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# Hawk Talks



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Chapter of the Studebaker Drivers Club

*Enjoy the Romance of Studebaker*



*Happy Valentines Day!*



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## *President's Message*

*by Steve Rainville*

Hello All Studebaker People

By the time you get this message the Super Bowl will have been played. We have many San Francisco Fans in our chapter. I don't know about that other team though. Personally I'm looking forward to the game with two very good teams. Originally we were to have our meeting on Super Bowl Sunday but after a little spirited discussion we changed that date.

This message will start our second month of the new year and I trust all of us are gearing up for a busy season full of happy get-togethers with miles of smiles.

On the business side we need a secretary, so I hope somebody will step up and fill that spot. Please don't be shy about helping our chapter, we can't have too many hands in the pot.

Anyhow that's all I have for now. If you would like to hear more, join us for a meeting and jump in the fun.

Yours Truly Stephen Rainville

## *Secretary's Report*

*January by LaRee Brunelli*

**Date:** January 21, 2024

**Location:** Mel's Diner, Auburn

**Attendance:** Attendees -19 Studebakers -1 Meeting was called to order at 1 1:15 AM, by President Steve Rainville

**Treasure Report:** Lou Van Anne reported all bills are paid and the check book is balanced. Lou handed out the Income/Expense by Category sheet to all the attending members. He received a request from the National Studebaker Museum for their annual fund. \$100 was voted on to send them. Lou said he would get a check in the mail to them.

Lou reported that he has been treasurer of our club for 10 years. A big thank you to Lou for his service.

**Membership:** Johanna Smith, Membership Chairwoman, reported that we have 68 paid members. She said that we have 2 new members. All who attended the meeting paid their dues to Johanna for the upcoming year.

Johanna has been doing the Membership for over 12 years. Thank you to Johanna for her service.

Dues are now due for 2024.

**Old Business:** Christmas Party for 2024. Betty Knopf has found a Church that might be able to lend us their large room for the party. She will bring the information to the next meeting. Steve Rainville is finding out about the March meeting. He will announce the location at the February club meeting.

Frank Smith will check about the Rail Road Museum for the September meeting. Betty Martin offered to help with any of the arrangements.

**New Business:** The club **needs a new Secretary.** Steve Rainville asked for someone to volunteer.

Pat Dilling said he would do the newsletter monthly.

Mel France suggested we could buy individual car display sheets for \$2 each. Mel France and Steve Rainville will bring the item to the next meeting. Perry Knopf said he would look into what our Club Calendar printing company would charge.

Steve Rainville said that Rick's Glass in Citrus Heights does a good job installing window glass.

Discussion about how to get the members to our club meetings: Jack Laird talked about what his other clubs do, and the discussion will continue at the next meeting.

Opportunity Drawing: Johanna Smith made a motion to buy \$25 gas cards to be part of a separate drawing. Each attending member would get a ticket for the drawing. Frank Smith seconds it, and the motion was voted on and passed. Jack Laird won the opportunity drawing and Betty Martin donated other prizes to winners.

Parts needed – and for sale: Steve Rainville has 2 pickup trucks for sale- 1 Champ and 1 Scotsman. He also has 2 C cab hoods, fenders and doors.

Next Meeting: Sunday, February 18, at 11 am. Rosie's Country Kitchen 6233 Auburn Blvd. Citrus Heights, Hosted by Steve Rainville President, Steve Rainville adjourned the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.



**It is not too early to start thinking about next years calendar.**

**It's your calendar. Please send in photos of your car; Or a photo of a Studebaker from your family history, preferably with you in it!**

**Or a project car in progress.**

**Send to Perry Knopf at [fpstude@aol.com](mailto:fpstude@aol.com), or text, 916/425-3207. We still have a couple 2024 calendar.**

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THE LARGEST  
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MEET IN THE WEST!

Sunday, May 26, 2024  
8:00 am - 3:00 pm

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## TECH TIPS

### Here's How to Find and Stop Oil Leaks

By Jim & Karen McKeever

San Joaquin Valley Chapter, SDC

There's nothing more frustrating than having an oil leak that puts greasy, sticky goo all over your chromed and polished aluminum engine parts (or all over your garage floor!)

If you have ever wondered if there was an easy way to seal oil pan, intake manifold, or valve cover leaks, here is a little tip that will help.

For materials, you will need a tube of silicone sealer (the blue stuff or similar oil resistant type), a piece of vacuum hose large enough to go over your dipstick tube (with dipstick removed) and long enough to reach another car (about 8 feet or so should do), some duct tape, carb cleaner, and a stethoscope or reasonable fac-simile.

(If you already have a vacuum pump, or decide to purchase one, you can eliminate the 8 feet of vacuum hose, but you will need an appropriate length to go from the pump to the dipstick tube.)

First, drain the oil from the leaking engine. If you forget this, the vacuum source, (i.e. the other car) will soon have five or so extra quarts of oil.

Second, seal the openings on the engine (PVC valve hole, oil breather, etc.) with the duct tape. You might want to start by degreasing the engine first.

Third, remove the dipstick, hook the vacuum hose to the dipstick tube on the leaking engine, and run the other end to the manifold vacuum on the other car (not ported).

Start the engine on the vacuum source car and run it just above idle. Take the stethoscope and listen to all the likely places it could be leaking on the oil pan, intake manifold, and valve covers.

Where there is a leak, you will hear a rush of air (HISS-S-S) being drawn into the engine. If you don't have a stethoscope, you can take carb or brake cleaner and spray it around the gasket areas, then watch and listen for it to be sucked in.

