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Hawk Talks

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There in the middle of Studebaker's finest lead-foots stands Karel Staple's own Pat Dilling. Pat flew out to Chicago to attend the MCACN event (Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals). Studebaker was a big part of this show and Pat has the scoop for us. See Page 4...

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President's Message

Hello, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

When Jon called me today to remind me about the president's message and how it was the last thing needed for the newsletter. It's happened this way a lot over the years; Jon calls, I say oh yeah. He then reminded me this would be my last message. So I would like to thank all of you for letting me be your president. It is the easiest job of all the elected positions, you should try it some day. We got alot done at our last meeting I want to thank those of you that helped by accepting elected positions and making up the calendar. It made for a long meeting but a good one.

It's late November and the rains have started. The fires are out at least here in N. California and that's good. I'm sure most of you know people that have lost much or all to these terrible fires and now we have to watch for mud and flood. Northern California has been my home for the last 57 years and I love living here, but all of these disasters are hard and I know many of you will help as much as you can in any way you can. That makes me proud to be a member of this club and to know you all. Anyway a new year is just around the corner and I hope we can drive our cars as much as possible, eat, gather, and have more fun than should be allowed.

Be safe, stay dry, and see you soon.

Yours Truly Stephen Rainville



NATIONAL MUSEUM

October 31, 2018

Karel Staple Chapter SDC
c/o Louis Van Anne
5802 Land View Drive
Stockton, CA 95219

Dear Karel Staple Chapter SDC,

On behalf of the Studebaker National Museum, I gratefully acknowledge your contribution of \$100 for the Adopt-A-Car Program. You have adopted the 1927 Erskine through October 31, 2019.

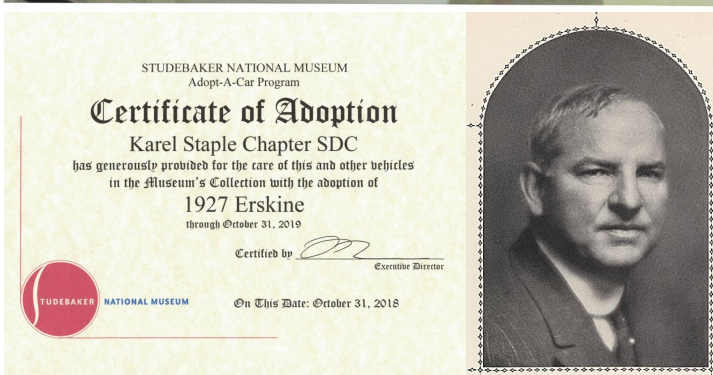
Your generous support of the Studebaker National Museum is greatly appreciated, and your contribution will allow the museum to continue to grow in the coming year.

Included in this mailing is your adoption certificate and picture of your vehicle. In addition, your name will be placed on a plaque adjacent to the vehicle signage for the duration of your adoption term. Your contribution will also be recognized on our website.

Thank you again for your generous gift. This letter serves as the receipt for your donation for tax purposes. Your donation is tax deductible to the extent allowable by law. No goods or services have been rendered. Studebaker National Museum is a 501(c)3 organization.

Sincerely,

 Thank you!
Patrick Slebonick
Executive Director



In Case You Didn't Know

Albert Russel Erskine was an American businessman. Born in Huntsville, Alabama, he worked in a number of manufacturing industries before joining the Studebaker motor car manufacturing firm in 1911. He served as Studebaker's president from 1915 until the firm encountered severe financial problems in 1933, when he committed suicide.

The Erskine Motor Car was named after Albert Erskine and was built by Studebaker for the model years of 1927 through 1930. Studebaker built 95,104 Erskines in an attempt to provide an entry level car to compete with the Ford Model A and General Motors Chevrolet.

Karel Staple Chapter Studebaker Drivers Club November Meeting Minutes By Johanna Smith

Location: Back 40 BBQ

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 by President, Steve Rainville. It was reported that long time member Corinne Garcia lost her house in the Paradise fire and is staying with family in Southern California. Member Andy Maas also in that area, has reported that his house survived the fire and he is staying on the ranch.

Frank Smith reported that Doug Van Pool, from the Nevada Chapter, passed away this month. His wife, Charyl, is staying with relatives in Oregon. A card was passed around for everyone to sign.

Zone Meet Discussion: Johna suggested that we provide 2 free dinners for the DJ playing at the Zone Meet. They are playing at no cost. The vote was favorable. There will be no Tour scheduled for Friday of the Zone Meet, due to heavy traffic on Friday. There will be discounted tickets to the Air Museum and Calif. Auto Museum for all registered guests. We will need donation for the goodie bags and 2 raffles for the Zone Meet. If you have a business that would like to donate, they will be listed in the program. We still need volunteers for the Zone Meet. A sign-up sheet will be going around for members to volunteer as Chairpersons and general volunteers.

