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AMANDA AND SEAN GO TO THE ALTAR IN STYLE

FRANK AND JOHANNA COULDN'T STOP SMILING
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President's Message

Pat Dilling/President

I was all prepared to have a nice relaxing day in Napa.



I have to say that an earthquake is a pretty good reason to cancel a chapter meeting. The earthquake near Napa on the morning of August 24 had the Chapter officers texting back and forth and it did not take long to decide to cancel. Johanna and Frank Smith were in the dark picking up broken items in their home, roads were closed and emergency responders were very busy. Frank reports that their house is quite solid without structural damage but they did lose some electronics due to power surges and wiring issues. They are still finding a few new things that were damaged.

We will continue any business items until our big auction meeting at the Pierce's house on September 21st. The Chapter will be sponsoring a catered BBQ at this meeting to celebrate our successful Zone meet. Be sure to RSVP to Johna. Details are provided elsewhere in the newsletter.

Our next BIG EVENT is International Drive Your Studebaker Day on September 13. At the July meeting the members voted to drive our



Studebakers to the Capital City Cruisers big Cool September Days car show in Citrus Heights. They are saving spaces just for us so we can park together. Be sure to get your entry in ASAP so they know how many are coming. You can find more info and entry forms for their show on their web page. <http://capitolcitycruisers.org/>

I will close with some sad news. Our good friend Sherri France, wife of Mel France, passed away from pancreatic cancer on August 27th. Please keep the France family in your thoughts and prayers. Please see the message from the family in the next column.

It was with great sadness that we received the news of the passing of Sherri France. We received the following message from her family.



Sherri has passed. Her wishes were to be cremated and not have a funeral. She wished for everyone to celebrate the joys of life instead of mourning her. In a couple of weeks we'll contact everyone we can, who knew her, and give them the details of when and where her party will be. Please contact anyone who knew her if you are not sure we were able to.

Mel, Jason, Jenn, Justin

Welcome New Members

**Ken & Lena Couvillion
Lodi, CA
1963 Avani R1
ref by: Lou Van Anne**

**Norman Highley
Olivehurst, CA
1949 Pickup
ref by: Pat Dilling**

Cover Story

By: Frank and Johanna Smith

Our daughter, Amanda was married to Sean Mclean in Yountville on June 21, 2014. What a great day, beautiful weather with family, friends and Studebakers.



Yes, we had Studebakers bring the bridal party to the church. The girls had a lot of fun with that.

We would like to thank Jon & Carlene Stalnaker and Mike & Connie Shaw for bringing their Studebakers and putting up with our crazy family!

Frank & Johanna Smith

But Wait, There's More

By: Jon Stalnaker/Editor

If you think my truck looks out of place in the above photo, it's because it **is**. Carlene and I were originally invited to the wedding so we could bring our bullet nose car to help transport the wedding party. We were all set to do that until my brakes failed and my car became unsafe to drive, (and just a little bent out of shape). We figured since we could not bring the car, that we were no longer needed and were not planning on even going. When Johanna found out we felt that way, she quickly pointed out that we were still invited and please bring the truck.

Everyone looked beautiful as you might expect at a wedding. Frank looked great too, but a little uncomfortable in his suit. Then he opened up the jacket to show the camouflage lining. Yes, his manly man-ness was still in tact. He almost lost it as he walked Amanda down the aisle. You could see him beaming and just a little bit emotional. It was OK though as a real man does not lose his manly card just because his eyes well up in an occasion as special as that.

I really like bridal registries for gift giving as it helps couples get things they need and not 20 toasters. I was delighted, also, to see that the toaster was still on the registry when we checked it out. I was so happy to be able to provide that particular gift. It really is the ultimate wedding present IMHO.

We had a great time even though we hardly knew anyone there. We got to sit with Mike and Connie at the dinner and had a wonderful time getting to know them even better. Thanks for inviting us.

The Summer of Skyler Osborn

By: Jon Stalnaker

If you have noticed a little extra pride gracing the faces of Darrell and LaRee Brunelli this summer, I know of at least three reasons that may be so.

First of all, at the International Meet in Dover Delaware, Their grandson, Skyler was given an award for the article he wrote for Tuning Wheels. Skyler was unaware of this until he received the plaque in the mail. Congratulations Skyler on a job well done.



Secondly, I was one of the judges for the CAM Cruise. I had the Rat Rod/Old School category so I had no influence on this next award.



Congratulations to Skyler for winning the "Young Guns" category at the CAM cruise with his Jurassic Park Jeep.

