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# Hawk Talks

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## President's Message

Hello Everyone

What a year so far, our chapter is running like a well oiled machine. Thanks to many of you, we have a plan for next year and I think it's a good one. I can only hope more of you will jump in and make it easy for the rest of us to host and enjoy the up coming Zone Meet.

And what a wonderful year for my car I got to drive to an International Meet, then a Zone Meet in the same year. This is big stuff for a Studebaker owner to do.

Well that's about all I have for now as others have more to say on SDC happenings. Have a wonderful November and see you at our next meeting.

**Yours Truly, Stephen Rainville**



## Johna Pierce Elected New President by Members of Karel Staple Chapter SDC

It is with great pleasure that I am writing this letter to you in order to announce my newly elected position as President for 2019. The chapter voted at our last meeting and I am deeply honored to be the first female President for the Karel Staple Chapter.

**Johna Pierce**

*And we are honored to have you serve. Thank YOU Johna!*



One of our youngest members, Skyler Osborn, was asked to display his Jurassic Park Jeep for a special display at the California Auto Museum.

Skyler is the grandson of Darrel and La-Ree Bru-nelli and heir in waiting for their beautiful Scotsman Pick-up. Keep-in' it in the family.



## Watch for This One

It's a commercial for the Clovis Community Cancer Institute - Community Medical Centers. It features Jason Michael's 3R6-12 truck.

A set designer scouted the truck and left a note under the windshield. He dropped it off while they filmed. It was pretty easy and he was paid for the truck rental!

Tough topic, cancer, but the message of getting the right care is a good one.



## Karel Staple Chapter Studebaker Drivers Club October Meeting Minutes By Linda Barnard

21 Members with 14 Studebakers signed the sign-in sheet., but there were more. We all need to make sure to sign in so we have a proper head count.

President Steve Rainville called the meeting to order. Thanks went to Leon for hosting this months meeting. The Palm Springs Meet was discussed. The ones going to the Meet are going to caravan there. Since there were a lot of members present, Steve held the elections for next year. Elections went as follows;



That's West, By God, Virginia  
But I will accept  
Almost Heaven, West Virginia

**Johna Pierce, President, Lisa Hale, Vice-President**

The following were re-elected;

**Linda Barnard, Secretary, Lou Van Anne, Treasurer and Kate Dilling, Membership**

Thank you all for stepping up. The new team starts in January.

Thank you Steve Rainville and Frank Smith for being President and Vice-President this year.

Jon proposed to change the Editor position to an elected, rather than appointed, position. It was voted and 2nd, and passed. We need to change the by-laws, and will be doing this. Either way, he will continue to do the newsletter. Betty expressed appreciation from the club for Tim Bates' work as newsletter Editor.

We discussed the Event Calendar for next Year. Perry is going to be doing this again and needs your pictures. Send them to Perry so we can have a great one, once more. Thank you Perry for doing this. Next we discussed the Auction for 2019. Since the Zone meet is so close to the date, do we want to change it to another time? This was tabled till another meeting.

The December meeting is going to be at Justin's Kitchen again. We've been there several times now and the food is always great. Always a lot of fun for all. Dinner this year will start at 1pm and we set a gift exchange limit of \$20.00.

Betty Martin took home \$57.00 from the 50/50 and Darrell Brunelli won the certificate for car shows. *Way to go Betty and Darrell..*

Next month's meeting will be at the Back Forty in Roseville. Lisa Hale is our host.

We also discussed the Zone Meet. Brian and I will be posting what is going on in "Zone Meet Happenings".

If you know of anyone needing a card sent to them, please let me know.

**Linda Barnard Secretary**

### ZONE MEET HAPPENINGS

**THE DATE HAS BEEN CHANGED TO SEPTEMBER 27 THRU 29, 2019...PLEASE, TAKE NOTE OF THE CHANGE..**

We have got a lot done already. We are going to have a great Zone Meet, but we really need people to step up and help. More to come.