Johna announced that there will be toy drives on 11/25 at Nimbus Dam starting at 8. Also at Shriner's Hospital on 12/2/18 from 8-2. Talk to Johna for more info. Our club has been invited to attend the Autorama again this year on Feb. 15-17. The cost is \$65 which includes 2 day passes to the event. Dec 1st is the deadline to sign up.

Perry Knopf is doing the club calendar again. The cost will be \$15 each. The CAM Christmas party, tree trimming and potluck dinner will be on 11/25. Tree trimming starting at 2 and dinner at 4. It was suggested that we bring two \$25 gift cards to donate for the raffle. Darrell Brunelli made a motion and seconded by Betty Martin.

Leon Cohen said he needs help moving his car on a trailer and he also needs 57' parts. Lou Van Anne is selling his car trailer. It has good tires and talk to him about a price. The 2019 meeting calendar was discussed. We were able to fill all the months. Some of the locations need to be confirmed. The dates and locations will be in the newsletter.

The raffle was won by Edward Sumner and the car show certificate was won by Lisa Hale.

We had 34 members and 3 Studebakers. Members in attendance were: Frank & Johanna Smith; Ed & Laurie Sumner; Steve Bigelow; Randy Hodges; Jim Goodland & Marianne; Lou Van Anne; Bill & Judy McNelley; Rick & Darlene Andersen; Brit & Yoko Berglund & Colby; John & Betty Martin; Steve Rainville & Jilg Douglas; Jon & Carlene Stalaker; George Newhouse; Leon Cohen; Joe Burch; Perry Knopf; Darrell & LaRee Brunelli; Leonard & Peggy Brewer; Rick & Johna Pierce; Lisa Hale and Mike Schmitz.

Meeting adjourned at: 1:55 p.m



Lou Van Anne Appointed to the Position of Regional Manager for Northern California

I heard our very own Lou Van Anne was selected for an important position with-in the SDC. I asked him for a little clarification of his up-coming duties and responsibilities. Here is his reply:

The position of Regional Manager for northern CA includes Bakersfield Chapter, San Joaquin Valley, Karel Staple and Sequoia Chapters. Mimi Halgrin will be working with the three Southern California Chapters. It's a two year elected term (if no other candidate....it's an appointment). In a weak moment I agreed to try it....being fully retired it will give me something to do. Actually, I'm kinda looking forward to the challenge! The primary focus is membership; welcoming new members to SDC and helping to retain existing membership....

Lou

Studebaker Legends at the MCACN

By Pat Dilling

The Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals takes place in Rosemont IL near Chicago on the weekend before Thanksgiving.. This is one of the premier car shows in the country with cars accepted on an invitation basis. Their emphasis is on original cars or those with special heritage. Typically over 500 cars from all over the US and Canada fill the 12 acres

inside the Donald E Stephens convention center and there are seldom any repeats from year to year. For a car guy it is truly a bucket list event complete with sensory overload. Studebakers have become an expected marque at the show with Ed George recruiting special classes cars for at least the last three years. This year featured Studebakers were those that owners compete with using Studebaker power. As testimony to the high regard which Studebakers are held, Ted Harbit's famous super-



charged "Stude Tomato" 1963 Lark along with his 1961 6E Studebaker car carrier, also supercharged, were featured in the lobby as you entered the show. And Ted was right there to talk with fans and enthusiasts. On Saturday Ted himself was surprised and honored with a "Living Legends Award" presented by MCACN. The full contingent of Studebaker lovers gathered at Ted's rig for a group photo. It was awesome! Inside the show were another ten Studebakers including Richard Poe's impressive "Mean Green" 1964 Challenger that uses a naturally aspirated, bored and stroked, Studebaker V8 that will jerk the front wheels off the ground and run mid 11 second times. It was hard to miss George Shirley's bright orange 1959 Lark.

Close behind him was Richard Meadow's ultra rare 1964 Challenger with an R4 dual quad motor. Coming around the display was the last US built Studebaker, an R1 powered 1964 Daytona from the Studebaker Museum. It has just 24 miles on it! Right next to it was the very first Avanti powered Lark built, a white 1963 also with R1 power owned by Carlay VonAltmen. Of course a supercharged Avanti had to be



included; Elmer Sonny Sterthman's 1963 R2 filled the bill nicely.

