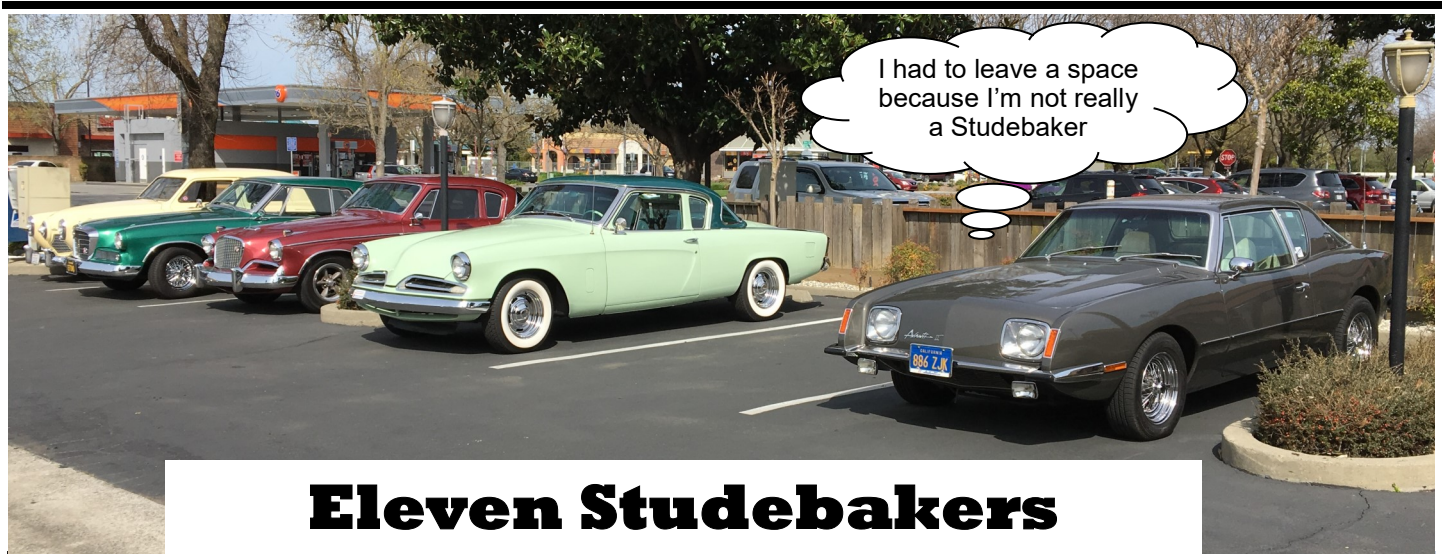


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**President's Message**

By Johna Pierce/President



What a beautiful day for a Studebaker meeting in Dixon! Thank you Marianne Mac Donald & Jim Goodland for hosting our meeting. We had a full house!

We went over up-coming meetings. The April meeting will be in Stockton hosted by Lou Van Anne and the Rambler club will be attending too! The May meeting will be a great photo op! We will be at the McClellan Aero Space Museum & we will get to park our Studebakers on the tarmac with the airplanes! There will be a \$10.00 admission per person, payable to Lou Van Anne (our Money Man).

Stephen Rainville will be getting more information on the Fair Oaks Car show May 5th, a meet up spot & time, so we can park our Studebakers together. Our June meeting will be a breakfast meeting at the Elks at 9:00am. Things seem to be on track for the PSW Zone Meet. Linda gave us an update & the red polo shirts will be ordered soon.

**Johna**

**Oh Yeah, I also wanna say;**

Rick & I dropped off some raffle prizes to Jilg and she was very happy to get them. She had only received 5 other raffle prizes so far. I want to let you know we will be having a raffle Friday night & Saturday at the car show. The raffle is the easiest way for our Chapter to make money to offset the Zone Meet expenses. We need new raffle prizes including gift cards. Gift cards from Target, Home Depot, gas stations...etc, are great ideas. If every member donated at least 1 raffle prize, we would have an amazing raffle! Remember it's only 5 months away!