**.....Linda Barnard**





## Palm Springs Zone Meet

By: Johna Pierce



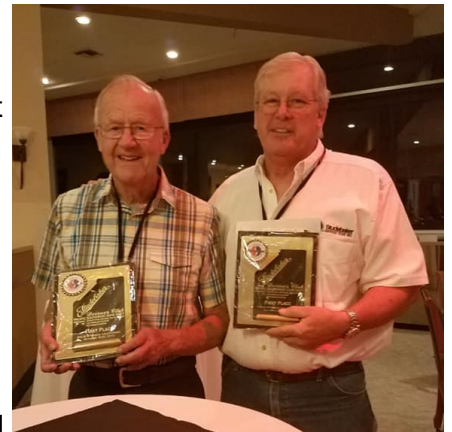
First I would like to thank the Southern California SDC Chapters for stepping up after another Chapter stepped down from putting on the 2018 Zone Meet. I know how



hard & time consuming putting on a Zone Meet is! Good job! The generosity of Frank Wenzel & Kent opening their home & the VanWenzel collections to us (and what a collection it is) was heartwarming!!! The enthusiasm of the people & new officers was wonderful!



At the presidents meeting, I found out that one of our own had **stepped up to replace Frank Wetzels as Regional Manager for the Pacific Southwest Zone. And that member is Lou Van Anne.** Congratulations and thank you Lou! Stephen & I went to the Presidents meeting & I got to hear some ideas to get young people interested & I suggested that we become more welcoming to women. There are lots of women that have Studebakers, due to their husbands passing away and they are sitting in the garage. They asked how I got into Studebakers & I told them it was a man! Yes if it wasn't for Rick Pierce, I wouldn't know about Studebakers and our



Chapter! There are also women in this club that came in on their own, and brought their husbands in to the club.

We saw old friends and made new friends. I got pointers from the group that put on the last two zone meets to help us with our zone meet. We displayed our beautiful Studebakers at Sunrise Park. They had a big raffle and music that filled the day. The DJ kept announcing our 2019 Zone meet and Rick & I handed out our flyers & spoke to everyone.



We had a very positive response to the 2019 Zone Meet being at the Lions Gate and the price of the rooms! It was so good seeing our chapter members wearing t-shirts with our logo and even had requests to buy them. We had 2 of our chapter members win 1st place for their division, congrats to Len Brewer & Steve Rainville!

We drove back home in our 1963 Studebaker Lark Daytona & she did really good (Rosie's first big trip) until we got 1 off ramp from our home and had to be towed. We might have gotten something in the fuel line or the new fuel pump got clogged. We had a wonderful time. Looking forward to our 2019 Pacific Southwest Zone Meet!

## IDYSD Lunch with John Studebaker or P,B&J (Perry, Betty, and John)

To celebrate IDYSD 2018, members of the Karel Staple Chapter of the Studebaker Drivers' Club caravanned to Placerville. Formerly known as Hangtown, this early gold mining town was the home to John M. Studebaker, who created his wheelbarrows in the back of a blacksmith shop. The exact location of the site is marked as No. 142 California Historical Landmark and located on busy Main Street. (The actual marker is about the size of your computer's monitor screen.)

Information on the marker describes John Studebaker with the words "pioneer, blacksmith, soldier, inventor and builder." As a group we shared information about John's trip to California and his success building wheelbarrows along with the history of the Studebaker Company. The word "soldier" left many unanswered questions. According to the US Census of Union Veterans and Widows of the Civil War, 1890, John was actually a Private in the Union Army during the Civil War. He served for 9 months, 8 days. This is interesting as when in US History classes, the discussion often includes the conflict within families when members supported different sides. In John's case, was there a discussion to even participate in the war? John's mother was in the Ephrata cloister before her marriage and the family was historically raised German Baptists, also known as Dunkers, and later the Church of the Brethren. The Brethren were pacifists. According to research, John bought out his younger brother Henry from the family business and Henry was the only brother who remained Brethren his whole life.

The historical marker included a sculptured portrait of John. Research shows that John M. Studebaker applied for a US Passport in July 1907. He gave his age as 73 years; his stature as 5 feet, 10 inches; forehead medium high; eyes blue; nose large-straight; chin square; hair dark brown – slightly grey; and complexion fair. John listed his occupation as "vehicle manufacturer."

