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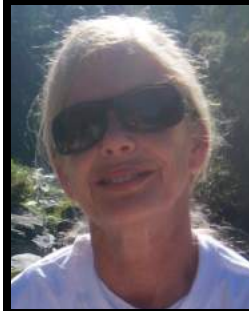
***President's Message***  
by Steve Rainville

***Secretary's Report***  
for Linda Barnard



It's August and time for annual auction. This is our main event of the year to replenish our coffers, so it is an important event for our chapter. Our chapter has been very generous supporting many different organizations. A far cry from the early days of my association with the Karel Staple Chapter. In the early 2000's when I signed up we had some 30 bucks in the checking account. The club has grown and become very active. So if you can, please bring some of your rusty treasures to donate and a few bucks buy some other rusty treasures. Your participation is greatly appreciated by all of us.

If you missed last month, our meeting on Drive Your Studebaker Day it was a good one. A beautiful drive in the foot hills. A wonderful afternoon in Angles Camp and then a tour of the museum. I like many others in this chapter really enjoy the diverse places we go too. so keep up the good work kid's. Well that's it for now come one come all for the auction. Yours Truly, Steve



The start of the day had a couple of bumps, Stephen Rainville had problems with his car, after getting some bad gas. He fixed a few things & finally made it on the road. We finally all met up at the Angels Camp Museum. There were 7 beautiful Studebakers that showed up! The picnic

area was nice and shady, we ate lunch, then had a short meeting. We had some guests with us Debbie & Joe Gow, Betty Martin's sister & husband.

We went over some business: Lou Van Anne went over the bank account balance, then we voted on the which vehicle we would sponsor in the Studebaker Museum, Betty suggested the Fire Truck, since 9/11 was the next day, we voted to donate \$500.00 to sponsor the Fire Truck. We voted to remain members of the Association of California Car Clubs donate \$150.00 for membership. We also voted to give the California Auto Museum \$500.00 for their roof project.

Start collecting your "STUFF" for our auction in Oct at Rick & Johna Pierce's House. If you need to bring it over to our home before the auction please contact Rick 916-548-0340.

We voted to wait on donating money to scholarships until after the club auction.

If you have a picture of your car that you want in our club calendar contact Perry Knopf at [fpstude@aol.com](mailto:fpstude@aol.com). Please start thinking of locations for our meetings next year, we need to get them on our calendar. Lou Van Anne has changed his date for his annual picnic in Stockton to April 22, 2017. Lou also is getting a group together to caravan to the International Studebaker meet in Southbend IN. you can contact him at [lvasales@comcast.net](mailto:lvasales@comcast.net) if you are interested. Our 50/50 was \$65.00 and Betty Martin Won & the car show certificate! The Brunelli's brought some other raffle gifts & congrats to the winners! (Corrine Garcia)

We toured the museum & enjoyed all the Gold mining information & displays. They had many old wagons & buggies, Two wagons were Studebakers! Submitted by Johna Pierce

***Interim Editor's Corner***  
By Pat Dilling



Your roving reporter did not make it to the Angels Camp gathering much to our disappointment. We did drive our Studebaker but only made it as far as Elk Grove for the meet up. The car started making a loud clicking/clacking noise, which turned out to be a disk brake pad wear indicator catching on the slotted rotor. So Kate and I had our picnic at Target while waiting for AAA. And yes, I had to explain what a Studebaker was to the AAA call center! Thanks Johna for taking notes and pictures!



## International Drive your Studebaker Day Angels Camp Museum




Karel Staple members do what they do best! Drive their Studes and enjoy each others company and lunch! Also got to enjoy some Studebaker History.



**STUDEBAKER FARM WAGON**

Studebaker Brothers Manufacturing Company of South Bend, Indiana offered a variety of all-purpose vehicles for general use and perfectly suited for farm operations. This wagon is a typical example which has been well used but is basically still original with minimal modifications. When new, some of the standard features of this wagon would include a spring seat mounted on risers (since modified), a foot board, tool box (missing) and a roller brake system. The box bed fits the description of what Studebaker called a "California Box Bed" with a length of ten feet, six inches and a width of three feet, two inches. The floor has been modified by installing longer boards over the original floor boards of tongue and groove ash (note the drop gate is in the down position). The running gear and wheels were painted red and the body was a dark green—evidence of both colors can be found in a number of places over the entire wagon.



*Sponsored by Alice Groen Airala, Angels Camp*



More IDYSD

Angels Camp was not the only destination for Karel Staple members on IDYSD. The Smiths and Stalnakers joined up a cool car show at the Moose Lodge in Napa. Carlene was a big winner in their raffle.



Ironstone Concours d'Elegance



Ironstone Winery celebrated the 20th Anniversary Concours d'Elegance and once again featured Studebakers. The event was spectacular with many Packards and a couple Pierce Arrows as well. The Smiths and Stalnakers brought their '63 Daytona and '51 Champion and were joined by eight other Studebakers. The Dillings followed along with their Brand X. A wonderful time was had by all.



1938 Phantom Corsair



Studebaker era Pierce Arrows



Dan & Bernie Donovan were members of KSC until Dan had health problems. He has recovered and is now going to vintage camper shows. It was good to see them.



