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Hawk Talks

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International Drive Your Studebaker Day

Well, we had to cancel
the Williams trip.

Hopefully you drove your
Studebaker somewhere.

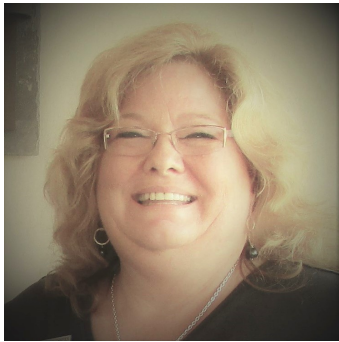
Perry went to the hardware
store for bolts for the '50
Business Coupe. He
stopped at McDonalds and
ordered McFlurries. Got
asked, "Is that a Rambler?"

Thanks, Perry and Betty
Knopf...That counts.

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President's Message

By Johna Pierce/President

Can you believe it's fall. I think you can agree it has definitely been an interesting year so far. I will be glad when 2020 is over. As you may have heard, the October Meeting has been cancelled for the International New Car Show at Cal Expo. I hope we can have our November Meeting.

On a positive note, our chapter donated \$1000.00 to the Studebaker National Museum. I know that will help them.

It is time for nominations for officers. We need your nominations by October 31st. Please make sure the person you nominate will accept the position. Nominations are open for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Newsletter Editor.

You can email nominations to karelstaplesdc@yahoo.com. If you want to mail in your nomination, send to :

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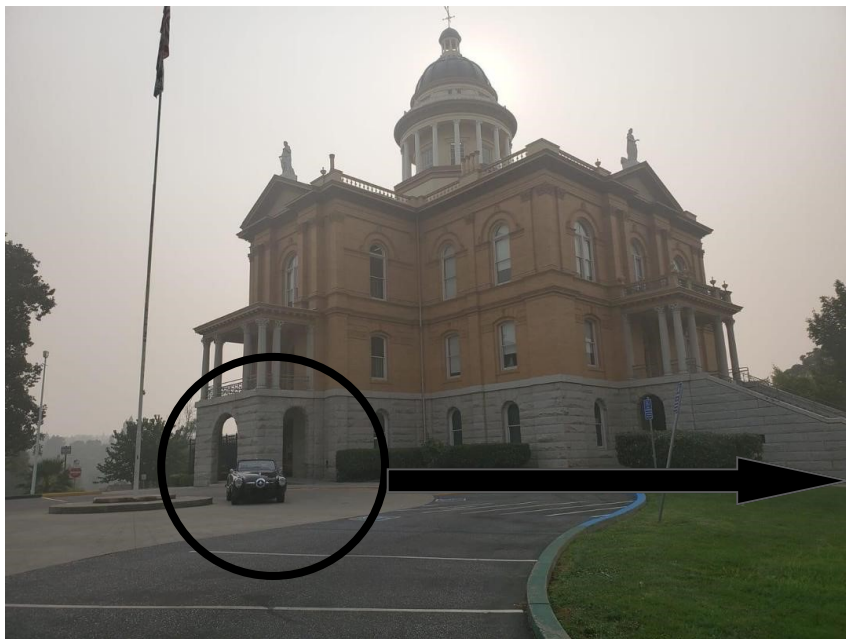
We will vote in November.

I hope you are all doing well and cruise safe,

Johna

IDYSD—No Particular Place to Go

John Martin says "Just around town". Obviously Auburn...



Better zoom in on this one.





September 21, 2020

Karel Staple Chapter SDC
c/o Mr. Louis Van Anne
5802 Landview Drive
Stockton, CA 95219

Dear Mr. Van Anne,

Exhibitions

*Birds of a Feather: Studebaker
Hawks*

On display through September
2020

*SOUTH BEND: Then and Now, Part
III*

On display through January 2021

*Disco Decade Rides: Cars of the
1970s*

Coming October 2020

Upcoming Events

Cars and Coffee

October 3, 8:00am

Speaker Series

October 21, 1:30pm

Thank you for your contribution of \$1,000 to the Annual Fund. The Museum flourishes through the private support of individuals, foundations, and corporations.

The Annual Fund provides vital revenue to fuel expanding programs and services throughout the Museum. Know that your gift helps us connect with every visitor that steps into our Museum.

Your generosity allows the Museum to continue introducing engaging exhibitions and stimulating events that spark the imagination and ignite passion for the design and innovation of the automobile in all of our Museum visitors.

