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# ***Hawk Talks***

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## *Presidents Message*

I want to Thank all the people that came out to the California Auto Museum to display their Beautiful Studebakers. We had a great turnout!

October is the month to nominate our Board members:

President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. If you are interested in any of these positions please let me know & we will go over this at the next meeting.

Our Oct 17, 2021 meeting has changed locations & it will be in Auburn at the Old Town Pizza at the Gold Country fairgrounds.

Our Nov meeting will be a little different. It will be a breakfast/brunch at Taste of Tuscany in Antelope. Starting at 9:00 am. for \$15.00 each. (not including tip)

This way we will get the restaurant all to ourselves. They have asked for an RSVP, so they know how much food to order. You can let me know if you will attend the meeting. I hope the members that went to the Zone Meet had a good time.



Cruise Safe  
Johna

## *Secretary Report*

September meeting.

It was a beautiful fall day for the meet. There was no business meeting this month. Instead we all brought our Studebakers to the California Auto Museum to show off our cars. It 's always a good thing when we can show off our pride and joy.

Next months meeting is important as we will be discussing club officer nominations and the Christmas party. I will be making some of the desserts for this. Several members have asked me if they could make something. YES! By all means! If you would like to share your favorite sweets let me know so we don' t double up. I 'm also looking for sugar free. If you have a special sugar free treat, please let me know what you are making.

A big Thank You to our members for donating solar phone chargers to the victims of the wildfires that lost everything.

Don 't forget to let me know if someone needs a get well card to make their day a little brighter.



Linda Barnard  
Secretary

# *What I did on my summer vacation*

*By Betty and Perry Kopft*

Indianapolis is the home to one past United States President, Benjamin Harrison. He came from a “prominent” family as his grandfather also had been a US President and his father was the state’s first governor. His home is operated by a non-profit group and gives outstanding tours. It is amazing to know that about 80% of the house furnishings are original. Apparently, when his second wife (who was actually his first wife’s young niece) sold the house she also sold it with the entire contents. The next owner used the home for a girls’ dormitory and moved the majority of the contents up a very narrow and curved staircase to the ballroom/attic for storage. One memorable item was from a collection of walking sticks owned by the President who got to keep gifts given to him. The memorable walking stick was hand-carved with the detailed faces of all former Presidents.

For the last two years, the Interstate around Indianapolis has been undergoing massive reconstruction both day and night. We noticed the huge number of tractor-trailers on roads both day and night. After looking for attractions in nearby many villages and towns, we decided to go to the Model T Museum in Richmond, IN. (This was only after going to a fabulous quilt store that closes early on Saturdays.) The Model T Museum is beyond interesting with exhibits, wonderful signage and an enthusiastic knowledgeable staff. We actually saw the first airplane made with a Model T engine. The inventor actually made only four airplanes himself but sold many plans for \$6.50 for do-it-yourselfers. Here is the myth-breaker: the first Fords cars were not in black but actually in red only and then in green only. We enjoyed seeing a homemade mail delivery vehicle made on a Ford chassis using the scraps of Hosier-cabinets and actually had wooden skis made in Los Angeles, CA. This rickety-looking contraption was used for over 20 years to deliver mail in Minnesota.

A final statistical report. This year there were 600 registrations, 1,400 people attending, and 250 cars /trucks for judging or display. Mark your calendars with the dates of May 4-7, 2022. The next International Studebaker Meet to be held in South Bend. Congratulations to Jon Stalnaker who won an award for the Karel Staple Chapter’s

*Hawktalks*



## *More of What I did on my summer vacation*

*By Betty and Perry Kopft*

The daily list of events for Wednesday (September 8) showed "Ray Skillman Auto Museum." We followed a very little map and went through several fast-moving rotaries, and finally got to a new car dealership. The map directed us to the employee parking lot among several large auto dealer buildings. Finally, a man walked us to a big plain building with a blue door and door bell, no signage. We walked through the door into a three stall restoration area, and then to another blue door. Opening the blue door we found a world of amazement! Yes! Amazement in neon! This enormous building on the right wall had a Corvette for each year of manufacturer; the left wall had Indie cars and sprint cars; the back wall had a collection the owner's favorites and rare American cars; and the center had a full-sized fully restored merry-go-round. Finishing touches included automotive memorabilia, gas pumps, advertising signs, and mannequins along with a huge assortment of neon signs. (The only Studebaker in the collection was a large Studebaker neon sign.) A variation of the phrase over the top seems appropriate. We learned that the owner, Ray Skillman, is really a man about 80 years old and has about 40 dealerships. This collection is his private project.