**Secretary Report**

By: Linda Barnard/Secretary



32 members and 11 Studebakers were present at the March meeting. Thank you Jim and Marianne MacDonald for hosting this months meeting. A beautiful day and great food.

President Johna Pierce called the meeting to order. We had 1 visitor, Craig White.. Welcome Craig.

Lou talked about the April Meeting. Times are 11am – 3pm. The May meeting was discussed. Going to meet at the Aero Space Museum, McClellan Park, Sacramento. Pat Dilling will be host. Cost will be paid for by treasurer Lou Van Anne, and we pay him. The ones who want, can get their pictures taken with your Studebakers and planes on the tarmac.

The Fair Oaks Fiesta Days was discussed. Going to meet at Taco Bell, at Sunrise and Winding Way, on the Southwest corner, between 6 -6:30, and drive in together. Talk with Steve Rainville for more info.

Our Zone Meet will be advertised in the Turning Wheels, Aug and Sept. issues. We will be running a ½ page ad.

La Ree Brunelli won the 50/50—Way to go La Ree. Leon Cohen won the Car Show Certificate, Good job Leon.

**Linda Barnard /Secretary**



# Studebakers Meet in My Home Town

Story by: Jon Stalnaker

I'm a little disappointed with myself. I've lived in Dixon the whole time I have been a member and have never arranged a meeting in my home town. It's not that I never thought of it, It's simply that I couldn't come up with an appropriate place. Jim Goodland is Dixon's other Studebaker Dude and he beat me to the punch. We've had Cenario's Pizza in town for a long



time now, but they just recently acquired the space next door and built a dining area. Before they had a small table out front but were mostly "Take-Out". Marianne MacDonald owns the real estate building on the other side of Cenario's that has parking for 19 cars. Cenario's parking is about 4 spaces limited to 20 minutes. Marianne arranged to reserve her parking lot and we had a great place for a meeting.



I did my part by advertising the event in the local newspaper. The manager of Cenario's is planning to frame my story and put it up on the wall in the dining room. I did get some interest locally and we had a number of visitors checking out our cars. Unfortunately, we were focused on planning for our zone meet inside the restaurant. We did get to show off a few cars before and after the meeting. I was glad to see some local curiosity for our coveted vehicles.

I had to drive both of my studes to the event which is located on the other side of town from my home. Carlene picked me up and drove me back in the Subaru to get the second one. It wasn't only because she still refuses to drive my Studebakers, she brought her mom to the meeting and wanted to be able to leave when she got tired. I make that sound like a big task but Dixon is so small that it only takes ten minutes to reach the other side.

We had 11 Studebakers show up which wasn't too bad considering that it was hailing the day before. Our day was beautiful but I understand the hesitation on the part of those that chose not to bring a Studebaker. It was enough to dazzle the friends I have that showed up. Dixon people may see my bullet nose and truck and Jim's 54 Commander driving around town but I wanted them to be able to see some of the other beautiful cars that Studebaker produced. They were treated to



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a 56 Resto-mod Hawk and a 61 custom Hawk, two near perfect GT Hawks, StuCool, Steve's 55(3), Lisa's Custom Bullet nose, and Lou's (almost a Studebaker) Avanti.

Jim Goodland brought a "We Invented Cool" cake which was devoured by an appreciative crowd. The staff at Cenario's was stretched to the max and they worked hard to get everyone fed. The dining area is new and they haven't had a group this big to serve. I think they missed one. I wish I had found out before it was time to leave, I'm sure we could have fixed that easily enough. I spoke with the manager later in the week and he was very happy to have us and would love to welcome us back again. Thanks for coming to Dixon. I like my home town.



