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# Hawk Talks

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## President's Message

By Johna Pierce/President

It's hard to believe it's July and summer is here! Our July meeting will be at the Lions Gate Hotel in the "O" restaurant.

We will be looking around the grounds to find the place for the kids coloring table, Valve Cover races & the Bean Bag toss.

I am feeling we are on the right track for the PSW Zone Meet! We got a lot done at the last meeting & the committees are all planning what they are going to do for the Zone Meet. We need the chapter to turn in their registration forms by the Aug meeting, so we can get the Zone Meet t-shirts with the logo on it ordered. Pat Dilling organized a group of Studebakers that went to Thompson Toyota and the wheelbarrow Johnny races at the El Dorado fair, we had 5 of our Studebakers + an Avanti & a truck. The fair goers welcomed our Studebakers and were glad to see us! I hope you are getting the bugs out of your cars and trucks. We can get our beautiful Studebakers all shined up and on the road! Rick and I are working on our 1961 Lark wagon again and hope she is ready for the Zone Meet. Time is getting short and Sept is around the corner. Enjoy your summer!

**Johna**



## June Meet Report

By: Linda Barnard

32 members and 13 Studebakers was at the June Meeting. Thank you Steve Rainville for hosting this month.

President Johna Pierce called the meeting to order.

Different car shows were discussed. The wheelbarrow Races in Placerville. see story by Pat Dilling on page 5.

Betty Martin took home the 50/50 and the cert. for a car show. Good job Betty. Your lucky day.

If anyone needs a card please let me know so, I can brighten their day a bit.

Meeting was adjourned, so we could discuss the Zone Meet, which I might add is only 3 months away. We have to be ready.

**Linda Barnard Secretary**





**Johanna Smith Says:**

**Wounded Warriors Family Support** invited our Studebaker club to join them on the high five tour which will be at Jelly Belly on Saturday, July 27th. They will be giving away a modified Ford Truck to a selected vet. See flyer below.



The High Five Tour celebrates a decade of giving this year! A decade of giving from everyone involved in our mission and from those who sponsor the vehicles.

This years recipient is Specialist Jack Gill. Jack served in Vietnam with the 173rd Airborne. On July 18th, 1969 Jack was wounded by a mine. He received a number of wounds from the detonation, which required the amputation of both his legs. Jack was awarded a Purple Heart, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with two stars, and Vietnam Campaign Medal with 1960 bar.

After his recovery, Jack continued to serve his nation. He has assisted many veterans and their families as a DAV volunteer and is very active in the Sioux Falls, SD community. Jack participates in wheelchair basketball, softball, and trapshooting. He is also an avid hunter and shares this with other veterans.

Wounded Warriors Family Support will be presenting Jack with a new custom mobility outfitted 2018 Ford F-150 Raptor. This vehicle will help Jack to continue to serve and also enjoy the outdoors lifestyle that he has embraced. The truck will be presented live on Fox & Friends on Veterans Day 2019.

If you would like to view the 2018 Veterans Day Presentation, visit [highfivetour.com](http://highfivetour.com)

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# Shootin' the Breeze With The Studebaker Dude

## Petaluma Party

For the last two months, I ran an invitation from John Thomas Brayton for a get together at his house in Petaluma. I thought it was important to go to that one since I was aware that the wheelbarrow races were going on at the Placerville fairgrounds and there was much interest in attending a free day at the fair. John had invited me last year to meet for lunch but circumstances being what they were last year, Carlene and I weren't feeling very social. It was a beautiful day for a drive and what better direction to point the Studebaker than the wine country. Of course Mike and Connie were there since it was in their neighborhood. It was nice to see them again. John's been doing this annual bash for many years, but this was my first invite.

It took us about an hour and a half to get there, through back roads after exiting Interstate 80 at Cordelia. When I pulled into his driveway, I saw a classic Citroen Traction Avant and knew immediately I was in for a treat. His property was dazzling, and he had a "man cave" that makes most car guys drool. Inside it were about 6 cars, only one of which was a Studebaker. An early 50s Plymouth convertible was on the shelf awaiting attention and the floor was filled with delightful examples of GM and Mopar magic. My favorite in the barn was a beautiful 61 Valiant. Oh yeah, it was gorgeous.



