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## ***President's Message***

### ***September by Pat Dilling***



#### **President's Message September 2015**

Summer is about over, but we still have a lot of Studebakering ahead. I have heard reports from a number of our members who attended the International Meet in St Louis and they are all excited about what a great event it was. And kudos to Jon and Carlene Stalnaker and Mel France for their epic journey there and then home via Route 66. I am sure we will see a great article with lots of pictures soon. It was fun following those who made updates on Facebook. For those that have not been to an International Meet I highly recommend it, and we will have a West Coast opportunity in 2018. Lou Van Anne informed me it was announced that the Seattle/Tacoma area will host that meet. Start planning now! Lou also reports that Tom Curtis was elected as our new SDC President. And that reminds me, our own chapter elections are coming in November, start thinking about nominees; or if you think you might like to serve please step forward. Our chapter needs leadership and participation to thrive. Upcoming events include the Ironstone Winery Concours d' elegance in Murphys. A number of our members and more from other chapters will be showing their Studebakers. Even if you are not bringing a car, come on up for the fun. It is a great event for local charity with many classic original cars to see. Murphys is a cool little town with lots of shops and wine tasting rooms. Several of us have rented a house for the week-end that will serve as a place to gather for fun and BBQ on Friday or Saturday evening. October brings the Pacific Southwest Zone meet in Henderson Nevada Oct 8-11. It's Vegas baby! Let's have a great turnout and support the Tumbleweeds Chapter. They are planning several great activities for us. Plans for a Studebaker Caravan are in the works. Come join us! Then October 16-18 is the Sacramento International Auto Show at Cal Expo. The Karel Staple Chapter Studebakers are being featured as a special attraction at this show. There is no charge for us to participate. We need to have a great turnout of members with their cars. Please let me know if you will bring your cars no later than our September meeting, or call (530)218-0641 or email me [p.dilling@outlook.com](mailto:p.dilling@outlook.com). And speaking of the September meeting, it's Auction Time! Be digging out those unique items and Studebaker parts to bring to the auction along with your \$\$\$ to bid for those special treasures that others bring. This is our Scholarship Fund Raiser to support young people studying automotive technology. See you at Rick and Johna's house.

## **Announcements**

**The Date for the Karel Staple Chapter meeting has been changed to October 25, 2015. All other information remains the same.**

**The Karel Staple Chapter will be meet at 11 AM at Al's Place restaurant, 13936 Main St, November 15th, Locke California, for the November meeting. Hosted by Darrell and LaRee Brunelli.**

## ***Treasurers Report***

### ***September by Lou Van Ann***

As of 8/31/15 the check book is balanced, all bills have been paid leaving a balance of \$10720.98.



**AutoExpo 2015**

Fortuna Ca held it's 25<sup>th</sup> Silver Anniversary Car show July 24, 25, and 26. Fortuna is located on the beautiful and rugged North Coast of California, [Fortuna](#) is the jewel in the Eel River Valley, and the Redwood AutoXpo is Fortuna's biggest and most well-attended event of the season, a car show fueled by

vintage rock 'n' roll, pink poodle skirts, white bobby socks, sunglasses and cool cars that are hot!

Rick and Johna Pierce, in their '64 Gran Turismo Hawk and Lisa Hale with ride along guest, Betty Martin, in Lisa's '50 Starlight Coupe were there.

Friday night started with a Downtown Cruise. There was a solid parade of cars driving the approximate 2 and 1/2 mile loop. The amount of residents cheering and waving as each car went by was almost unbelievable. After the Cruise, many of the participants headed over to the Redwood Center for a Sock Hop and Silent Auction.

Saturday morning came early as the cars were lined up downtown for the day. The weather was great, a little cool and overcast, so it was a nice change. Rick and Johna were parked at one end of town with Lisa at the other. A count of 310 cars was the unofficial number that circulated around Saturday afternoon. The crowds were steady all day and the Studebakers drew quite a bit of attention. Lisa's car also drew the attention of Fortuna's Police Chief and was chosen as his favorite. After the show and shine, everyone headed over to the barbeque and had a great dinner.

Sunday Morning Lisa and Betty headed to the awards ceremony to pick up the beautiful redwood plaque before heading home

## **International News From Southbend**

At the recent International Meet held in St. Louis, Larry Swanson Publications Director for the SDC received the Harry Barnes award. Harry Barnes was the founder of the SDC. I cannot think of anyone who would deserve this recognition more. He has served the SDC well in many capacities.

Congratulations, Larry Swanson During the awards banquet at the 51st International SDC Meet, it was announced Larry Swanson was the recipient of the Harry Barnes Award. Harry was the founder of the Studebaker Drivers Club and an award was established in his honor to give special recognition to a member of the club who has made significant contributions to SDC.

Larry served as editor of Turning Wheels for twenty years and is currently Publications Director for the SDC. These are only a few of his many accomplishments.

Respectfully,  
Susan Lusted  
Editor What's Happening Turning  
Wheels Magazine  
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## Chapter Presidents Meeting

By Lou Van Anne

I attended the Chapter Presidents meeting for Pat Dilling at the International meet. Here are the issues discussed.