Once you find the leak, take your carb cleaner and spray the area liberally to get rid of the excess oil. Then take the tube of silicone sealer and apply it wherever the engine is hissing. The vacuum will pull the sealer into the opening, sealing the leak. Allow the sealer to completely dry, then trim off any excess, so everything looks nice and neat.

Don't forget to put oil back into your formerly leaking engine before you fire it up, or you may have to clean broken parts off the garage floor that weren't there before!

This little trick also works on new and/or rebuilt engines while on an engine stand, to make sure they don't leak before they go into your car.

**KSC CALENDER 2024**

**Bold Dates are Karel Staple events**

**Jan 21 Sunday** Mel's Diner, 11 am 1730 Grass Valley Hwy #2885, Auburn, Host Betty Martin  
**Feb 18 Sunday** Rosie's Country Kitchen at 11am. 6233 Auburn Blvd, Citrus Heights. Host Steve Rainville

**Mar 16 Saturday** – Brookfield's Restaurant 11:00 am, 1817 Taylor Rd. Roseville, CA, Hosted by: Betty Martin (530) 320-0624

**Apr 28 Sunday** Studebaker Rambler Picnic, 11 am Grupe Park, Stockton, BYO picnic lunch Host Lou Van Anne

**May 18 Saturday** Sutter Buttes Cruise, Host Betty and Perry Knopf

Jun 15 80th Studebaker Wheelbarrow Race, El Dorado County Fair. Host Pat Dilling

**Jun 22 Saturday** Annual Chapter Auction, 11 am Pat & Kate Dilling's home, 4074 Mary Ave, Olivehurst. Pot Luck, Bring things to auction. Proceeds to Chapter.

**Jul 20 Saturday** Johanna & Frank Smith's home, 11am Pot Luck

**Aug 16 Friday** California Auto Museum, 11 am, 2200 Front St, Sacramento, Hosts Johna & Rick Pierce

**Sep 14 Saturday** IDYSD Western Railway Museum, 11 am, 5848 CA-12, Suisun City, BYO lunch, Host Linda Barnard

Oct 18-20 International Auto Show, Cal Expo, Host Pat Dilling

**Oct 20 Sunday** Mark & Monica's Pizza, 11 am, 4751 Manzanita Ave, Carmichael, Hosts Pat & Kate Dilling

**Nov 16 Saturday**, Back 40 Texas BBQ 11 am, 1201 Orlando Ave, Roseville, Host Johna Pierce

**Dec 8 Sunday** Christmas Party, location to be determined

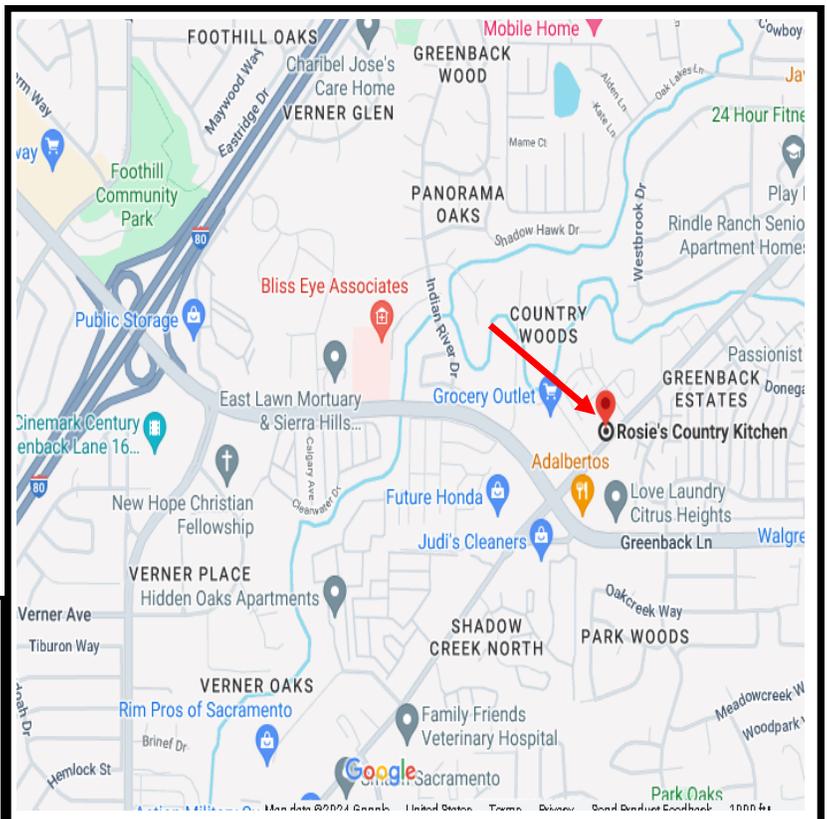
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**Directions to the February Meeting**

**Rosie's Country Kitchen**  
6233 Auburn Blvd,  
Citrus Heights.



**National SDC Application**

**Karel Staple Chapter Application**

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Please mail check or money order**

**to:**

**Studebaker Drivers Club, Inc.  
P.O. Box 1715  
Maple Grove, MN 55311-6715**

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|---|---------|
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| ___ Regular membership<br>w/ first class mail         | \$62.00 |
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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.

**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 \$12.00 each                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Membership fee:    \$ 20.00  
Total enclosed:    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Make check payable to:**

**Karel Staple Chapter SDC**

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