You had to walk around the property to see the many cars. Some belonged to John and others belonging to invited friends and guests. About 7 more Studebakers, A couple of 56 DeSotos, a couple of old Chevys, Dodge, Thunderbird, not to mention a few project cars, some covered, some not. Talk about sensory overload...



If you watch the American Pickers TV show, you've heard Mike Wolfe say the best thing about the old stuff they buy is the story. Let me tell you one from last weekend. One of the "Holy Grail" Studebakers IMHO, is the Coupe Express trucks from 1937 to 1939. Sebastian brought his 1939 and I was enjoying the story that goes with that truck. We like to take credit for the first car-based truck such as Ranchero and El Camino, with the Coupe Express. Sebastian bought this truck over 25 years ago from Fred Damsen. It had been in his barn in pieces. Sebastian did a great job putting it back together and I saw it for the first time when we did a "drive your Studebaker day" trip to Sonoma in 2011. I wrote a story for Turning Wheels and one of the pictures that went with that story was his truck parked next to my bullet nose.



Sebastian told me about how he shot an Elk in Colorado and had the hide tanned. He had a friend use it to upholster a new seat for the truck. I wanted to see it and it looked great. But here's the cool part. His friend told him there was plenty of pelt to do the seat but there was one problem. Hard as he tried, he couldn't make it fit without using the part with the bullet hole in it. Sebastian told



him that was fine and leave it in. So, I had to get a picture of it. The hole is small and covered by his lower back when he is driving. But there it is, the kill shot. I think that is awesome. It shows he didn't just kill that majestic animal for sport, but he used the hide in addition to feeding his family. The Citroen was cool too. John had been pining for one of these cars since his college days and when this one came available nearby, he had to have it. The license plate (PARIS76) tells the story. It was bought from a winery that put Napa on the world map for wineries by winning a French wine-making contest in 1976. It is so quirky cool. I suppose I better add some Studebaker pictures to this story. You missed a great party and the food was outstanding. I'm sure glad I was able to attend. Thanks for the invite, John





## ZONE MEET HAPPENINGS

By: Linda Bernard



1. Need all Chairpersons to bring sign up sheets to meeting. I would like copy at the Aug. Meeting.
2. Need sponsors. Please see Leon.
3. Presidents meeting is Sat. @ 8:00.
4. Need 2 people to sell tickets Sat. night at the banquet , for the quilt. Please, let me know if you can do this. Steve Rainville will be selling Friday Night, if you want to help him, just ask.
5. Have enough raffle prizes, but need things for the goody bags. We are going to fill the goody bags Tuesday , Sept. 3, @ 1:00. I will have Jon put a map in Aug. Hawk Talks.
6. Have a map of the grounds at McClellan Park. If anyone wants one, let me know.
7. Added bean bag toss game rules and Valve cover racing rules on the web page.
8. Thank you all for all you are doing to make this the best Zone Meet, ever.

**Linda Barnard Zone Meet Co-Cordinator**



## Wheelbarrow Races in Placerville

By: Pat Dilling

After mustering at Thompson's Toyota in Placerville, Karel Staple Members brought 5 cars to the 75th Running of the Studebaker Wheelbarrow Races at the El Dorado County Fair in Placerville. Placerville is special to the Studebaker world as that is where John M. Studebaker made the stake, building wheelbarrows for gold miners, that propelled the Studebaker Corporation to become the largest wagon maker in the world. They are also one of the few

places that celebrate Studebaker without having a connection to any Studebaker organization. We met the Varozzas, son and grandson of the Studebaker dealer in Placerville. (And they have some parts they need to get rid of!) We talked with lots of people about Studebakers and made several people's day offering them the chance to sit in the car they like for photos. This is an annual event and we are always invited, if you have not made one, take the next chance you get and have some Studebaker fun enjoying a classic county fair.



## Meet the New Members

Scott Southard and Danielle brought their Star Wars themed 62 Cruiser to the Elks Club breakfast. Scott just got it back on the road and is looking for a good headlight ring for it. You can't mistake it, it's got lots of star wars stuff in and on it.



