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President's Message

February by Steve Rainville



January kicked the year off in fine fashion. The club had cars on display at the California Car Museum (that's to Jon Stalnaker and staff) for January. Then a well attended meeting was held there. Our cars were still in the museum for Free Museum Day the place was packed all day and our name brand received a lot

of attention. A big thanks to those members that were on hand to talk about Studebakers.

I hope everyone is looking forward to a busy February. To get you and your car or truck out there and have fun.

See you at Sam's Hof Brau on the 21st.

When is the last time you can remember a car club being called *a blessing*? Your answer is?

When I delivered the bags of clothing, shoes, and children's books to Spinelli Elementary School, the wonderful secretary, Cathy, called our car club *a blessing*. Yes, the Karel Staple Studebaker Drivers Club has been a continuing blessing to the students and the families of the community. The bag with 7 pairs of sweat pants brought a huge smile to Cathy as she is the person who tries to assist the younger students who have "accidents." Before I arrived with the club's donations, a small girl had been sent to the office by her teacher. The little girl was wearing jeans that were too small to zip and her shirt was too short to cover it up. The little girl said it was her only pair of jeans.

Sincere thanks to the many club members who have made donations to this very special project. You are very special people who are known as being *a blessing* to children at Spinelli Elementary School.

If you have new or clean useable clothing items you would like to donate, please contact Betty Knopf at 916-944-3553 or fpstude@aol.com

Secretary's Report

February by Lisa Hale & Linda Bar-

Many thanks to Lisa Hale for taking the notes for this meeting, as I was sick and could not attend. THANKS LISA!

Steve Rainville called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m. A letter from the Sagebrush Chapter asking for a cash donation to help with the logistics of hosting the next Southwest Zone meet in Reno Nevada. A discussion was held, and a proposal was made to donate \$200.00. Further discussion and the proposal was voted down in favor of a new proposal for a \$300.00 donation, which was carried. If you wish to volunteer to help at the zone meet, contact Joe Modarelli at 775-882-1178.

2016 Member rosters were made available to members who wished one.

Lou Van Ann gave the treasurer's report and was discussed.

Steve gave up the car show info to the editor to Johnna Peirce and will not be doing the 50/50 bucket.

Pat Dilling brought up the "Drive The Gorge" car show that will be in Columbia Washington. This is a two day event. For info contact Pat Dilling at 530-743-4176.

In what is becoming a tradition in our club, a custom made blanket was presented to our outgoing chapter president Pat Dilling for his services to the club.

THANKS PAT!



Parts needed and for sale were presented by various members, and Auto Rama, was discussed.

Welcome our new members Terry Colman, and Bob Challenger. Glad you're with us!

***MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE AT
THE END OF FEBRUARY!!!***

Checks can be made out to :

Karel Staple Chapter SDC

And mailed to: Linda Barnard

7300 Sylvan Grove Way

Citrus Heights CA 95610

You can also see Linda at the next meeting.

Make sure you have also renewed your

International Studebaker Drivers Club Membership!

***DON'T MISS OUT ON HAWK TALKS
AND TURNING WHEELS!!!***

Note from the Editor:

Definition from Funk & Wagnalls Standard Desk Dictionary

"Editor - To collect, compile and arrange material for publication"

This means I don't write everything. I need information to share with other members. Material in any form is welcome. I'll put it together for the newsletter.

Thanks, *Editor*

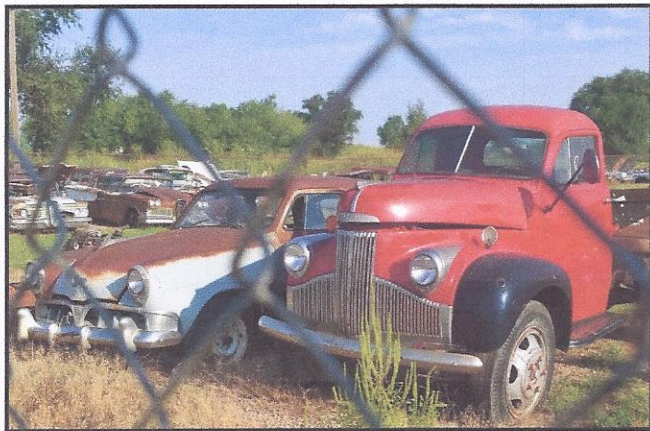
Thirteen States in a Studebaker – Part 5

