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President's Message

By: Pat Dilling

November always means a couple things to me. First is Thanksgiving, our country has taken pause after the harvest to give thanks for all blessings we have received for many decades.

In my personal Studebaker world, I became an SDC and Karel Staple member in 2003. We don't often think of things like this as life changing events but in reality there are many things I never would have done and people I never would have met if I had not joined in with this crowd. So I am very thankful for the friendships I have made and the opportunities that the club and chapter provided over the last decade.

The other event that November brings is Veteran's Day when we salute the men and women who have made the commitment to join our military services and by doing so have helped keep our nation and her citizens safe. I am a proud veteran with more than 23 years of service in the Air Force. Veteran's Day always fills my heart both for the appreciation given for my service and for the chance to recognize my brothers and sisters in arms. Veteran's Day usually provides numerous opportunities for parades and other celebrations. I encourage you to get your Studebakers out there in a parade if you can, or get out there and wave an American Flag and salute the veterans from the curb if you are not able to join in the parade yourself.



There are four major agenda items we need to take care of at this month's meeting. Please be prepared for the following:

- 1 - Finalizing our 2015 Calendar, as of this writing we still have 7 dates to fill.
- 2 - Officer elections. Lou Van Anne has stepped up volunteering to take on treasurer responsibilities; we need to decide if we will separate those duties from membership coordinator. We still need nominations or volunteers for newsletter editor.
- 3—We will be displaying Studebakers for the Car Club Cavalcade at the California Auto Museum in January. Please let Jon Stalnaker know if you are willing to part with your Studebaker for a month.
- 4 – We need entries for those who wish to enter their car in our Studebaker display at the Autorama Feb 14-16. Johna is collecting our combined entry and it must be turned in by December 1st.

Welcome New Member

Mark Edward Johnson

Howdy folks. I've just been allowed to join this group, thanks to Mr. Dilling. I am the proud , newest owner of a 1956 Transtar and I need some help with my parts quest. I am searching for two head light bezels and the chrome trim for the front turn signal indicators. I also need the complete gauge set-up (including speedo) and the radio cover plate for the dash board. (The truck has been converted to 12 volt.) Is there anyone out there that may have these parts lying around?

Empire Mine Tour & Lunch

By LaRee Brunelli



Eighteen Karel Staple club members and 5 Studebakers were on hand for the very special guided tour of the Empire Mine in Grass Valley on October 18. The tour was led by one of our very own members, Jack Laird, who took the group to areas usually not accessible to the public. Not only did Jack conduct a great tour he was instrumental in arranging a reduced entry fee from the normal private tour cost of \$11 to \$7 (**THANKS JACK**). →



Following the tour the October meeting was held along with a Bar-B-Q lunch and raffle provided by the Brunellis. We were honored to have Amy Foster, who lives nearby join us for lunch; it was good to see Amy who looked great. The picnic Bar-B-Q area for lunch was at the mine site under the large trees in the shade. The eighteen members who attended seemed to have a great time, those who didn't attend, missed a great outing.



Let me know if anyone in the club wants to do the Autorama?

We meet lots of people & get our Studes out in the public.

\$200 value for only \$50—What A Deal!

Let me know
Johna Pierce



Car Guys & Gals,

I am happy to announce that the Butch Gardner Clubhouse at the 65th Sacramento Autorama is back for the 4th Year and will be once again hosted by the Association of California Car Clubs (ACCC)! This year the Autorama has new days Saturday February 14th through Monday February 16th, 2015.

- This year's show theme is "The Great Gatsby". Clubs are encouraged to decorate with that theme in mind.
- All entries are non-judged/non-comp entries and there is a \$50.00 per car entry fee. All entries will receive a gift package, (2) set-up day passes, (2) three-day show passes and (1) parking pass for the duration of show. **A value of \$200.00!**
- There will be "Live" music in the CLUBHOUSE on both Saturday & Sunday nights!
- All Clubs are encouraged to participate in the "Clubhouse Awards" that clubs will present Sunday Night
- The "Butch Gardner Clubhouse" sold out last year and space will be assigned to local car clubs on a first come first served basis and will go fast so don't delay...
- Be sure to first contact Ed Gardner at 916-505-6952 or Rex Roden at 530-748-6181 and reserve space for your club today! **Deadline for entries is December 1, 2014 NO EXCEPTIONS!**
- Entry forms can be found at our web site or call Johna. Complete form (one form per car entry). In the "NON-COMPETITION SHOW VEHICLES" space on the form write Clubhouse and attach check for \$50.00 made payable to Rod Shows. Johna will mail all entries for our club in one package to:

Sharon Gardner
4790 Artesia Road
Shingle Springs, CA 95682

A Day at the Drags

By: Pat Dilling

Studebaker has a rich high performance heritage from the Indy 500 (as both competitors and pace cars), to Bonneville land speed racing, to the La Carrera Panamerica road race in Mexico. Also, Studebaker has made a name in drag racing where the likes of Ted Harbit and others have made their marks with class wins at the US Nationals, ultra fast runs in the 1951 Starlight Chicken Hawk and near domination with their "R" powered cars at the Pure Stock Muscle Car drags held every year in Michigan.

But we don't have to have specially prepared Studebakers to go out and have some fun and show off our Studebakers at the local drag strip. Steve Van Norman and I took our Studebakers out to Sacramento Raceway for the Wednesday Night Fun Drags on October 22nd and had a great time. The Wednesday night drags are specifically for street cars. You must have street legal tires and mufflers in order to run. Cars are divided up into different staging lanes based on their type. Lane 3 and 4 are for American made cars, Steve and I both ended up in Lane 4.

During the time trials or practice runs, Steve ran several low 15 second passes with his custom 1946 pickup and my best time was a 13.55 in my 1953 Starlight. Steve opted out for elimination competition but I decided to get my \$15 worth and give it a try. Eliminations are run as a bracket race where each racer chooses a "Dial in" based on how they expect their car to perform. Based on the dial in, each race is handicapped giving a head start to the slower car. For instance a car dialed in at 15 seconds would get a 2 second head start over a car dialed in at 13 seconds. If you run faster than your dial in, you have "broken out" and are disqualified. The variables then become how quickly you react to the green light and how close to your dial in your car runs.

With this system any car and driver can be competitive regardless of how fast their car is. There were 16 cars in Lane 4 so that meant there would be 4 rounds of racing to determine a winner. I chose a 13.52 dial in and was up against a 15 second Mustang in the first round and easily caught him at about 3/4 track and just stayed ahead across the finish. From the way I launched that time I am pretty sure I would have broken out if I had stayed in on the throttle so I lowered my dial from 13.52 to 13.5.

The second round I was against a quick Corvette that was dialed in at 11.49. I managed a great .0100 reaction time (maybe a bad job of red lighting?) and held him off at the top end for a hole shot win. Semi-final was against another Corvette dialed in at 12.25. I had a decent reaction time and ran a 13.51 on a 13.50 dial in to beat his 12.26 on a 12.25 dial.

Final round had me against a Camaro dialed in at 14.07. Maybe final round jitters got me as I had a lousy reaction time and compounded it by spinning tires more than I had been. He made a great pass with a .03 reaction time and then ran just .03 over his dial in so he would have been tough to beat. He was a super nice guy and came over and gave me the "Winners Mug" he got for winning while saying his wife has told him not to bring any more of them home!

In any case it sure was fun. That 13.51 at 103.35 mph pass was the best run ever in my Studebaker. That with a runner-up finish made it a pretty special night. We talked to a lot of folks about Studebakers and even met one guy who had recently purchased a '54 coupe barn find. Hopefully we recruited him for the club. Sorry we don't have any more pictures, can't race and take pictures at the same time.

Steve checks his tire pressure prior to racing.



Waiting for the second round to begin.



Tech Tip by Tom Piantanida

Whenever I replace the pads on disc brakes, I always cut a piece of copper wire (about 10 gauge) that I use to hang the caliper after I remove its mounting bolts. I can loop the wire through the caliper and hook the other end on a convenient bolt or through a hole in the frame or sheet metal. That way, I can hang the caliper without stressing the flexible brake line.

KSC October Meeting Minutes

by: Johanna Smith

Date: Saturday, October 18, 2014
Location: Empire Mine, Grass Valley
Attendance: 18 Attendees, 5 Studebakers

Presidents report: Pat congratulated Darrell and LaRee Brunelli for not only hosting the meeting at the Empire Mine, but setting up the picnic area and providing all the food. They had a raffle with wonderful prizes. Thanks again for stepping up and hosting the meeting.

Also, thanks to member Jack Laird for taking us on one of his "special VIP" tours of the mine and grounds.

We had visitors from Grass Valley, Mark and Dawna Johnson. They brought a 1956 Transtar pickup. Mark and Dawna are now new members of our club. Our special guest today was Amy Foster, who we haven't seen in a long time. Thanks to Bob Foster who picked her up to attend the picnic.