## **JULY 2019 ADVERTISEMENTS CARS, PARTS, SERVICES**

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



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1955 Champion complete 6 cylinder 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](mailto:EdwardSumner@comcast.net)

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1964 259V8 engine \$259, 1964 auto transmission \$200. Both from a 1964 Lark Challenger approximately 108K miles. Buy both for \$400. Contact Dean Sumpter at 916-753-6003 or [carvin7712@yahoo.com](mailto:carvin7712@yahoo.com)

### **Cars For Sale**

1960 Hawk - rebuilt 289 V8 4 barrel 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



## Karel Staple Chapter CALENDAR 2019

**Saturday July 13th**—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

**Sunday October 20**—11am—Pot Luck Leon Cohen's house in Roseville

**Sunday November 17**—11am—Back 40 BBQ in Roseville—Lisa Hale Host

**Sunday December 8**—11am—Annual Christmas Party at Justin's Kitchen in Yuba City—Mel France Host

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



*Map is NOT drawn to scale*



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## Tech Tips

by: Studebaker Mike

Look what followed  
me home yesterday!!



### What's going on in a 4 wire start solenoid

This is the fender mounted solenoid with the two battery cables attached on either side and the two small wires in front.

The two larger terminals are the battery cable connections. There is no flow direction for these terminals, so you can hook up the battery cable to either side, then the starter cable to the other. **BUT!**, once you have selected sides understand you will have an 'always hot terminal' on the battery cable side and an 'intermittent hot terminal' on the starter side, hot only during cranking. The battery cable side of the solenoid is also used as a 12 volt power source. Additional wires found on this terminal will go to the voltage regulator (if you are using a generator) or the back of a 'one wire' aftermarket alternator (I recommend a 'fuse-able link' or a resettable breaker in line) and/or the overdrive solenoid wire. It simply looks 'semi pro' having wires mounted here vs on the battery positive post, like we did when we were 16.



**The 'S' terminal** The 'S' terminal has a wire that comes from the key switch. On the back of the key switch it's labeled 'S' or 'ST' or 'STR'. When the key is held all the way over in the start/crank position it sends 12 volts to the 'S' terminal on the solenoid. Inside the start solenoid the 'S' terminal becomes the coil winding or magnet. When energized it closes the contacts for the two large terminals. This allows battery current to flow from the battery to the starter motor. The electrical flow path for the coil winding is from the 'S' terminal to the metal mounting foot or plate. If you put an ohm meter on this you should read 3-5 ohms of resistance. This also means the mounting foot needs to find a path back to battery ground, so the mounting studs need to be clean (example; if you had a fiberglass front hood and fenders you would need to install a ground wire on one of the mounting foot studs to battery ground). When you let go of the key a spring inside the key switch pushes the key back to the 'run' position. The run terminal on the back of the key switch will supply a constant 12 volts to the ballast resistor and then thru to the positive side of the coil, out the negative side to the distributor points and keep the engine running.

**The 'I' terminal** This terminal is all about power to the ignition during cranking. We have to understand the function of the ballast resistor first. Ignition points don't last long with 12 volts supplied to them. Earlier 6 volt cars never had ballasted resistors, they weren't needed till after 1957 when the industry went to 12 volts. The ballast resistor knocks 12v down to 6v +- a little. Because so much battery power is consumed by the starter during cranking the battery voltage drops. So this wire simply avoids the 'double whammy'. Voltage is already down during cranking so if this lower voltage were sent thru the ballast resistor and knocked down some more, chances are there would not be a strong enough spark at the plugs to start the engine. The wire that runs from the 'I' terminal to the positive side of the ignition coil is bypassing the ballast resistor and supplies the coil with less than nominal voltage (12 volts), but more than 6 volts. The 'I' terminal sends power 'out' to the coil only when the start solenoid is energized, or only during cranking. Meaning the large terminal to the starter and the 'I' terminal are 'hot' at the same time. A 3 terminal start solenoid would not have an 'I' terminal.

### Sacramento International Auto Show

We are invited to display our Studebakers at the Sacramento International Auto Show at Cal Expo Oct 18-20. We have room for 10-12 vehicles. This is the 3rd year we have done this and they just love us. It is a great opportunity to locate other Studebaker lovers and tell people about our cars. I will have specific details as the day approaches.

Please contact Pat Dilling (530)218-0641 or email [p.dilling@outlook.com](mailto:p.dilling@outlook.com) to reserve your spot.



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