## Thank You Mr. France

By: Jon Stalnaker

Recently our water heater went belly up. We've had it for about 22 years, so I guess it was time. Carlene and I had been wondering if we shouldn't just drop our home warranty program since we hardly ever use it. Being the procrastinator that I am, I never got around to making that decision. So, lucky us, we were covered, and we probably saved three years-worth of premiums on this claim. They called a plumber who happens to live one street over and they replaced the unit with a brand new one. Happy to see my plumbing issues were over, I decided to cut the grass. The grass was wet and high, and it was bogging down my electric mower. I discovered that it was not just wet from recent rains and I had a puddle in my front yard. As it turned out, I also had a main line water leak.

The warranty company that covers my water lines (a different one) called their plumber and we were surprised that he came all the way from Yuba City. He was a jovial guy and got me with a couple of "wait – whats?" before I realized what a joker he was. He noticed my Studebakers in the driveway, and I offered to show them to him. Tell me who, in this club, wouldn't have done the same? Because he was from Yuba City, I had to ask, but I didn't expect the response I got. Do you know Mel France?



*'Yes, I know Mr. France, He was my son's teacher in third grade. My son had a learning disability and Mr. France detected it. Despite school requirements that he stay out of such things, he asked me if it was okay to administer a little test to check his suspicions. Sure enough, he was convinced, and he recommended I take my son to the doctor for proper diagnosis and treatment. I was so impressed with his ability to identify my son's problem and his willingness to help us despite bureaucratic warnings. My son, thanks to Mr. France was able to continue his education and was able to succeed in his academic endeavors after treatment. That was about 20 years ago.'*

Knowing Mel, the way I do, this did not surprise me in the slightest. I shared my experience with Mel on our trip to St Louis and back and told Mr. Vegan, the plumber, that I too think highly of him. It was a little strange to hear him always refer to Mel as Mr. France, but under the circumstances, I realized that it was proper. I promised him that I would pass on his thanks. It's a small world isn't it.



## ZONE MEET HAPPENINGS

By: Linda Bernard



1. 62 red polo shirts were ordered. We are supposed to get them this month and will give them out at the May meeting.
2. Updates were given from each committee chairman. We need lots more raffle prizes. We will give them out each hour Friday and Saturday so we need a lot. Please talk to Jilg or bring your things to her at the meetings.
3. The Presidents meeting will be Friday at 10:00 AM and the Judges Meeting is going to be Saturday Morning at 8 AM.
4. We need more things for goody bags. I will be getting with Betty and Perry to figure out a date we can stuff the bags. I expect it will probably be August.
5. We received 150 cards to get a free 4.5 inch magnetic bottle openers from The Car Guy Garage.
6. The San Joaquin Valley Chapter donated \$300.00 to use toward the Zone Meet. Also, they have signs for us.
7. We will have seats set up in the back for anyone that wants to come to the awards banquet, but not eat dinner.
8. Thank you everyone for all the hard work you are putting into this Zone Meet. It will be a great time.



## Calling all Rambler and Studebaker Owners!

The Pacific Goldrush Rambler Club will be joining our three Northern California Studebaker Driver Club Chapters and the Avanti Owners Association for a giant Orphan Car show at Grupe Park in Stockton this year.

The date is Saturday, April 27th starting at 11am. You will find directions on page 7 of this newsletter. This meeting is a pot luck and Lou will provide a couple of grills for whatever meat you would like to barbeque. Or you can follow the usual pot luck breakdown listed below.

**Our Pot Luck System only works when you follow the breakdown listed below. Sometimes, not even then.**

Members A thru G— Bring a Dessert  
Members H thru M— Bring a Salad or Appetizer  
Members N thru Z— Bring a Main Dish

Contact Lou Van Anne if you have any questions;  
LVASales@Comcast.net  
209 479 0867

**This is a dog friendly event located in a City Park.  
We only ask that you clean up after your pets.**



**APRIL 2019 ADVERTISEMENTS****CARS, PARTS, SERVICES**

To place a for sale ad for cars, parts, or services,  
contact Dean Sumpter at  
**carvin9755@gmail.com** or **916-753-6003**.