Our group's IDYSD 2018 was filled with a nice drive to the historic foothills, and conversations about our cars and the history of Studebakers. As a bonus, the day even included the opportunity to learn more about one of our founders, John M. Studebaker.

After our leisurely lunch, many members of our club walked a couple blocks into downtown Placerville to see the oldest continuously operating hardware store west of the Mississippi River, housed in a building built in 1852.

The following club members attended this event:

**Steve Rainville**

**Pat Dilling**

**Yoko and Brit Berglund**

**Brian Challender and Linda Barnard**

**Betty and Perry Knopf**

**Dave Jones**

**Joan Winton**



**Yes, I left Tacoma early  
for this!!!**



## North to Alaska (Tacoma wasn't far enough)

This is about my cruise to Alaska. It was a 7 day cruise to/from Seattle, starting 01 Sept 2018. We visited Juneau, Ketchikan, Skagway, and Victoria British Columbia. Of the 4 cruises I have been on, one of the best!! Princess upgraded us to an awesome stateroom. Just said a few kind words to the upgrade lady on the phone ( I think I may have promised to be her new best friend???) and she took great care of me and my sister. The stateroom was all the way aft and at the highest deck. Other passengers thought we were celebrities. We met many wonderful people and had a great time. Everyone we interacted with; fellow passengers and shipboard service personnel were great!! Not too much to talk about for the Juneau port stop. My sister wanted to do a bicycle and brewery

tour. They bussed us out to the middle of nowhere and told us the bicycle tour was 8 and a half miles on pavement and gravel. Brutal. Developed an ingrown toe nail that was killing me during the ride. I skipped the brewery tour and went back to the ship and got my first ever pedicure and manicure. WOW!!! Was that ever wonderful!!!! I will be doing that again. Odds are though, they probably won't be serving me my favorite glass of Sauvignon Blanc? Anyway, a lot of fun. **Tim Bates**

**How about an upgrade?  
I'll be your best friend....**





**NOVEMBER 2018 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**

Left & right rear quarter panels for 62-64 Hawk very good used condition \$300 each or \$550 for both. 63-64 Hawk side grille housings NOS \$125 each. 57-58 Hawk/Packard supercharger - less carb and air cleaner \$750 OBO. Trim/molding for top of quarter panels for 53-55 C&K, good condition \$125 each or both for \$225. Various trim/molding pieces for 53-64 C&K cars - various prices. 1964 259V8 108K miles \$300 OBO. 1964 automatic transmission \$300 OBO both the engine and trans came out of a 64 Challenger. Sell together for \$500. Rear end 4:56 gear ratio for Champ pickup \$125 OBO. **Contact Dean 916-753-6003 or carvin7712@yahoo.com**

Many 50-51 Champion parts, some 49-60 Champion parts. I have parts cataloged with part numbers, call with your shopping list. **Contact: JT at 415-533-4479**

Parts for sale: Following engines available. '54 232. '55 Pres. 259. '57 259 commercial. '59 259. Free to club members. \$50 ea. to others. If no interest, they will be junked. Art Smith, 743-2942 Loma Rica.

Lark sheet metal: '62 '63 deck lid, Drivers door, '59 '64 4 door or '60 '64 Champ. '61 hood. '62 '63 hood. '59 to '61 deck lids, one smooth and one with wide pattern. All in great shape, \$50 each. Art Smith, 743-2942 Loma Rica.

**Parts Wanted**

Contact Dean Sumpter to place a Parts Wanted ad.

Doug Hadley needs reclining drivers side bucket front seats for a GT Hawks 1962 to 1964 530-674-5580 If anyone has one please contact Doug

**Cars for Sale**

**1951 Stude Business Coupe.** Q-2 model. One of only 300 plus units made in the last year of Business Cps. This one was made in LA. New motor, all brakes and line redone. Driveline and gas tank, 2 radiators done. Boxes of spare parts. Spare set of rear windows. Floor done. Front seat and door panels done. Rebuilt radio. Asking \$4,000.00 **OBO**. Also **1951 Starlight couple** and all of my 6 cylinder parts to go with the deal.