And Lastly, I got this message from LaRee:

Jon, check out the Studebaker Foundation Site. Sky won one of the scholarships. We knew he won one because when we were in Reno at Hot August Nights someone called and asked him for a photo with the truck. The man said his name and asked Sky if he had been notified and Sky said no. There was a lot of noise because we were waiting in line for Sky to drive a new Camaro when the man called. Sky was able to figure out who it was by the first name and looking up the phone number on his phone. He emailed the photo and got a reply. Sky did not hear any more. Today I happened to look up the Foundation site and here was the pictures of the 2014 winners. Skyler will email the man in the am to see what he does next to receive the information. I'll keep you posted. Sky moves into his dorm at Chico State this Wednesday morning.

Congratulations Skyler, you are on your way.....

From the Cruiser News

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President's Message

We are busy making plans for our 10th Anniversary Celebration Car Show coming up Saturday September 13th at Lowe's Home Center in Citrus Heights.

We want to welcome members of the Karel Staple Chapter of the Studebaker Driver's Club who will be joining and helping us celebrate our 10th anniversary and "Drive Your Studebaker Day."



The car show season is in starting to wind-down now but there are a few shows left on the calendar. Coming-up in September are several shows; September 5th -7th Roamin' Angels Show in Grass Valley; our next show September 13th the Cool September Days Car Show; October 11th Folsom High School 50th Class Reunion Car Show at the Natoma Lake Inn Folsom; October 25 our OctoberFest Car Show & Toy Run; and last but not least, the Arbuckle Car Show.

See you at the next car show... **Rex**

Hello Cruisers,

The Karel Staple Chapter, Studebaker Drivers Club will be celebrating the "International Drive Your Studebaker Day" Saturday September 13th which falls on the same day as the Capital City Cruisers 10th Anniversary Cool September Days Car Show.

The Studebaker folks would like to attend our show to help not only celebrate the "International Drive Your Studebaker Day" but our anniversary as well. They would also like to sponsor an award to commemorate this special event. I would like to reserve 10-15 spaces for the Studebakers at this show. I think it would be very cool as we don't usually get a selection of cool Studebakers to our shows.

Thanks Rex

Sep 21 Meeting



Our Karel Staple SDC Chapter will be having a catered BBQ at the September Auction Meeting this year to Thank the Karel Staple Members for all their hard work at the Zone Meet. We know how hard our chapter worked to make our Zone Meet a success! We want to say "Thank You"!

We will need a head count for the caterer.

Menu will be:

chicken, sliced sausage and peppers, ribs, baked beans, coleslaw, and Hawaiian sweet rolls. delivered, set up buffet style, and cleaned up.

The only thing we need is desserts. Rick & I will supply the drinks.

Don't forget to bring your chairs & anything you want to donate to the chapter to auction off!

Rick & Johna Pierce
1129 Weber Way
Sacramento CA 95822

House number 916-442-5984
Cell 916-765-3329
Johna or Rick 916-548-0340

*Hopefully you received this message several weeks ago and have already RSVP'd. Please note the original message sent out had Sep 14th as a date. **That is not correct.** The September 21 date in the club calendar is the right one.*

Dancing on the Highway: Front Wheels “Wander & Shimmy”

Tech Tip: by Jeff McClure



Recently the front suspension of our '56 Power Hawk wasn't as sure footed, and at highway speeds the steering would wander after driving over uneven pavement. I also noticed a “squeal” coming from the front tires when making sharp turns. Things were getting worse and I knew some detective work was required.

I checked for tire wear and balance, loose wheel bearings, kingpin wear, end-play in steering box, wheel toe-in and alignment,.... I checked for everything under

the front end looking for something that was loose or worn out. Nothing! Everything seemed normal.

The steering linkage of our car has a Ross steering gear/box attached to a power steering control valve attached to a hydraulic piston attached to a bell crank attached to the right/left tie rods attached to the king pins and wheels. This old style power assist steering has LOTS of different areas/



attachments/connections that can cause unwanted “slop”. Finally, with the hood up and the driver's door window rolled down, I reached my hand onto the steering wheel and moved it back side to side as I looked into the engine bay. That's when I saw the Ross steering box actually move as I gently turned the wheel. This steering box is bolted directly to the frame with three bolts, and mine had worked itself loose enough for the entire unit to move fore-n-aft creating “slop”. During this time I also found one of the lower A-arms had two loose mounting bolts out of the four bolting it to the frame.

What I discovered was that I had used grade-8 bolts & nuts but had used some cheapo lock

washers that did not hold up. Now, with everything bolted properly, the steering is back to “normal” (ie, 1950-60's style).