Stories around the fire pit



The "House on Main" had just the right amount of parking under the deck. It's a great place to stay!

Thanks to Leon Cohen for sending this great article.

## A family affair made Studebaker successful

In the 19th century, it was common for brothers to start businesses together. There were natural advantages, at least in those families in which siblings got along well, including an element of trust, a pooling of resources and an acceptance of the ups and downs of business life.

The Studebaker brothers of South Bend exemplified such an arrangement. Five of them founded the most successful wagon-building company in the United States, and that firm became a leading automobile manufacturer.

In 1852, the two oldest brothers — Clem and Henry — started a small wagon construction shop in South Bend. Just as they were running short of money, brother John M. offered \$7,000 in profit from the California Gold Rush, and the partnership expanded.

During the Civil War, the brothers won a contract to provide wagons for the U.S. Army, and that lay the foundation for a reputation of well-built vehicles.

A fourth brother, Peter, was a natural salesman. He moved to St. Joseph, Mo., the gateway to the Oregon Trail. The Studebaker Manufacturing Co. was soon supplying thousands of wagons to settlers crossing the plains and mountains of the West.

Jacob, the youngest, helped the company develop a successful buggy-making trade. By 1900, the company had built 1 million wagons and buggies and employed more than 2,500 men and women in its South Bend factory.

Clem, the president, was a close friend of Indiana's only president, Benjamin Harrison. He supported



**James Glass**  
**Culture Watch**

Harrison's successful candidacy in 1888, and the president-elect purchased five Studebaker carriages.

Soon afterward, Clem Studebaker completed a palatial mansion, Tippecanoe Place, on West Washington Street in South Bend. Designed in the Romanesque style by noted Chicago architect Henry Ives Cobb, the home commanded attention with its turrets, stone arches and granite exterior. Clem and wife Ann contributed most of the funds



STAR FILE PHOTO

**The Studebaker brothers started building wagons in 1852 in South Bend.**

needed to build an imposing English Gothic structure for St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church in 1900.

Clem died in 1901. John, the last remaining brother, assumed the presidency of the company. The new century brought experi-

mentation with building first electric, then gasoline automobiles. In 1910, John's son-in-law, Frederick Fish, reorganized the firm as a modern corporation and committed it to building automobiles.

After World War I, Studebaker built new factories, and by 1927 it was turning out more than 270,000 automobiles per year. The next 40 years brought downturns and revivals, as Studebaker strove to maintain its status as the fourth-largest American automaker. Popular models included the Commander, Champion and the Lark. Famed industrial designer Raymond Loewy created streamlined and eye-catching looks.

Studebaker, however, couldn't compete with the much larger firms in Detroit and went out of business in 1963.

There's still much to see and experience of the Studebaker era in South Bend. Some of the best vehicles the company made may be seen at the Studebaker National Museum. Tippecanoe Place now houses a fully restored restaurant. St. Paul's United Methodist Church continues to meet in its Gothic building. Inside are stained glass windows crafted by Mayer & Co. of Munich. On Main and Lafayette streets, the 1906 administration building and the 1923 body assembly structure await new uses. Contact Todd Zeiger at north@indianalandmarks.org for a walking or driving tour guide to Studebaker heritage.

★ Glass, of Indianapolis, is director of the Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology, Indiana Department of Natural Resources. He can be reached at jglass@dnr.in.gov.

## Need Wheels?

Any wheel of the late '70's through '89 Chrysler, rear wheel drive cars will work on your Studebaker. Some are wider than others. The Chrysler '85 Fifth Avenue wheel works great on Studebakers that have disc brakes on the front plus they hold the original hub caps too. Wheels from a rear wheel drive, full size Ford wheels fit on Studebakers as well. When looking for replacement wheels make sure that the holes for the wheel lugs are not elongated. The elongation of the holes would indicate wear due to the wheel being loose when the car was driven. Regardless of whether you use Ford or Chrysler product wheel as replacements, be sure to use Ford or Chrysler nuts to match the rim. The Ford nuts are 13/16th inch instead of the 3/4 inch ones that Studebaker used. Why replace the wheels, you may ask? It may be that your Studebaker wheels are worn and cracked around the bolt holes or you may wish to use wider tires than the original ones. After changing the tires and wheels, be sure to tighten them properly. Studebaker specifies 75 to 83 foot pounds of torque. If tires are changed at a garage or tire shop, ask that they use a torque wrench limiter to 75 foot pounds of torque. Some shops will try to tell you that their impact wrench is set to the right pressure. Don't believe it. Overtightening or undertightening can cause wheel damage which is not immediately apparent. If you decide to use Ford rims, be sure to have a 13/16th inch wrench in the trunk of your car. Thanks to Pete Yuen for this "Odd and End"

## LIGHTS FLASHING, SIRENS WAILING! KAREL STAPLE CHAPTER IS THERE

With our \$500 donation, the Karel Staple Chapter has officially adopted the Studebaker National Museum's 1928 Studebaker Fire Truck through October of 2017! Our club will be recognized on a plaque next to the vehicle and also on the museum web page. We also received 10 admission passes to the museum, so if you are planning a trip to South Bend (maybe for the 2017 International Meet) be sure to ask for one or two. Then pose for a picture with our truck!