**Contact Art Smith: 530-743-2942. lucky7@succeed.net**

**1960 60v50462 Hawk** 289 4 bbl, auto tranny. Engine completely rebuilt (0 hours), tranny overhauled, (\$7000), frame cleaned, sanded, painted. New brake system, shoes, drums, lines, cylinders, hoses, all new rubber front and rear suspensions, new fuel line/sending unit, tank cleaned, sealed inside & powder coated, drive shaft powder coated, ready for body. Body partially sanded, (have primer). Have new interior (green cloth), new wiring harness, hundreds of small parts. My health stops my progress, so I would like someone to enjoy this beautiful car. Pictures upon request, **call my cell 707-332-9639, Nick DeLisa, Vacaville.**

For Sale: **1952 Studebaker Champion 2 door sedan**, great red paint and good interior and 5 radial tires. Asking \$12,500.00

**Contact Frank Kilpatrick 209-768-4345**

**1953 Champion**, 170 6cyl with 3spd OD. Maroon top over Gray. Factory colors. Continental Kit for 53/54.

**Call or Email John at (707) 642-8023 jddehaan@inreach.com**

**1957 Golden Hawk** for sale. All of the under carriage has been done, I was told the motor runs good. It is in primer and most of the body is ready for paint. It needs every thing on the inside. The motor needs paint and detailing. There is absolutely no rust any where on this car. I would like to get \$14,000 I am open to offers. I need the space in my shop and I need the cash to finish 3 other Studebaker's

Also, I have parts from a **1951 4 door Champion**. Missing is the front hood, fenders, bumper and steering wheel **Contact Bill McNelley 530-872-0465**

## Karel Staple Chapter CALENDER 2018

Sunday, Nov 18th – Back 40 BBQ, Roseville CA - Lisa Hale/Hostess with the Mostest—Club Calendar Day - Come with ideas

Sunday, Dec 9<sup>th</sup> – Annual Christmas Party—Justin's Kitchen in Yuba City

Bring your ideas for meetings next year—We will be putting together next year's calendar at this meeting

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



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**Please mail check or money order**  
**to:**

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**P.O. Box 1715**  
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**Includes monthly publication of**  
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_____ First year membership	
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_____ w/periodicals class mail	\$31.00
_____ Regular membership	
_____ w/ first class mail	\$60.00
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To use Visa or Mastercard call:

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

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ St: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**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



Dating a Tire?... SAY WHAT!

How to read a Date Code on car tires. Know how old your tires are on that Studebaker you drive? Most of us know how old the milk is in our fridge, but don't know how old the tires are on our cars. It's easy to tell when milk is old, but tires don't smell different when they get old.

I'm not going to re-write what has already been written. I will hit some high lights and reference two articles on the internet that did a good job of explaining how to read tire date codes.

- 4 digit date codes started in 2000, 1st two numbers, the week of the year, last two number the year. 3 digit codes were before 2000, again 1st two, the week of the year, the last single digit the year of the decade they were made. The problem, which decade was it???
- When should tires be replaced? I've seen recommendations range from 6 to 10 years for radial tires. Depending largely on the environment the tires have been exposed to.
- Bias ply tires do last longer than radial tires. How come and why? That's for another time.

<https://www.hemmings.com/blog/2016/07/07/open-diff-when-it-comes-to-tires-how-old-is-too-old/>

<https://www.hagerty.com/articles-videos/articles/2010/02/16/tread-carefully-with-older-tire>

So after acquiring this nugget of knowledge, the next time you're in the tire store for a set of tires, the additional question you should be asking is, "What's the Date Code on those tires?" I wouldn't settle for anything over 6 months old.



## Time to set our Meeting Calendar for 2019

Got an idea for a great place to have a monthly meeting? Bring that idea to the Back 40 BBQ Sunday, November 18h.

We will need to finalize the meeting schedule and get the information to Perry for our club calendar. If you can't make it, please share your idea with someone that will be there to present it for you.

See you there.

**Perry**



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