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Presidents Message

By: Frank Smith



Hello members!

Well, last months meeting was a record breaker. It was the largest attended meeting since I have been a member of the club. We had 50 attendees and 10 Studebakers that came to the auction! What a great time and so good to see some faces that we haven't seen in a long time.

Johna and Rick had their yard and house ready for the crowd, but I don't think they expected so many people. Luckily, the weather was nice so there was lots of room for everyone. As usual, we had plenty of food and drink. We never go hungry at any of our meetings!

September is our annual club auction to raise money for the scholarships and clubs that we support. The scholarships go to students that are majoring in Automotive Technology (so they are car related). This was a record breaking year for our auctions and we raised **\$1,641** this year. This is enough money for our scholarships and more. I would like to thank all the members who generously donated items for the auction and for opening their wallets to help a good cause. We really appreciate all your effort!

Thanks again to Rick and Johna for opening up their home to our club.

Been to any car shows lately? We went to one in Dixon a few weeks ago. We met Jon and Rick & Johna there. It was a cloudy morning but started raining later and never stopped! They opened one of the halls, so everyone could get out of the rain and continued with the raffle and awards. Jon won "Best Truck". All I can say is, I am glad the windshield wipers worked on our 64 Hawk. It was a white knuckle ride home. You can read more about this show elsewhere in this issue.

The next weekend Johanna and I went to a local car show here in Napa. It was hosted by AMR (American Medical Response) and was a fundraiser for breast cancer. There were a lot of nice local cars there, live music, BBQ and a silent auction. Surprisingly, Johanna won "Best Car" with the 64 Hawk. Instead of a trophy, she won a duffle bag with a roadside emergency kit (quite heavy too). It was very nice to win when there were so many great cars there. We were the only Studebaker but lots of people stopped to ask about the car.

The Zone Meet is coming along. We have received quite a few donations for sponsorships already. This helps a great deal with our costs and overhead. The registration form is done. If you would like a copy to pass out, check our website. Jason has posted information about the zone meet there. You will find the registration form, hotel information and event information as well as other fun stuff. If you haven't visited it lately, check it out at: www.hawktalks.com.

Happy
Motoring,

Frank



Was This The Same Week-End?

By: Jon Stalnaker/Editor

Johna told me she wouldn't come to the Dixon car show if it was going to rain. My reaction was that a little rain wasn't going to hurt a Studebaker—we DRIVE our cars. Johna reassured me that her car was the least of her worries. She didn't want to be out in the rain herself. Well, that made sense, but the weatherman said the rain would be north of Interstate 80 so we should be fine. Johna and Rick showed up at my house and drove my bullet nose to the show for me.



We set up the three Studes and saved a spot for Frank and Johanna who were on their way from Napa. It was a beautiful morning until it started to rain.

And rain it did. Johna and Rick were first to take shelter in Johna's car and I got a nice picture of Frank and Johanna folding up their chairs from the dry comfort of my car. They climbed in the back seat and we steamed up the windows until they



opened up the hall and moved the festivities inside.

As Frank mentioned in his message, I did take home another trophy for my truck. I



would be remiss if I did not share the presentation picture. The big news was the raffle. We raked in lots of prizes with the big win going to Johna when she took home the beautiful quilt.



I was really surprised that Johna and Rick even came to this show when they were hosting the big auction meet at their house the very next day. I know Johna was happy she did go, even though she was rained on. Winning the quilt was well worth it.

The next day at the auction was a beautiful day. It was hard to believe that only yesterday we were being rained on. I was thinking Mike Schmitz was a shoe-in for the coolest Brand-X award until a guest arrived in his beautiful Pink Nash.



Two completely different cars, both beautiful in their own right. Too close to call for me. You'll have to decide for yourself which one is cooler.



The auction was amazing. We even had an internet bid coming in as Jason had to leave before the toolbox he wanted went across the block. I bid for him and he got it for less than he was willing to pay.



You're welcome Jason. And as for this month's cover picture—the bidding was intense for this aftermarket air conditioning cooler. It was definitely the highest bid item at the auction.



International Drive Your Studebaker Day On Our Own This Year—So, What Did You Do, I asked?

Jon,

On Drive Your Studebaker Day I drove my 1957 Studebaker-Packard around all day. I took it to breakfast and displayed it by the highway. I drove it to run a bunch of errands including to my barber for a haircut. In the afternoon, I met my fellow Studebaker Nut, his wife and grandchildren at our local Moose Lodge for dinner and dancing. Everyone who attended had an opportunity to check out our Studebakers and ask questions.



