have these clothes donated when a neighbor recently passed away. Five huge commercial garbage bags along with several boxes were stuffed with much needed and greatly appreciated clothing appropriate for students to come to school in cold weather (and hopefully on time). Linda, you are awesome! Super thanks from many children, and school staff members.

This clothing donation program is on-going. If you have clean, gently clothing, please consider donating them to the children in this school district.

Betty Knopf
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Los Angeles Chapter - Studebaker Drivers Club

32nd Annual Winter Meet

STUDEBAKER

Car Show

Sunday
 March 12, 2017
 9 am - 3 pm

2016 People's Choice Winner

the **MURPHY** auto museum
www.murphyautomuseum.org

2230 Statham Blvd.
 Oxnard, CA

Can't miss Event!!!
 Bring the Family

\$10.00 Admission gets you into the Studebaker Show & the Museum
 Free to all Active Military and Children 12 and under

Download Registration Forms at:
www.studebakersla.com

No Potluck at the Mar 12, Mel's Car Museum meeting;

Mel is having our lunch catered by his immensely talented son. Desert is also being provided. Just bring your appetite, and maybe a chair to sit on.

The meet will take place on Sunday March 12, 2017 from 9 AM until 3 PM at the Murphy Auto Museum at 2230 Statham Blvd. in Oxnard, California 93033 This is a Studebaker car show and will include all Studebaker "relatives" (Avanti, Packard, Erskine, Pierce Arrow and Rockne) vehicles.

Questions? email Howard Brown brngarage@gmail.com or call [\(818\) 606-0267](tel:818-606-0267).

ADVERTISEMENTS CARS, PARTS, SERVICES

To place a for sale ad for cars, parts, or services, contact Dean Sumpter at carvin9755@gmail.com or 9167536003.

Parts for Sale

Avanti Parts, including an RS Code motor. Call Chuck Donley 530-401-3189, Auburn

PARTS WANTED

.Looking for a carburetor for 61 or 62 OHV 170 6cylinder engine it is an AS model. Art is also looking for a set of 4 hubcaps for a 1960-64 Champ pickup. Chrome or painted is fine. **Contact Art 530-743-2942 lucky7@succeed.net.**

Cars for Sale

1916 Studebaker Touring 4 cylinder. Nice older restoration \$14,000. Vehicle is located in Trout Lake Wa. **Contact Art Smith for details. 530-743 2942. lucky7@succeed.net**

1951 Stude Business Coupe. Q-2 model. One of only 300 plus units made in the last year of Business Cps. This one was made in LA. New motor, all brakes and lines redone. Driveline and gas tank, 2 radiators done. Boxes of spare parts. Spare set of rear windows. Floor done. Front seat and door panels done. Rebuilt radio. A lot more. Asking \$6500.00 **OBO Art Smith, 530-743 2942. lucky7@succeed.net.**

Art Smith is clearing out his Champ pickup fleet - he has 3 1962 Champ T-cabs. One is complete but not running, the other 2 for parts. **Also 1953 and 1954 4 door parts cars. Contact Art Smith 530-743-2942, lucky7@succeed.net**

Hi I'm Loran Polete, the son-in-law of William and June Hollman who were club members for many years. The 1963 Lark Dayton convertible and the 1963 Avanti they owned are for sale. The cars were appraised eight years ago by Mr. Stan Hanecraft. The low appraisal for the Avanti was \$17,000 and the low appraisal for the Lark was \$23,000 this is the asking price for the cars. If anyone is interested in either car they can contact me at [\(530\) 312-8501](tel:5303128501). Thank you so much for your help.

Join Lou's Wagon Train

Lou Van Anne is organizing a caravan of Studebakers to the 2017 Studebaker International Meet in South Bend next May 3-7. Travelling together is always a great way to go. If you have not made a "Home Coming" to South Bend consider joining in. These meets always draw the most cars and you can also visit the Studebaker National Museum, Studebaker International and some of the Studebaker family homes. Contact Lou for details.

<http://www.michiana-chapter-sdc.net/2017-sdc-international.html>



Karel Staple Chapter 2017 Event CALENDER

Mar 12 Mel France’s Museum, 2241 Hooper Way, Yuba City, 530-674-0327

Apr 22 * Annual Studebaker Picnic, Grupe Park, Stockton, CA

Host: Lou Van Anne 209-479-0867

May 7 Fiesta Days Car Show, Fair Oaks

May 20 * Road Trip Bar and Grill, Capay CA 24989

Host: Brunelli’s 916-961-3406

Jun 11 Carmichael Elks Lodge, 10 AM, 5631 Cypress Ave, Carmichael, CA

Host: Steve Rainville 916-729-8569

Jun 18 73rd Studebaker Wheelbarrow Race, El Dorado Fairground, Placerville

Jul 15 * Crystal Basin Winery, 3550 Carson Rd, Camino, Tim Bates Host

Aug 13 Johanna & Frank Smith’s Home, 2140 Coronado Ave, Napa 707-255-5108

Sep 17 Annual Auction 1129 Weber Way, Sac, CA 916-442-5986

Host: Johna & Rick Pierce Home

Oct 15 Leon Cohen’s Home, 1443 Dorchester Dr, Roseville, CA 916-784-8424

Oct 20-22 PSW Zone Meet, Clovis, CA www.sdcsanjoaquinvalleychapter.com

Nov 12 Back 40 Texas BBQ, 1201 Orlando Ave, Roseville, CA 818-577-0587

Host: Lisa Hale

**Dec 10 Christmas Party, Justin’s Kitchen, 628 Plumas St, Yuba City, Mel France Host
530-674-0327**

*** Saturday meetings**

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

Upcoming Local Car Shows

**Peggy Sue Car Show Location:
SONOMA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
1350 BENNETT VALLEY ROAD
SANTA ROSA, CA 95404**

June 9th~10th, 2017

Mel's address is;

**2241 Hooper Road, Yuba
City CA 95993.**

How to get there.....

Directions to This Month’s Meeting

From Sacramento take Highway 99 North following the signs to Yuba City. Take Highway 20 West to Harter Parkway, (Walmart on your right), Turn right on Harter Parkway to Butte House Road, turn left on Butte House to Hooper Road. Turn right onto Hooper Road, Mel’s house will be on the right.

National SDC Application

Karel Staple Chapter 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 w/ first class mail	\$60.00
___ Student/young adult (up to 22 years old)	\$24.00
___ SDC membership without Turning Wheels	\$10.00

To use Visa or Mastercard call:
(763)420-7829 fax (763) 420-7849
or email: sdc@cornerstonereg.com for more
information.

Name: _____
Spouse: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

If new member, source of referral:

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

**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 \$8.00 each \$ _____
Membership fee: \$ 20.00
Total enclosed: \$ _____

**This is "FINAL NOTICE" for mem-
bership dues payment. Dues are due
on January 1st of each year and delin-
quent March 1st.**

Make check payable to:

Karel Staple Chapter SDC

Mail to: Johanna Smith
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