It's All Part of Owning a Classic Car

Story By: Jon Stalnaker

As we left off last month, I was feeling pretty confident about the car. It was running fine despite the fact that I had to disconnect the battery every night to keep it from draining overnight. I couldn't lock it but we had many friends following us on Facebook and many of them were keeping us in their prayers. So off to Texas we go with the immediate goal of making it to Amarillo before noon. (By morning) We were at the western border of Oklahoma so we were in Texas before the chickens were fed.

Our first order of business was to fuel up for the day. We were approaching Shamrock and decided to take the Hwy 40 Business Loop as that is typically the old Route 66. We figured there was a good chance of finding a gas station there. As we entered into town we found a few old Studes parked behind chain link



fences and stopped to take a few photos. What we found just up the road was the highlight of the trip. As we approached the Conoco Station and Café our faces just lit up. We wouldn't be able to gas up here but the U Drop In curio shop and museum was the exact kind of place we were looking for. You may recognize the architecture as that of Raphael's Garage in the movie "Cars". This place was

the inspiration and the cartoon version was nearly identical. We HAD to stop!



It was early and we were the only ones there. Carlene looked around the store and museum and I went outside to get some pictures. There was much to see and we stocked up on some Rt. 66 memorabilia. The clerk inside was a wonderful lady by the name of Hazel. They say Texas women are the friendliest and she was the calendar girl for that statement. We looked around the café as it was just for display and Carlene had some fun behind the window of the old time post office. We took advantage of her hospitality and got a picture of the three of us sitting in a booth. Thanks Hazel for taking one of the few pictures we have of all three of us together.



It wasn't long before others dropped in and it was time for us to find a real gas station so we could still make Amarillo by morning.

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My sister told me on Facebook that there was a roadside rest area in Groom Texas that I should not simply drive by. She said look for the giant cross from the freeway. I'm sure glad she told me about it because I would have seen the cross for sure but you have to stop to appreciate what is there. Under the huge cross is a series of bronze statues that depict the crucifixion. It was awesome and well worth the stop. The cross was much bigger than it looked from the main road.



It was starting to get late so we moved on out to Amarillo and Cadillac Ranch. We made it before noon and were on the lookout for protruding fins when we saw them off in the distance. I would have missed it but Carlene was on the ball so we took the next exit and doubled back for it. You have to hike in off the frontage road to see the display and remember it has been raining on us this whole trip. It wasn't too muddy out there but there was considerable mud out where the cars are. As we entered the property, I told Carlene we should have brought some spray paint to graffiti up the cars.

When we got out to the site, there were paint cans all over the place and some of them still had paint in them. So we added our names to the cars and figured there was a good chance they would be painted over before we even got back to the Studebaker. Yet another great photo op moment for us. This is turning out to be a great day.



We were going through the panhandle portion of Texas so I figured we would easily make it to New Mexico today. The next roadside attraction we saw was Midpoint Texas. Midpoint is the established half way point on route 66 as it is 1139 miles from Chicago and 1139 miles to LA. The sign said you have to try the "ugly crust pies" so that was good enough to get us to stop for lunch.



We had a fun lunch and talked with the owner of the establishment and learned some more "mother road lore". set on down the road for New Mexico.

So did I mention that my gas gauge was not working so well? I didn't think it would be too much of a problem as I would just gas up on a regular basis and watch my odometer. It was starting to get late so Carlene looked for a nice hotel and we made reservations for one in Santa Rosa, New Mexico. I was watching my gauges closely, we had not gassed up since Shamrock in the morning. I figured I was getting close to needing gas but could make it to Santa Rosa. About 8 miles before we got there, the car died and rolled to a stop on the side of the road. I called AAA and they dispatched a truck with a little over a gallon of gas. After putting the gas in the tank, the car would still not start. The AAA guy drove his truck back to town and came back with a tow truck.

And now we come to the title of the story. Pat Dilling, in an effort to make me feel better,



made the comment on Facebook that "it's all part of owning a classic car". While I appreciate his intentions, it did not make me feel any better. Retrospect gives you a much clearer view of the big picture and now that it is behind me I can see that my prayer ninjas were effective in keeping us safe on this trip.