Lou Van Anne, Steve & Bonnie Fentress and Larry Walther drove their Studebakers to Baskin-Robbins for Ice Cream in Stockton.

Thanks, **Mel France**

International Drive Your Studebaker Day.... What an exciting day to be on the road! All packed up and ready to go but the darn wagon wouldn't start, ha ha.

Seriously though, we mulled over several different ideas and finally settled on a trip up the road to Shasta Caverns, a beautiful series of caves alongside Shasta lake that are said to be about 250 million years old. The cavern tour was fantastic and the weather inside the cave couldn't be beat... Outside it was about 100 degrees, inside it was 58 degrees with high humidity which was very comfortable. The tour took us along a winding path, up and down 650 stairs - phew! If you're looking for a nice trip through the beauty of Northern California and a workout that will leave you longing for a nap, this is it! The formations and crystal laden walls were incredible and it was well worth the trip. We can't wait for next year's adventure!!



Michelle Carlson



I drove our Studebaker to the 14th Annual Blackbird Maintainers picnic in Yuba City, where a bunch of professional aircraft folks ooo'd and awed over it. I am extending it to two days and going to the Durham Harvest Festival car show tomorrow.

← No, That is **NOT** STUCOOL

Pat Dilling



Jennifer and I met up with a few mostly Sequoia Chapter folk for a fun IDYSD get together, lunch and tour.

It was put on by Wayne Veatch. I found out about him a year or so ago when somebody put a copy of the Friday Chronicle "Cars" section on my desk which featured him and his beautiful Tahoe Green 1952 Commander. Of the nine cars participating three of them were '52's! After 40 years of ownership and about 10 years of "Elsie", my Land Cruiser, looking the way it does today as

the Harbin "parade car", I don't really take pictures of it anymore. Having never seen it, fellow '52 owner Wayne gave it some nice attention and took some nice pictures. It was lots of fun doing our civic duty as proud Studebaker drivers on IDYSD. Nice folks, beautiful weather and of course, the cars we have the most fun with makes for a great day!

Peter Braun

Let's Do This Tech Tip Again

I was talking with one of our newer members and was thinking about this Tech Tip Joe wrote for us a few years ago. I dug it out of the archives because it is worth running again.



BRAKE FLUID
By: Joe Burch

One of the neglected systems on our Studebakers is the brake, which uses an alcohol based fluid to transfer pressure from the master cylinder to the wheel cylinders.

Over a period of time this fluid absorbs water from the atmosphere and collects dirt and wear particles, resulting in a sludge buildup which corrodes the inside of the master and wheel cylinders. In order to lessen this corrosion damage, I recommend flushing / or bleeding of the brake fluid every two years. This is especially true in our Studebakers which may only be driven occasionally.

This could be a fun Saturday project.

Joe

I Received This Poem From Brit
STUDEBAKER MEMORY

*Nothing of our neighbors should
We covet for ourselves,
Except his heart of kindness
That in his bosom dwells.
It gives better peace of mind
To often think of friends,
And keep our thoughts from enemies
The devil to us sends.*

*It's well to spend the time we can
With body and with spirit,
Out with the things of Nature,
The voice of God to hear it.
And then for life and all it is,
Give thanks unto our Maker.
He's in the air, He's everywhere,
And so is STUDEBAKER.*



Update on Connie Project

By: Pat Dilling

Finally found my motivation and have been working on the front suspension of my '54 Conestoga. I have moved the entire front suspension from my '64 Cruiser donor car. We put new inner bushing in the control arms. The outer bushings and king pins, as well as all the steering, seem to be good. I cleaned everything up and painted with Eastwood's Extreme Chassis paint. This is not a full restoration, more of a clean up and refurb what needs it, so don't expect concours quality.

I rebuilt the front brake cylinders, got the brakes all assembled, and took some 80 grit on a soft sanding block to the rust inside the brake drums. Wire brushed and painted the drums. Repacked the wheel bearings and put it all together and adjusted the brakes. I guess now the front is ready to sit back down on the ground. Those drums look huge compared to what they replaced.

Next step will be to clean up the Dana 44 and paint it, check the rear spring bushings, Replace if needed, clean and paint in the back and put that all back in. I will also pull the rear hubs, rebuild the brake cylinders and inspect and reassemble the rear brakes. After that will be installing the dual master cylinder and bracket that I just received from Turner. Then it will be time to run all the new steel brake lines. Once that is done, it will be time to bleed them and I should have excellent brakes. This should keep me busy for a couple weeks at least.