Join us at the Museum soon to see your contribution at work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Patrick Slebonick'.

Patrick Slebonick
Executive Director

Please retain this letter as written acknowledgement of your contribution of \$1,000 on September 21, 2020, to the Studebaker National Museum, Inc. a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization. No goods or services were received in exchange for this contribution. This contribution may be tax deductible to the extent allowable by law. The Studebaker National Museum does not provide tax advice so please consult your tax professional to determine the deductibility of this gift.

International Drive Your Studebaker Day—Dixon Style

By: Jon Stalnaker



International Drive Your Studebaker Day does not need to be a formal event. It can be great fun when it is, but the wildfires all over California really dampened the opportunities. It seems these fire seasons keep happening around IDYSD as this is not the first time this has happened to us.

I like to drive somewhere, even in and out of my driveway would count.



But I am lucky enough to not be the only Studebaker dude in Dixon. Jim Goodland and Marianne MacDonald also live in Dixon. So I called them up and invited them to join me at the recently re-opened Frosties in midtown. We had a light brunch and some cool milkshakes to sooth our ash coated throats. Instead of cleaning my truck for the day, I thought it would be a nice tribute to all the firefighters to leave it covered in ash.



Lou Drove TWO!!!

By: Lou Van Anne

Took the Champ out for breakfast on IDYSD.....that's not our Valley Fog.....it's smoke!



64 GT Hawk R2.....took her to the park today in spite of the all the California smoke...

Lou

Editors Note: Anyone that has been to Lou's April Meets in Stockton, knows that he only had to back this car out of his driveway to park here.

But, he did drive it on IDYSD, so it officially counts.

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We have many fine Stodeebakers for sale here at Junior's Auto Sales. Just give me a call at BR-549



International Drive Your Studebaker Day in Grass Valley

By: Robert Foster



This year with the bad smoky air due to the numerous fires in Northern California I made only a short trip to the local Grass Valley Packard sign. Today it represents a Flooring shop selling carpeting and various tiles. But going back to the 1950s it was quite a location with its upscale Packard cars. After all, Grass Valley for nearly 100 years, had been a very wealthy community with the gold coming out of the local mines.

As I drove to town this afternoon I went by a demonstration full of American flags With some having a blue stripe in the center of them in support of our police officers.

My car was quickly recognized and I had many waving and calling out to me as I drove past.

This may be my last time to drive my 57 Golden Hawk locally as our home has been sold and we're about to move out of state in early October. I do plan on taking the car with me, but just last week I had an offer to buy from a woman and her son who live in Auburn. But I plan on keeping it. At this age they'll never be another one for me.

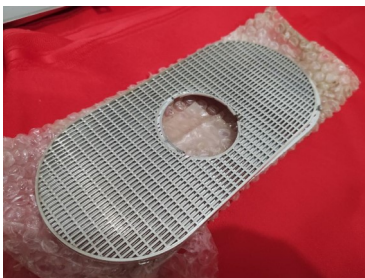


No IDYSD Tours This Year—This was Granzellas 5 years ago...



A.S.S.I.S.T** of the Month

****Anthony's Special Sale of Interesting Studebaker Treasures**



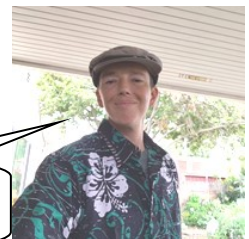
OK, HERE'S ONE FOR THIS MONTH.

NOS speaker grill for 1960 lark

Part Number 1550111

Price: 30.00

It's a bargain



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October 2020 ADVERTISEMENTS

CARS, PARTS, SERVICES

October 2020

Cars For Sale

Check the bottom of page 5 for "ASSIST of the month" from Anthony

These are all pickup trucks. All run and are currently licensed and driven. 1949 - \$15,000, 1949 with 4 speed - \$22,500, 1951 - \$27,500, 1953 - \$19,900, 1954 - \$19,900, 1955 Flatbed - \$19,900, 1956 long bed - \$17,900, 1957 long bed - \$28,000, 1957 - \$18,000, and 1958 - \$19,900.