**Parts For Sale**

1955 Champion complete 6 cyl engine with bell housing, clutch and 3 speed overdrive transmission. Well seasoned by years of outdoor storage, ready for rebuild. Ran when new. \$250 OBO. **Contact Ed Sumner at 530-676-2736 or EdwardSumner@comcast.net**

12 volt Delco generator and regulator - good condition ready for use \$65. **Contact Dean Sumpter 916-753-6003 or carvin9755@gmail.com**

Many 1950-51 Champion parts, some 1949-58 Champion parts. I have parts cataloged with part numbers. Call with your shopping list. **Contact JT at 415-533-4479**

Lark sheet metal: 62-63 deck lid, 1959/63 drivers door (4 door) also fits Champ pickup. 1961 Lark hood, 1962/63 Lark deck lids one smooth and one with wide pattern. All in great shape \$50 each. **Contact Art Smith 530-743-2942**

Parts from 1951 4 door Champion (no hood, fenders, bumpers and steering wheel). **Contact Bill McNelley 530-872-0465**

**Parts Wanted**

Looking for drivers side reclining bucket seat for GT Hawk. **Contact Doug Hadley 530-674-5580**

**Cars For Sale**

1960 Hawk - rebuilt 289 V8 4 bbl and rebuilt auto trans. \$7000. Frame cleaned, sanded and painted. All new brake system components. All new rubber for front and rear suspension. New fuel lines, tank cleaned/sealed & powder coated. drive shaft powder coated. Body partially sanded (have primer), Have new green cloth interior, new wiring harness, hundreds of small parts My health stops my progress, would like someone to enjoy this beautiful car. Photos available. **Contact Nick DeLisa 707-332-9639 Vacaville.**

1952 Champion 2 door sedan, great red paint and good interior, 5 radial tires. \$12,000 **Contact Frank Kilpatrick 209-768-4345**

1957 Golden Hawk call for details. Needs paint and interior. **Contact Bill McNelley 530-872-0465**

1949 Studebaker 2R17 2 ton truck with grain bed. Has GMC 292 cu.in. 6 cyl engine and Bradley lift bed (not connected). Includes NOS gauges and service manuals. Floors and body in good condition. Photos available. \$2500 OBO. Located in Sheridan Ca. **Contact Sherry Reese 530-633-9597 or 1circler@gmail.com**



## Karel Staple Chapter CALENDAR 2019

**Saturday, Apr 27th** – 11am—Pot Luck—Grupe Park—Stockton—Joint Northern Ca Meet—Lou Van Anne is Host

**Sunday, May 19th** – 11am—Pot Luck—McClellan Aero Space Museum-Photo op for Zone Meet—Pat Dilling is Host

**Sunday June 9th**— Pancake Breakfast , time to be announced - Elks Lodge Carmichael - Stephen Rainville is host

**Saturday July 19th**—11am—Lions Gate Hotel—It's at McClellan at the O'Club restaurant for lunch—Rick and Johna, Hosts. This way people can see the place we are having the Zone meet & see the changes.

**Sunday August 11**—11am—Pot Luck 2140 Coronado Napa Ca-Frank and Johanna Smith hosts

**Saturday September 14**—IDYSD TBA

**Friday Sept 27 thru Sun Sep 29**—Karel Staple Chapter Hosts the Pacific Southwest Zone Meet in Sacramento

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

**STOCKTON**

**From the North**

Benjamin Holt Drive  
Exit Go West (right)

Turn left on Grigsby

Turn Right on Swain  
Turn left on Halleck Pl

Turn left at the park  
and follow it around

**Grupe Park**

**From the South**

Exit March Ln and turn West (left). Turn right on Feather River Drive. The first street over the bridge is Seagull Ln. (turn left) and follow it to the end.