We still need to fill some dates for our club's 2015 calendar. Anyone who would like to host a meeting or has an idea for a meeting, please email or call Pat Dilling. Events need to be sent to Turning Wheels by early Dec to be published in time for the January issue.

Elections for officers will be in November. Positions open are Treasurer, Membership and Editor.

The 51st International Meet will be in St. Louis, Missouri on Aug 16th through Aug 22nd, 2015. We will be caravanning to the meet and you can bring a brand X! For more info contact Pat Dilling.

Member Bud Anderson needs a 289 crank or complete motor. Please contact Pat if you have either. We also would like to bring Bud to the next meeting, if his health permits.

The Autorama is in February 2015. It is \$50 per car to enter which is a \$200 value. You receive free parking and admission to the Autorama. Entrees need to register by Dec 1st. Forms are available online, please email karelstaplesdc@yahoo.com

Vice Presidents report: Johna was unable to attend due to her surgery.

Treasurers report: American River college inquired if our club was going to donate to the scholarship fund for 2015. This is for an Auto mechanic degree. We voted and passed a donation of \$350 to their scholarship fund.

Misc. Announcements:

Congratulations to Joe Burch who took home \$35 in the 50/50 raffle!

Thank you to all the members who attended and took the Empire Mine Tour. Jack Laird; Pat Dilling; Brit & Yoko Berglund; George Newhouse; John & Betty Martin; Joe Burch; Robert Foster; Darrell & LaRee Brunelli; Mike & Connie Shaw; Amy Foster; Frank & Johanna Smith.

KSC CALENDER of Events 2014

Note: All underlined dates are monthly Karel Staple Chapter events.

Sunday, Nov 9th - We are changing the November meeting to the Carmichael Elks Lodge at 5631 Cypress Ave. Carmichael, CA on November 9th, 10: A.M. They serve a Sunday brunch for just \$8.00 per person, and have a nice big parking lot. Hope to see you there!

LOOKIE! This is a Change!!!!



Directions: From I-80 take the Madison Ave exit east. Turn right on Manzanita Ave. Go about a half a mile to Cypress and turn right. Go about a third of a mile and the Elks Lodge will be on your right.

Contact Brian Challender for info. 916-880-8877 yslr22@live.com

Sunday, Dec 7th – Annual Christmas Party. Elk Grove. Host: Jilg Douglass & Steve Rainville.

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

Ideas Wanted for Next Year's Calendar

We need to finalize this Calendar THIS week-end!

So far this is all we have, We need to finalize at the November meeting, please send your suggestions to Pat ASAP **p.dilling@outlook.com or call 530-218-0641**

January - California Auto Museum Hosted by Jon Stalnaker

February - Hof Brau hosted by George Newhouse

March -

April - Picnic in Stockton hosted by Lou Van Anne

May -

June - Sundial Bridge in Redding hosted by Dick and Norma Grove

July -

Aug -

September - Auction Hosted by the Pierces

October - Olivehurst at the Dilling's

November -

December Christmas Party -

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Name badges are \$8.00 each \$ _____

Membership fee: \$ 20.00

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Make check payable to:

Karel Staple Chapter SDC

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

Wanted

Still looking for a set of bumper guards for my 51 Champion.



Jon Stalnaker
707 344-1957

(12-14)

WANTED

Hi horn from '63 or '64 Stude sedan. Need it to assist in restoration of Will Vogt '64 Avanti.

Contact Art. 530-743-2942.
lucky7@succeed.net.

(09-14)

WANTED

Need 2 axle shafts to fit a 50 rear end, threads stripped

mcshaw517@gmail.com
707 217-7170

(12-14)

MORE STUFF FOR SALE

49-51 Pickup truck bumper - new chrome
\$250 May fit other years

Tailgate for 56-64 narrow box 51" wide -
\$125

63-64 Hawk Chrome inserts side grilles
L&R - \$100 each

53-55 Hardtop (K) passenger side door no
rust VG - \$300

53-55 Factory Tinted window glass and
regulator for same passenger door - \$100

60-64 T-cab brand new reproduction floor pan passenger side, came
from Classic Enterprise cost over \$180, sell for \$140

Many other 53-64 C&K parts. Photos available.



Dean

916-753-6003

carvin7712@yahoo.com

(01-15)

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They were left at Rick and Johna's house in September.



If they're yours, Johna
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