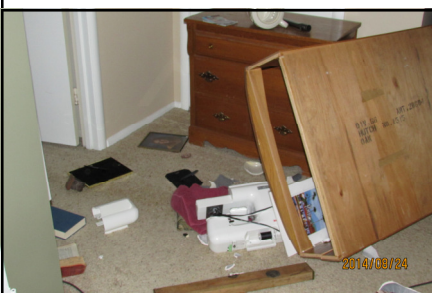
Whole Lotta Shakin Goin On

Jon Stalaker/Editor

Carly Simon said it even better when she sang "I feel the earth move under my feet". My brother, Jim, came to Dixon on Saturday and we had a nice dinner before we called it a night. He and his wife, Marilyn, spent the night in Dixon with the intention of following us to Napa the next day to share in some Studebaker fun and to meet our friends. Most everyone I know in Dixon was awoken at 3:20 am to a little "Shake, Rattle and Roll". Carlene and I were no exception. Neither was my brother.

I got up and turned on the news to see if I could find out what happened. There was nothing on TV but I got an answer on Facebook in seconds. **American River Canyon, 6.1**. After about an hour of searching the networks, we went back to bed. When I got up a few hours later, it was all over the news. As soon as I saw the pictures of the historic buildings in downtown Napa in rubble, I figured the meeting was off. It wasn't too much longer before we got the word that Frank and Johanna were pretty much OK with no major damage and no injuries. I asked them to give us a report as I'm sure most of the membership have been concerned for them. **Below is their story.....**

August is always a busy month with car shows and getting ready for our annual Studebaker meeting in Napa. We spent many an hour cleaning the yard and getting the house ready for the big day (which may never get done if we didn't have the meeting scheduled). By Saturday, we were finally ready! Early Sunday morning, I was awake laying in bed around 3:00 am. At 3:20, the house started shaking. There was no warning, it just went in to a violent shaking and our bed was moving side to side about 2 feet and up and down too. It was so loud, it sounded like a truck was driving through the house. We sat up and didn't even try to get out of bed because the house was shaking so much. After about 20 seconds, the shaking finally stopped. The whole town was black and I heard dogs barking and people screaming.



We got up and I told Hanna to put on shoes. We went out to the living room to see the damage. All that work that we spent cleaning the house and it was a disaster in 20 seconds. We went to get Daisy and she was sitting in the kitchen waiting for us to get her. She was a lot calmer than we were. I found a flashlight and went outside and checked around the house for any gas or water leaks. Everything looked good, so I went back inside. I couldn't really check the house fully, because there was no power in the neighborhood and it was pitch black outside. Inside the house, every cabinet was open in the dining room, kitchen, and bathrooms. We lost some glassware, bottles and lamps. Luckily, none of the furniture fell over so we didn't have all our dishes on the floor.

The cell phone service was out but we were able to use an old "princess phone" that I have hooked up to the fax machine to call our daughter and my mom. Of course, they didn't answer, so we jumped in the truck and went over to their houses to check on them. They were fine and we went back home. We still didn't have any power, so I got out the camp stove so we could make coffee. All the neighbors were outside with their kids, so we brought coffee and hung out until the sun came up.



The power finally came back on in the neighborhood about 10 o'clock am. We went back to our house and there was no power. We checked the house and our bedroom smelled like burning wires, so we quickly unplugged everything and shut off the power. I went outside and found that the neutral wire on the roof was broken. We cleaned and waited all day for P G & E to come and fix the wire. Finally, about 8 pm they showed up. The repair guy said he was from San Jose and came to Napa to help with the outage.

In conclusion, we lost some glasses, pictures, some important items left to us by grandparents that are irreplaceable. But we were very lucky, no damage to our house and most importantly both Studebakers didn't have a scratch on them!

We survived the quake of 2014! Frank Smith

KSC CALENDER of Events 2014

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

Saturday, September 13th – International Drive Your Studebaker Day. Join us for a fun run or do your own thing. Just drive your Studebaker today.

Sunday, Sept 21st – Sacramento Annual Auction/potluck. 1129 Weber Way Sacramento, CA. Arrive 11:00 am. Hosts: Rick & Johna Pierce 916-442-5984. Meeting will include our annual auction. Bring Studebaker and car related items. Proceeds of the auction go to scholarship fund. All are welcome!