Contact Larry Jones 530-933-3941 or email lwj1@yahoo.com

1960 Lark VIII - \$17,500. Contact Larry Jones 530-933-3941 or email lwj1@yahoo.com

Parts Car for Sale

55 Studebaker parts car for sale **cheap**. V8/Automatic Transmission. It looks rough but there are many items that are usable. Promised Daddy I wouldn't have it crushed. **Contact Ruth Moss 707 688-6032**



Cars/Parts Wanted

Need clock for 1954 Commander Coupe **Contact Jim Goodland 707-718-6787**

I am looking for a restored 1950 or 1951 Studebaker four door with a manual transmission / overdrive. If you know of one,

please call me @ **704-599-5885 ~ Jeff King jeffking@att.net (Charlotte, N.C.)**

Parts Wanted

Need to get rid of something? Give me a call and I'll put it in the newsletter.

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What's Left of the Karel Staple Chapter CALENDAR for 2020

October 15th, SIAS, see below ... Cancelled

Sacramento International Auto Show

I received word that the 2020 show has been cancelled. The Dates for 2021 are Oct 15-17. They really value our clubs participation!

Pat Dilling

November 15th, Back 40 in Roseville—Lisa Hale is host. Business meeting with lunch with friends and Studebakers. Come if you feel safe. No judgement if you want to stay safe at home.

December 5th, Christmas Party at Justin's Kitchen in Yuba City Mel France, Host

More information to come... stay tuned - Due to the volatile nature of this pandemic, events planned for next year will not be included in the 2021 Club calendar. We will just have to get the word out via the newsletter next year.

Because of the COVID-19 Pandemic, I have deleted the meetings that I know are cancelled. The ones still listed could also get cancelled, so be prepared for that to happen. Keeping your health and that of your loved ones is far more important right now.

Please follow all suggested guidelines as we move through this situation as a planet united against this virus.



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**(Please take care of
yourselves during this
pandemic)**

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Tech Tips

by: Studebaker Mike



Pete tells us about the radical design advancements beyond styling in the post war Studebakers

Odds 'N' Ends By: Pete Yuen

A new design for the auto industry was introduced to the public by Studebaker for the 1947 market. The design was credited to the Raymond Lowey Design Studios. The design was quite a radical departure from the preceding, conservative models which, had many people at that time suggesting that they did not know which way the car was going. The most likely reason for that statement would be the rear glass of the car. It had nearly as much on the 2 and 4 door sedans and more glass on the rear of the body on the Starlight models than it did on the front windshield. Indeed, there were things within the Studebaker that were coming and going . . .

The '47 Studebaker was a very comfortable riding car for that era. The original plan was for the car to have the torsion-bar front suspension, but due to inadequate supply of the high-quality steel necessary, the front suspension kept the single, transverse wide leaf, multi-layer spring. For the 1950 model, this single leaf front suspension system would be replaced with the more modern independent front suspension. For shock absorbers, it used the now obsolete Houde (brand?), rotary, 2-way with linkage using the longer linkage units for the rear suspension and the shorter linkage for the front suspension. These shock absorbers were adjustable for ride control and repairable, unlike the ones that they gave way to, which is the telescopic type that would be much cheaper to produce than the Houde ones as they were castings and much machine work had to go into their production. The Houde shock absorbers, (Right) would be replaced with the telescopic type in the 1950 model cars which used the independent front wheel suspension with "A" frames. This type of front suspension would be used from the 1950 models right through to the time that last Studebakers were produced in 1966.



Soon to go were the vacuum windshield wipers to be replaced with electric units in the 1951 models. The front grille of the '47-'49 models were made of stainless steel and were the last Studebaker models to have it. Replacements were made of pot metal/chrome or steel/chrome. Even the exterior door handles were made of stainless steel for the '47-'50 Champion models. It seems like Commanders and Land Cruiser models of that period may have used chromed exterior door handles. They were molded, shinier and heavier than the stainless-steel ones that were fabricated.

While Studebaker cars had many innovations, they were not as quick to change over from the 6 volt, positive ground electrical system to the currently used, 12 volt, negative ground system as other brands of cars. The year of the changeover was 1956.

Were there design shortcomings? "Yes," in the writers' opinion: The trunk lid has nice appeal but when it rains, the water sitting on this rear deck is dumped into the trunk compartment when the lid is lifted. Also, in some models, the glass in the front doors are too floppy after some use. When opening and closing the doors, the glass should be fully raised or fully lowered and not in between when shutting the door.

Regardless, it is a beautiful car.

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