We had driven across miles and miles of nowhere with a car that had some serious electrical issues and we broke down 8 miles away from a hot rod shop with decades of experience building cars like the one I was driving. And we had reservations at the hotel in town. . You might call that a coincidence. I call it divine intervention. So our car is now in the hands of Bozo's Garage. I think it's time for a drink! I'm too upset to write any more. I'll have to finish this next month.

Is there an "Imp" in your Studebaker?

During garage tours, zone meets, show and shine events, occasionally you may have seen the "Accordion" pleated flex hoses which are use on Studebakers and other cars.

These hoses are potential trouble makers and loved by radiator shops for the damage they can caused if used on a vehicle for an extended period. On Studebakers they will, in time cause the soldered hose adapter on the brass tank to detach and leak. At least, on a Studebaker, the adapter can be re-soldered to the tank but if this type of hose is used on modern cars that have a plastic tank on the radiator, the flex hose will cause a rip in the tank which will need a replacement.

If you have this type of hose on your Studebaker, consider replacing it with proper molded hose. Get rid of the "Imp." You do not need a leak in cooling system of your Stude. Usage of these flex hoses should only be on a temporary basis.

In an e-mail from the WMWM (The World's Most Wonderful Mechanic . . . aka, Dan Dobbins) he had encountered a radiator neck detachment problem on his GT Hawk. Instead of re-soldering the neck to the radiator, he used marine epoxy to bond it back together. Either method works but the parts must be absolutely cleaned first.

The "Imp" (Mischief-maker) can be in the form of the "Accordion" type radiator flex hose. Granted, they can be a blessing in a "Pinch" when a proper mohose is not available.

The theory of why a hose causes the detachment a hose is bent rather than using one that is formed to be used for a specific application.

It is the rubber in the hose that does not want to continually be under stress or compression that it wants to straighten out that causes some of the stress on the neck of the radiator.

This stress action while not visible to the eye is compounded with the constant movement of the engine when it is operating. The engine shifts most when accelerating and decelerating putting further stress on the hose and the radiator neck. In time, the neck of the radiator parts company with the radiator.

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

Art Smith is clearing out his Champ Pickup fleet – He has 3 1962 Champ T-Cab trucks for sale. One is complete but not running, the other 2 for parts. Also 2 pickup beds - one wide box short wheel-base, and the other is short narrow box. 2 fenders for narrow box pickup bed. 1953 4 door parts car and 1954 4 door parts car. **Contact Art Smith 5307432942, lucky7@succeed.net**

1964 259 V8 engine just over 100K with automatic transmission in dry storage for several years. \$650 OBO for both or will separate. S57 Supercharger from a 57/58 Golden Hawk, needs carb, air cleaner, and will need new bearings and races \$650 OBO. New reproduction floor pan for Champ T cab pickup passenger side \$120 OBO. **Contact Dean Sumpter 916-753-6003 or carvin9755@gmail.com**

Hello, Members.

I am looking for a Front Parking Light Assembly and a pair of Head Light Bezels for a 1956 Transtar, as pictured here. Can anyone help me, or steer me in the precise location of these parts?

Thank you, in advance.

<http://www.americandreamcars.com/1956studebakerpkup030410.jpg>

Cars for Sale

1953 Studebaker Commander Coupe – restored V8 engine, auto transmission, brakes, exhaust, and paint are done. Interior upholstery included but not installed. Less than 65K original miles. \$12,000 OBO. **Contact Craig Debaeke 209-293-7953**

NOTE:

Ads are free and run for two consecutive issues (space permitting) and, if you renew your ad, two additional issues.