Johna and Rick Pierce's 1961 Lark is painted!  
Some assembly required. On display at the next meeting.

Pat's "Best of the Rest" Award Jacket from the  
Cruise the Gorge Show has arrived!



### Sacramento International Auto Show Oct 21-24 ([SacAutoShow.com](http://SacAutoShow.com))

The dates for this show are Oct 21-23 at Cal Expo. It's a charity event put on by area new car dealers and primarily features new cars of all types. We are invited to show our Studebakers as a special attraction and "class up the place!" We get our own building and last year we had 12 cars and our members had a great time at the show. Did I mention it is **FREE** for us? We now have 12 cars committed, with room for 17. We move in on Thursday afternoon-evening and out at the end of the show Sunday. It's not too late to join in. Contact Pat 530-218-0641.

**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**

Shop Items for Sale

55 lb. Rock Island #8538 vise. 7” opening US made, swivel. One mounting ear broken, \$95. 200 lb. Prentiss #57 vise. 12” opening, US made . \$195. Contact Art Smith 530-743-2942 Lucky7@succeed.net.

**PARTS WANTED**

Art Smith. is looking for a 170 CID Stude `63 or `64 OHV 6 engine with or without auto trans.. These are for parts but if you know that one or both are running that is better. Also wants a carburetor for 61 or 62 OHV 170 6cylinder engine it is an AS model. **Contact Art 530-743-2942 lucky7@succeed.net.**

**Cars for Sale**

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 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**



**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>

From the California Auto Museum:

On behalf of the California Automobile Museum, I want to thank you and the Karel Staple Chapter, Studebaker Club for your generous gift of \$500 toward our Capital Campaign to Raise the Roof! This project is essential to our future and your gift is greatly appreciated. As we look forward to the campaign challenges and opportunities ahead, I believe this museum has enormous potential to be an exceptional institution in our region, and I am excited to have your club be a part of this journey with us.

With gratitude,  
Delta Pick Mello  
Executive Director

**KSC CALENDER 2016**

Oct 8th— CCC Octoberfest Car Show and Toy Run

Oct 16th— Auction—Hosts Rick & Johna Pierce’s home Potluck, Bring Stuff to Auction!

Oct 21-23—International Auto Show, Cal Expo, Contact Pat Dilling to reserve a spot

Nov 12th—Back 40 BBQ in Roseville—Host Johna Pierce

Dec 4th—Annual Christmas Party, Justin’s Kitchen, Yuba City—Host Mel France

**Be thinking of, or planning locations for 2017 Meetings!**

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

**Local Car Shows for Sep & Oct**

Oct 1—Guide Dogs of America Sacramento Classic, Hagen Park 2197 Chase Dr, Rancho Cordova, 916-936-6013

Oct 8—OctoberFest Car Show & Toy Run, Cap City Cruiser, Palladio Mall, Folsom, 530-748-6181

Oct 22—October Best Car Show, All American Speedway, Roseville Fairgrounds, BBQ, Parade Lap, 916-204-9848

Nov 5th—4th Annual Cars for Kids Car Show, Toy & Food Drive, Bill McAnally Racing, Roseville

**Directions to This Month’s Meeting**

***Annual Karel Staple Auction Fundraiser***

**October 16, 2016 at 11:00**

**Location:** Rick & Johna Pierce’s home. 1129 Weber Way, Sacramento 95822 916-442-5984

**Directions:** On I-5 South or Northbound near Sacramento.

Take the Sutterville Rd exit, EXIT,

From Southbound I-5 Turn left onto Sutterville Rd. From Northbound turn right.

Take the Riverside Blvd ramp.

Turn left onto Riverside Blvd.

Turn left onto Weber Way.

Weber Way is 0.1 miles past Derick Way

If you get to the stop sign you are 1 block to far

1129 WEBER WAY is on the left.

**Suggested Potluck items for October Meeting**

The Pierces will be providing baked Ham.

Last Name beginning with **A-L**: Bring Salad or Side Dish

Last Name beginning with **M-Z**: Bring Appetizer or Dessert

**Car Ads Interpreted**

**Rough but reasonable** - Not good enough to be a parts car.

**Parts car** - Could have been a car at one time.

**95% Complete** - The most expensive parts to replace are missing.

**95% Restored** - Needs paint, upholstery, tires and wiring

**Older Restoration** - Needs complete overhaul

**Engine overhauled** - Valve covers have been painted, Oil filler cap has been washed.

**Needs battery to run** - Afraid to let you hear it run

**Ran when parked** - 30 years ago

**Minor repair needed** - Needs complete overhaul

**Solid body** - Used cement as body filler.



**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  
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**Includes monthly publication of  
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___ Regular membership w/periodicals class mail	\$31.00
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___ Student/young adult (up to 22 years old)	\$24.00
___ SDC membership without Turning Wheels	\$10.00

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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:    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Make check payable to:**

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