I would like to shout out my thanks to Mike Schmitz who came by and helped me.



Look for my IDYSD story in Turning Wheels. Hopefully it will be worthy of publication

Jon

2013 NorCal Misc. Car Shows & Events

Provided by Jeff McClure (updated 8/20/13)

If there is a car show/event that you would like to get listed in *Hawk Talks*, just email me at darlene-jeff@sbcglobal.net. Be sure the date of your event does not conflict with our monthly gatherings. Lastly, if you know you are going to a particular event, call or email one of the Chapter Officers so we can garner as much interest as possible and participate as a group with several Studebakers.

Every Wednesday: 2013 Cruise-In, at Raley's/Smash Burger, 705 E. Bidwell in Folsom. Note- this is a new location from past years. 5-9pm Free! Music, food, awards.

Oct 26, Sat. 9th Annual OctoberFest Car Show & Toy Run. At Lowes corner or Greenback & Sunrise (across from Sunrise Mall).8am-3pm. \$10 pre-reg with toy. www.capitalcitycruisers.org

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A Little Help—If You Can

A Request from the Pierce's



Our Studebaker club has been asked to be one of 4 car clubs that will be at the Poker Walk for this show! We would really like to have more Studebakers there for this event, as well as help having people pick cards for their poker hand.

Rick & I are going to this show! We need to keep this car radio show on the air!

Call for more information

Rick & Johna Pierce
916-548-0340



KSC CALENDER of Events 2013

October 11th through 13th – Pacific Southwest Zone Meet, Phoenix Arizona

Sunday, Oct 20th – Granzella’s Restaurant - 451 6th St., Williams, CA. Arrive at 11:00 am.
Host: Steve Rainville 916-729-8569. All are welcome!

Sunday, Nov 17th – West Sacramento – Elk Horn Grill, 18398 Old River Rd, W. Sacramento
Hosts: Rick & Johna Pierce 916-442-5984. 11am. All are welcome!

Sunday, Dec 8th – Annual Christmas Party. Olivehurst, 4074 Mary Ave. Arrive at 11:00 am for social/potluck. Call Pat Dilling for more information at 530-743-4176. Bring a white elephant gift to exchange.

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

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Looking for Volunteers to Display Your Studebaker

January is again Studebaker month at the California Automobile Museum. We are looking for six Studebakers to display for the month of January. This will be the last chance to participate until the new Museum opens in a few years.

The cars will go in on Saturday morning December 28th and be removed on Saturday morning February 1st.

Please send Jon Stalnaker an e-mail with your request and what car you would like to show. You will be contacted later for more information and follow-up. Our meeting will once again be at the Museum for January 2014.

Thanks,

Jon



Directions to This Month’s Meeting

For those of you that would like to drive together, We will meet at the truck stop on West El Camino and Hwy 5 between 9:00 and 9:30 am . We will leave @ 9:30 sharp and head north to Williams.

Stephen Rainville

Granzellas is located at 451 6th Street in Williams. Take Interstate 5 to Williams. Take the E Street exit. Go west over the railroad tracks and turn right on 6th Street. Granzellas is a restaurant so don’t bring food, bring money.



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For Sale

A member from the Sequoia chapter has a set of Speedster wire wheel covers he wants to sell.

Kirk Dobson San Ramon Ca. 925-277-2649
kdobson@dwassociates.com.

(12-13)

For Sale

Turning Wheels and Antique Studebaker magazines. Give me your wants. No charge. Pay shipping or will deliver to next meeting. 1970`s to present. After zone meet all will be dumped. Also I have collection of National Geographics starting in 1912. Will sell collection complete or ? This offer will not be here long.

Art lucky7@succeed.net
Please note my new Email address.

(12-13)

Good News from Goodmark

Goodmark recently announced the production of replacement quarter



panels for 1953-1961 Studebaker coupes. Pricing for the Goodmark quarter panels has yet to be announced.

For more information, visit

GoodmarkIndustries.com.

For Sale

Located in Vancouver BC Canada

Asking \$35K, complete with tonneau cover, A/C, P/S, P/B, delay wipers, tilt column with cruise control, Studebaker OHV six with adapter for 700R 4 speed automatic transmission, flip out rear window, hide-away front license plate, 1st place Colorado Springs International.

To see more about this truck check out your June 2011 copy of Turning Wheels It's featured on the inside front cover with story on page 38.



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