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National SDC Application

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

Includes monthly publication of
Turning Wheels Magazine

_____ First year membership	
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_____ Regular membership	
_____ w/periodicals class mail	\$31.00
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Name: _____

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Address: _____

City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____

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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: _____

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

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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: Linda Barnard
7300 Sylvan Grove Way
Citrus Heights, CA 95610
or call: (916) 213-8989

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KSC CALENDER 2016

Feb 21st – Sam's Hof Brau – Host George Newhouse

March 20th – Host – Leon & Ronnie Cohen home -Roseville

April 16 – CCC Spring Fest Car Show

April 30th – All Clubs meeting at Grupe Park, Stockton – Host – Lou Van Anne Potluck

May 1st - Fair Oaks Car show

May 6-7 – Gold Rush Car Show, Oroville

May 19th- 21st – PSW Zone Meet – Atlantis Casino, Reno NV. Club meeting in Reno to be announced

June 19 - John M Studebaker Wheelbarrow Races, Placerville – Host Pat Dilling

June 25 - Burgiemen Car show, West Sacramento- Host Dean Sumpter

June 26th –Mel France home and museum -Yuba City Potluck

July 17th - Ed & Laurie Sumner Potluck

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

Local Car Shows for March, April, and May

Saturday – March 19th – Casa Roble High School Car Show

Saturday - April 16th – April Spring Fling – Palladio in Folsom

Saturday - April 23rd Carmichael Elks Car Show

Saturday April 30th – Grass Valley Car Show

Sunday - May 1st – Fair Oaks Car Show

Friday – Saturday May 6th -7th – Gold Rush Car Show Oroville

Saturday – May 21st – Townsman Car Show Loomis Train Depot

Saturday - May 21st – Downtown Ford Car Show-Sacramento

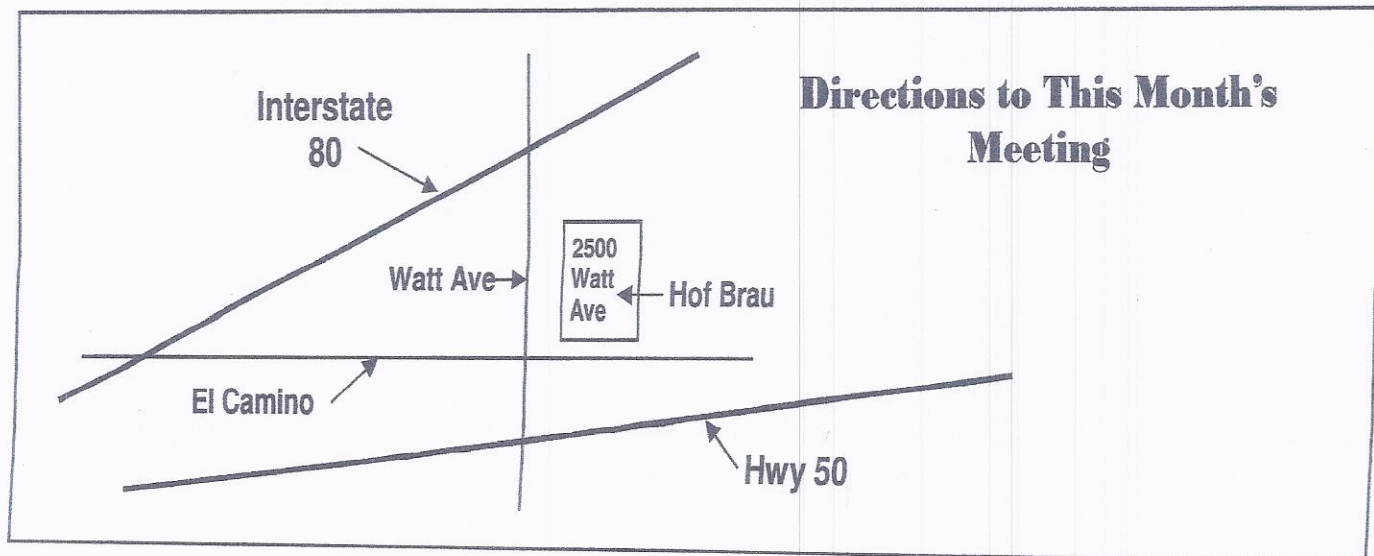
Saturday – May 21st – Maxwell Classic Car Show – Maxwell, CA

Saturday – May 21st – Jackson Car Show – Motherlode Cruisers.

Sunday - May 22nd – Cappuccino Cruisers Fry's Electronics in Roseville

Sunday - May 29th - Cappuccino Cruisers Folsom Zoo

Directions to This Month's Meeting



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