- 1) They are offering the club banners on a cost share basis again this year.
- 2) Tom Curtis is the new club president.
- 3) 2018 Meet will be in the Seattle/Tacoma area.
- 4) Club membership is up by 196 as of 7/15/15.
- 5) All Chapter members **must** be members of SDC for insurance purposes.
- 6) Much talk about the club's aging issue...



We went to the ACCC Save our cars show and we had 3 Studebakers there and the owners, Lisa Hale, John & Betty Martin & Rick & Johna Pierce. There were a few other cars shows that day, but we had about 150 cars there. Lisa & I ran the raffle booth & the kids sold raffle tickets, since all the money we to the Ken Hamel's Hot Rod Academy kids. We raised \$800.00 to help them go to SEMA. Just before the awards I gave Ken & his kids from Yuba County Career Preparatory Charter "Hot Rod Academy" our check from the Karel Staple SDC to help send 10 kids to SEMA. We got a standing ovation from the crowd and this made some others car clubs donate to them too.

## Carshows & Swapmeets

By Steve Rainville

Sept 19 Rancho Cordova 16th Guide Dogs of America, Hagen Park \$25 info Lee 916 717-1781

Sept 19 Rocklin 22 ed Hot Chilli and Cool Cars Pacific St 916 624-2548

Sept 20 Auburn 23 ed Swap Meet Gold County Fair Grounds info Tony 916 539-3383 or Randy 530 346-8627

Sept 20 Carmichael Bev's Angle Project Carmichael Oaks Shopping Center info Jan 916 402-7202 or Judee 916 798-6311

Sept 26 Carmichael Picnic in the Park \$20 Carmichael Park info 916 988-6376 or 916 485-5322

Sept 27 Turlock Fall Turlock Swap Meet Stanislaus Co. Fairgrounds info 209 777-5654

Oct 10 Citrus Heights 5th Chili Cook-Off and Car Show Lowes parking lot \$20 info 916 751-1918

Oct 11 Stockton Swap Meet and Car Show San Joaquin Co. Fairgrounds info 209 948-5307

Oct 11 Woodland 2ed Last Call Car Show California Agriculture Museum \$35 info Lindsey 530 666-9700





## *Fun At Mel's! By Brian Challender*

Early last month we had our meeting hosted by Mel France at his new museum at his home in Yuba City.

Wow! Mel has collected an astounding collection of automotive memorabilia, rare parts, automotive service tools and equipment, and so much more!

As I looked over the equipment he has displayed it really brought

back memories of when I worked in a gas station in my early twenties. It's hard to believe that what he has is so obsolete.

In addition to the service equipment, on the walls are vintage posters, signs, hubcaps, steering wheels, gages, and everything automotive.

He also displays working instruction models illustrating many basic automotive principals. Not to mention his car collection. A big THANK YOU to Mel for hosting the meeting in such an appropriate venue! Good Job!





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Motorists are showing an increasing awareness in the value of seat belts in preventing serious injuries and death to the extent that this awareness is being carried over to the legislative bodies of many states and in some instances legislation has already been passed making front seat belts compulsory.

Studebaker, as a leader in the effort to promote safety, has already taken the initiative in regard to seat belts for the Avanti. As you know, this car presently is being produced with front seat belts, left and right, installed unless the order specifically states that seat belts are to be omitted.

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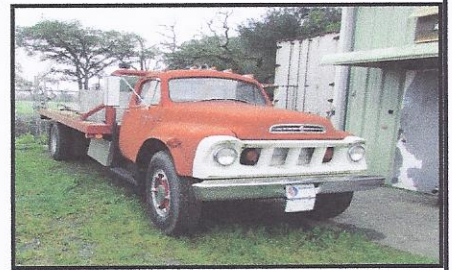
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The Clerici Family wants to sell one of Ray's trucks. It is a 1963 8E-40 I think its a 2 or 2 1/2 ton Flat bed. It has a 17' tilt bed with ramps, a car hauler. It is one of 40 USMC trucks. It has Hyd. Rams for the tilt bed, air brakes, winch for the tilt bed to pull cars up the ramps onto the truck. They want \$10,000 OBO. Call Donald at 707-226-6605.



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**KSC CALENDER of Events 2015**

Note: Hosts, please review your scheduled events for accuracy. Notify your editor should you need any corrections made.

**Sunday, Sept 20th** – 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!

**Oct 9 – 11, 2015** – PSW Zone Meet Henderson, NV. Hosted by: Tumbleweeds Chapter

**Sunday, Oct 25th** – Olivehurst – 4074 Mary Ave. Olivehurst, CA Arrive at 11:00 am for social/potluck. Call Pat Dilling for more information at: 530-743-4176

**Sunday, Nov 15<sup>th</sup>** – 11 AM at Al's Place restaurant, 13936 Main St, November 15th, Locke California, for the November meeting. Hosted by Darrell and LaRee Brunelli.

**Sunday, Dec 6<sup>th</sup>** – Annual Xmas Party. Ed and Laurie Sumner, 5115 Deerwood Dr. Shingle Springs. (530) 676-2736

**We are hosting the Studebaker Auction meeting & potluck  
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