Saturday, Oct 18th – Grass Valley, Empire Mine. Hosts: Darrell & LaRee Brunelli

Sunday, Nov 16th – Sacramento, Elks Lodge for lunch and Cemetery Tour. Hosts: Brian & Linda Challender

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

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

2014 NorCal Misc. Car Shows & Events

Provided by Jeff McClure (updated 9/1/14)

Remember, nothing impresses the crowds more at a car show than a STUDEBAKER! If there is a car show/event that you would like to get listed in *Hawk Talks*, just email me at darlenejeff@sbcglobal.net. Be sure the date of your event does not conflict with our monthly gatherings.

****NEW**** *Folsom Cruise Night is Back!* **EVERY WEDNESDAY**, New location: Skipolini's Pizza & Pasta, 191 Blue Ravine Rd, 4:30-9pm, Free, Pre '73,

Sept 12, Fri: *30th Annual Auburn Cruise Nite*, Downtown Auburn, 4pm-9pm, 1972 & older, FREE, www.auburncruisenite.com

Sept 13, Sat: *Drive Your Studebaker Day- Car show and Party*, This event is hosted by The Capital City Cruisers and we have been invited as part of our annual "Drive Your Studebaker Day". Location: Lowes @ 7840 Greenback Lane, (Greenback & Sunrise) Citrus Heights. \$20 pre-reg. 8am-10pm, 1975 & older. www.capitalcitycruisers.org

Sept 20, Sat: *Hot Chili & Cool Cars*, Pacific Street, Rocklin, CA. 10-4pm, \$30 at gate, '73 and older. 916-624-2548

Sept 26, Fri: *Vintage Friday's Car Show*, 2484 Mercantile Dr, Rancho Cordova, CA BBQ, FREE, 5pm -9pm. 916-853-2244

Sept 27, Sat: *"Super Saturday Castle Air Museum Car Show"*, Merced, CA. See the B52, SR-71, B17, B25, B29, B36 and More! Live music, vendors, awards, food. \$30 pre-reg. 9am – 3pm. www.castleairmuseum.org

Oct 4, Sat: *15th Annual Classic Auto Show to Benefit Guide Dogs of America*, Hagan Park, Rancho Cordova, CA. 9am-3pm, \$25 fee, awards, food, raffle... www.sacclassicauto.org 916-717-1781

Oct 25, Sat: *10th Annual OctoberFest Car Show & Toy Run*, at Lowes (Greenback & Sunrise) in Citrus Heights, 8am – 3pm, All 1975 and older, \$10 pre-reg, Bring a NEW Toy, www.capitalcitycruisers.org

Oct 26, Sun: *"Arbuckle Car Show and BBQ"*, LaVanche Hursh Park, Arbuckle, CA. 8am-2pm Tri-Tip Lunch, Awards, Halloween Parade, Goodie bags. \$20 Pre-reg 530-476-3190

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2140 Coronado Ave
Napa, CA 94559
or call: 707-255-5108

Here are a Few Items For Sale

Parts for Sale

1. Hub Caps 53-55 - \$100
2. Trunk lid 53-55 - \$200
3. 64-65 Lark type grille - \$85
4. 63 Hawk trunk overlay - \$200
5. Lark type Day/Night mirror - \$45
6. Delco 12V generator - \$35
7. 49-51 C cab front bumper chrome - \$200
8. Champ pickup bed wide box short wheelbase - \$150
9. Pickup shell for above bed - \$150
10. Misc Weasel NOS parts - \$75 lot
11. V8 4 barrel manifold - \$175
12. V8 2 barrel manifold - \$100
13. 289 V8 supercharged engine w/auto trans, w/ starter, generator, PS pump from 57 Packard \$1600
14. 57S supercharger - includes bracket idler, carb bonnet, (not complete) - \$750
15. Lots of 53 - 64 C/K rear quarters, doors, various transmissions, starters, etc.

That's a lot of cool parts for cheap!



Dean Sumpter, 916-753-6003 or carvin7712@yahoo.com

(09/14)

Wanted

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



Jon Stalnaker 707 344-1957
Broncos@onramp113.org (11-14)

More Stuff for Sale

Anyone interested in Lark parts. My self, Brian and Steve have made a few trips to Woodland to check out the parts from Bill Hollmans collection. Loran Polete is in charge. All of the remaining Larks have been purchased and removed by a good friend of mine Andy Schneller who lives near Olivehurst.

There are still several V8 and 6 cyl engines, some with transmissions, in the barn. Also a 27 rear end. We three have pretty well picked up the loose parts.

Loren also has a `27 Packard for sale. I have photo`s. Packard asking price is \$14,000. Contact me with any questions. ART 530-743-2942.

Also 1963 Avanti light custom. asking \$19,000
Nice vehicle. →

Contact Art Smith @ 530-312-8501. (011-14)



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