Betty and Perry next to a rare Buick from the 50s

On display at the Ford Model T Museum was an early "traveling kitchen." The unit included drawers for food and utensils. Also included in the unit was a container for a block of ice and a container with a spigot for drinking water. The unit also included a separate container to put on the manifold to cook hot food while driving the vehicle. This portable kitchen unit was made in Los Angeles, CA. In addition, apparently there was also a cookbook with the unit.





### Upcoming Car Events

**Online Car Show Calendar**—<http://www.norcalcarculture.com/> For Weekly events and more, lots of Cars & Coffee and evening cruise nights.

Oct 1 – Sacramento: [The Mean Machines Cruise In Car Show](#) Friday 4-8pm at Spyman Classics, 4907 Auburn Blvd.

Oct 2 – Cameron Park [The Thunder In The Park Car Show](#) 7- 4pm, Cameron Park Lake, 2989 Cambridge Road.

Oct 2 – Richard Sinnott Car Show, 1468 Simpson Lane, Marysville, 530-743-8713, Live Music, FREE

Oct 2 –CAM Cruise Fest - CRUISING Fulton Avenue, El Camino to Marconi. CA Auto Museum 916-442-6802

Oct 3 – Fair Oaks: [The Fair Oaks Village Car Show](#), Sunday from 8am to 10:30am at 7003 Park Drive.

Oct 9 – Cars that Care, 8025 Waterman Road, Sacramento 95829, (916) 526-0234, [www.southgaterecandpark.net/](http://www.southgaterecandpark.net/)

Oct 9 – Rio Linda: [The Oktoberfest Car and Boat Show](#) Saturday 10-4pm Dry Creek Ranch House, 6852 Dry Creek Road.

Oct 9 – Rocklin: [Cars and Coffee Whitney Ranch](#) is Saturday from 8am to 10:30am at 851 Old Ranch House Road.

Oct 16 – Citrus Heights: [The Howl O Ween Car Show](#) is Saturday from 9am to 2pm at Rusch Park, 7801 Auburn Blvd.

Oct 17 – Orangevale: [Vintage Cruisers DQ Car Show](#) Sunday 10-1 at Dairy Queen, 9295 Greenback Lane.

Oct 24 – Napa: [The Napa Show and Shine](#) Sunday 10-3pm, Park Lot X, Pearl, West & Yajome St [nvcruisers@gmail.com](mailto:nvcruisers@gmail.com)

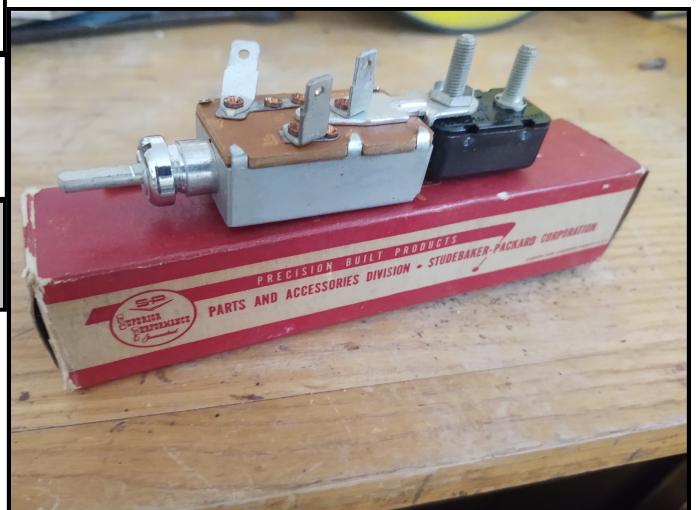


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1960 Lark VIII - \$17,500. **Contact Larry Jones 530-933-3941 or email [lwj1@yahoo.com](mailto:lwj1@yahoo.com)**

1959 Studebaker Scotsman Pickup - completely restored with a 1962 OHV 6 cylinder engine, 3speed transmission. **Contact Steven Richardson 530-673-6634 [orsteverchef@comcast.net](mailto:orsteverchef@comcast.net)**

51 Business Coupe - Great condition, everything done - paint, chrome, upholstery, tires. \$12,500. **Contact Steve Martin 925-285-6171**

1949 Studebaker 2R5 truck for sale \$2,700. Truck is all original except for redone exhaust. Great restoration project or parts truck.