March Ln is off the map

The map shows the area around Stockton, CA, with Interstate 5 running vertically on the right. Benjamin Holt Drive runs horizontally across the top. Grigsby runs horizontally below Holt Drive. Swain runs horizontally below Grigsby. Halleck Pl runs horizontally below Swain. Grupe Park is located at the intersection of Swain and Halleck Pl. A green arrow points to the location of Grupe Park. A red car is shown in a small inset image. A photo of several classic cars is also included.

**National SDC Application**

**For SDC National membership:**  
**Please mail check or money order**  
**to:**

**Studebaker Drivers Club, Inc.**  
**P.O. Box 1715**  
**Maple Grove, MN 55311-7615**

**Includes monthly publication of**  
**Turning Wheels Magazine**

<input type="checkbox"/>	First year membership	
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	w/periodicals class mail	\$31.00
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	w/ first class mail	\$60.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Student/young adult	
	(up to 22 years old)	\$24.00
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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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If new member, source of referral:

Please list Studebakers, including  
 Year, make, body style on separate page.

**Karel Staple Chapter Application**

**All members of local chapters**  
**must be members of the National**  
**Studebaker Drivers Club**  
**SDC #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership dues are \$20 Annually**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Birthday (Mo) \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ YES, I would like my newsletter emailed to me each month.

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**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:**

**Karel Staple Chapter SDC**

Mail to: Kate Dilling  
 4074 Mary Avenue  
 Olivehurst CA 95961  
 or call: (530) 743-4176





## Tech Tips

by: Studebaker Mike

And if your distributor is located at the front of your engine, It's a Ford 289



### Why Should I Have My Engine's Distributor Rebuilt?

After all, the engine starts, it goes down the road, and it doesn't give me much grief. It would be a waste of money. Or would it? Many people that drive older cars with good running or freshly rebuilt engines don't ever consider rebuilding the distributor, especially if it meets the requirements of the opening sentence.

I used to be in that group. The money spent on rebuilding a distributor pays good dividends, in quicker starts, faster acceleration and better economy. The distributor is a very precise built mechanism that is designed to ignite the air fuel mixture in the cylinder at exactly the right time, each and every revolution of the engine. This helps make a well performing engine. Some of the parts that wear are the bushings that support the main shaft, the advance plate with associated components, and the vacuum advance unit. The shaft is held in very close tolerances to the distributor body as it spins. As the bushings wear this effects the gap set at the points. Instead of the gap being fixed, it's now variable as the shaft moves about in the bushings, this changes the timing. The advance plate, is designed to ride smoothly on a bearing system so the timing can be advanced. Over time these plates may no longer move smoothly, causing the advance of the timing to start late and sometimes limiting full travel, or even become stuck. The vacuum advance is a rubber diaphragm housed in a metal flying saucer shaped housing outside the distributor. With engine vacuum pulling on one side of the diaphragm that moves an arm which is attached to the advance plate. A leak in the diaphragm will disable any influence of the vacuum advance unit.

The list of worn parts in a distributor is long, almost as long as the list of parts that are adjustable, variable or tunable. A properly rebuilt distributor should not only have new parts installed, but should, and most importantly, be 'tuned or dialed in' to the engines specific task. Is the engine stock, and you're just cruising, is it a performance build, burning premium fuel, is it used for towing or supercharged? Each of these engines might have the same looking distributor, but the internal set up for each would be unique. Different advance curve, advance limits, initial or static timing, and vacuum advance influence. Two things I learned, a stock advance curve is irrelevant today because fuel is not the same as it was in the 50's and 60's.

When you have your distributor rebuilt make sure they ask you to fill out a worksheet. Some of the info on the sheet would be, make and year of vehicle, engine size, performance mods, auto or manual trans, gear ratio, fuel, supercharged, the list go on. Then the builder can tune the distributor to your engine. You will truly get the biggest 'bang for your buck'. I have been using Advanced Distributors for a number of years with great success. Jeff is a true pro.



Check out his website at [www.AdvancedDistributors.com](http://www.AdvancedDistributors.com) (612)-804-5543

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