Truck was used as a ranch truck. Original low miles only 76,859.

Engine does not have compression. Will have to be rebuilt or swapped out.

Body is in good shape. Has two small rusted holes in floorboard of cab.

Original bench seat has been fully restored.

Buyer will be responsible for cost and organizing of towing. Can be seen by appointment in Napa.

asking price is \$2,700. **Contact Rebecca Hudgins 707-363-2343**

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Need clock and radio 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](mailto:jeffking@att.net)** (Charlotte, N.C.)

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## Karel Staple Chapter CALENDAR for 2021

October 17 Sunday— **Gold Country Auburn Fair Grounds** 11:00 A.M.

November 14 **Taste of Tuscany**— Citrus Heights 9:00 A.M.

December 18 **California Auto Museum** 11:00 A.M.

### Directions to Gold Country Auburn Fair Grounds Old Town Pizza

- On I-80 Eastbound take exit # 119A Maple Street
- Immediately make a right turn onto Lincoln Way in old town.
- Bear right onto Sacramento Street.
- Cross over Auburn Folsom Road at intersection onto High Street
- Right turn into Fairground entrance
- Bear to the right at the “Y” and take the lower road.
- Park your Studebaker on the right

Pizza is available for purchase, or bring your own picnic lunch.



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## Tech Tip

### *Studebaker* Mike

#### Before You Pull That Engine!

Here are a couple of procedures you can go through to help you find a good reason to remove your engine for rebuild or overhaul.

Let's say the engine still runs, maybe poorly for some reason, but still runs.

Check the *state of tune* for this engine. What condition are the spark plugs in? Clean them or install new ones. While resetting the valves, check for a valve(s) out of adjustment. Remember you're looking for something out of whack. Check ignition timing, confirming that the distributor advance mechanisms still work.

Haven't found anything, no improvements. Here is my favorite, a compression test! Disarm the ignition system. Remove all the spark plugs and take some your readings. You're looking for consistency. A good test has all the numbers reading near the same. An older flat head 6 cylinder may be near 100 psi and Avanti R1 would be near 150 psi or higher. Let's say you had 2 cylinders that read 75 psi and the others were 125-130 psi. Now you have 2 cylinders that are not working as hard as the others. Let find out why. Next test is to put some compressed air into those cylinders. This needs to be done with the testing cylinder at top dead center (TDC). Pull the distributor cap and noting the location of the wires on the cap, rotate the engine so that cylinder is at TDC. The rotor will point to the cylinder that is at TDC. An adaptor is made that threads into the spark plug hole with air fitting on the other end that allows an air hose to be attached. With no more than 30 psi, add compressed air to the cylinder and listen for escaping air at 3 locations. The tail pipe would indicate a leaking exhaust valve (most popular leak), next the carburetor, this might indicate a leaking intake valve and finally the dipstick. Remove the stick, have an air leak coming up the tube? This would indicate air leaking past the piston.

Maybe the engine was running fine, but started making an unusual noise. A knocking or ticking noise. I have come across a number of exhaust leaks that sound like a ticking noise, especially while driving. With the engine ice cooled start the engine and run a bear hand around the exhaust manifold feeling for warm air. You have about :30 seconds before it gets too hot to do this test. Correct any leaks.

Still suspect internal damage? Drain the oil. If the oil is glittery, that would indicate metal shavings. Run a magnet through the drained oil, it will collect any iron particles. There shouldn't be any.

If you can remove the oil pan with the engine still in the vehicle, then do it. Look into the bottom of the pan. If there is a pile of metal, look directly above that location for damage. Most likely a connection rod bearing.

I'm sure there are other tests that can be done. Hope some of you find this helpful.

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