Show cased in the middle of the display was Gary Wood's R2 powered, dealer sponsored, 1964 Daytona C/Stock Drag car. This car is nearing completion of a full restoration back to its drag racing configuration. In a MCACN first, the car was actually lettered by painter Dave "Ace/Famous Dave" Walters during the show! Then there was Nelson Bove's 1964 Commander Super-Lark, the only Factory produced R3 Lark type. And no display of special Studebaker powered cars would be complete without George Krem's famous "Plain Brown Wrapper" 1964 R3 powered Challenger. This car has shown its tail lights to many muscle cars at the Pure Stock Drag Races. But wait! There was more! Over in the Pure Stock Muscle Drag Race display was Robin Loughlin's 289/4 speed Daytona along and David Howard Warren's 1955 259 powered Commander. Dave's 55 has the distinction of being the oldest car ever to run at the Pure Stock Drags. So that's all about the cars, but as is

often the case in our world, one of the best parts was the Studebaker people. So, if you can put yourself near Chicago the week-end before Thanksgiving, don't miss the chance to see this great show! WWW. MCACN.COM

WE HAVE GOT A PROBLEM

By Richard Dormois

Vice President, Studebaker National Foundation. Chartered as a Non Profit Public Benefit Corporation, the Studebaker National Foundation has a problem and, hopefully, you can help solve it while benefiting yourself, a friend or a loved one. Primary among our three objectives is providing educational scholarships to qualified students seeking higher education in a field related to automobile preservation or restoration. Note that I said, "related to". Each scholarship application is reviewed on an individual basis by our liberal scholarship committee which determines if your field is related and makes a recommendation to the Board of Directors. A lot of weight is placed on the letter you write to the committee.

Most of us think of someone seeking a scholarship as being a young person entering college out of high school. The Studebaker National Foundation scholarship is offered to any qualified student, regardless of age or where they are on their educational journey. For instance, if a qualified high school senior wishes to enter an accredited college or university in the hope of learning about something automotive, he or she will likely qualify for a scholarship. On the other end of the spectrum, if someone is seeking a PhD in a related field and needs help financially, submitting an application for a Foundation scholarship is encouraged. It needs to be made clear here that the scholarship is currently fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) for each semester, trimester or quarter and upon successful completion of each, the student is encouraged to reapply. Several have, to take them through to graduation.

While the student or the student's sponsor should be a member of the Studebaker Drivers Club, the Avanti Owners Association International or the Antique Studebaker Club when the scholarship is granted, the course of study nor the college or university need be Studebaker related.

All this being said, WE STILL HAVE GOT A PROBLEM. We simply are not receiving scholarship applications, although our treasury can accommodate them. I think one of the reasons is that the Advertising arm of the Studebaker National Foundation is not doing an adequate job of getting the word out. We have been in the business of helping people get through college for fourteen years and too few have been helped. I am reaching out to you through this newsletter to help us turn this around.

Look at www.studebakernationalfoundation.org, complete the application and send it to the Studebaker National Foundation treasurer Brian Millette, 41633 N. Emerald Lake Dr., Anthem, Arizona 85086 without delay. Contact him at abmillette@cox.net or 602-300-5313 with questions.

A big Thank You to Larry Swanson of Sun City West, Arizona for helping us distribute this article to you. The Studebaker National Foundation does much more for humanity than scholarships and I'll tell you more about that in the next article. Be safe.

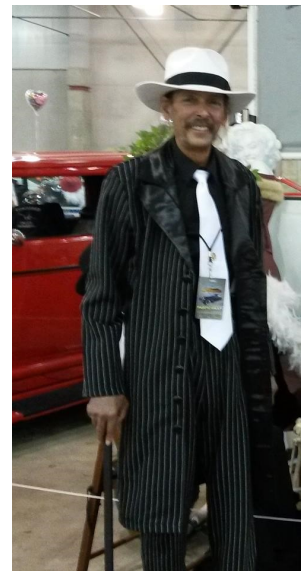
RIP Doug Van Pool

He wasn't a member of our Chapter but he was a frequent visitor and great friend. We received this news via Facebook from Leo Horishny of his home chapter in Reno.

I regret to mention hearing of the passing today of a close friend, truly one of the most interesting men, and a loyal Studebaker owner and all around good guy, Douglas Van Pool. Recently, a member of our club in Nevada, almost a member from Salem, Oregon...you guys missed an opportunity to have a fun, active, committed Studebaker owner. Active until his passing. Rest in Peace Doug.



You might remember his car. He participated in the Autorama Studebaker display at Cal Expo and frequented our events. I remember when he bought this car. He bought it from Richard Dawson of Vacaville. (not of Hogan's Heroes fame) He was a fun guy to ten to. Many interesting stories. He will be missed.



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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 2018-2019

Sunday, Dec 9th – Annual Christmas Party—Justin’s Kitchen in Yuba City

Sunday, Jan 13th – 11AM Mel’s Diner—565 Howe Ave Sacramento CA Frank and Johanna Smith are Hosts

Sunday, Feb 17th – 11am Pot Luck—California Auto Museum—Front Street, Sacramento CA Jon Stalnaker is Host

Sunday, Mar 24th – Cenario’s Pizza—Pitt School Road—Dixon CA—Jim Goodland/Marianne MacDonald are Hosts

Saturday, Apr 27th – 11am—Pot Luck—Grupe Park—Stockton—Joint Northern Ca Meet—Lou Van Anne is Host

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

Date: Dec 9, 2018 at 2:00 pm Sunday

At: Justin's Kitchen
628 Plumas St
Yuba City, CA 95991
(530) 923-2757

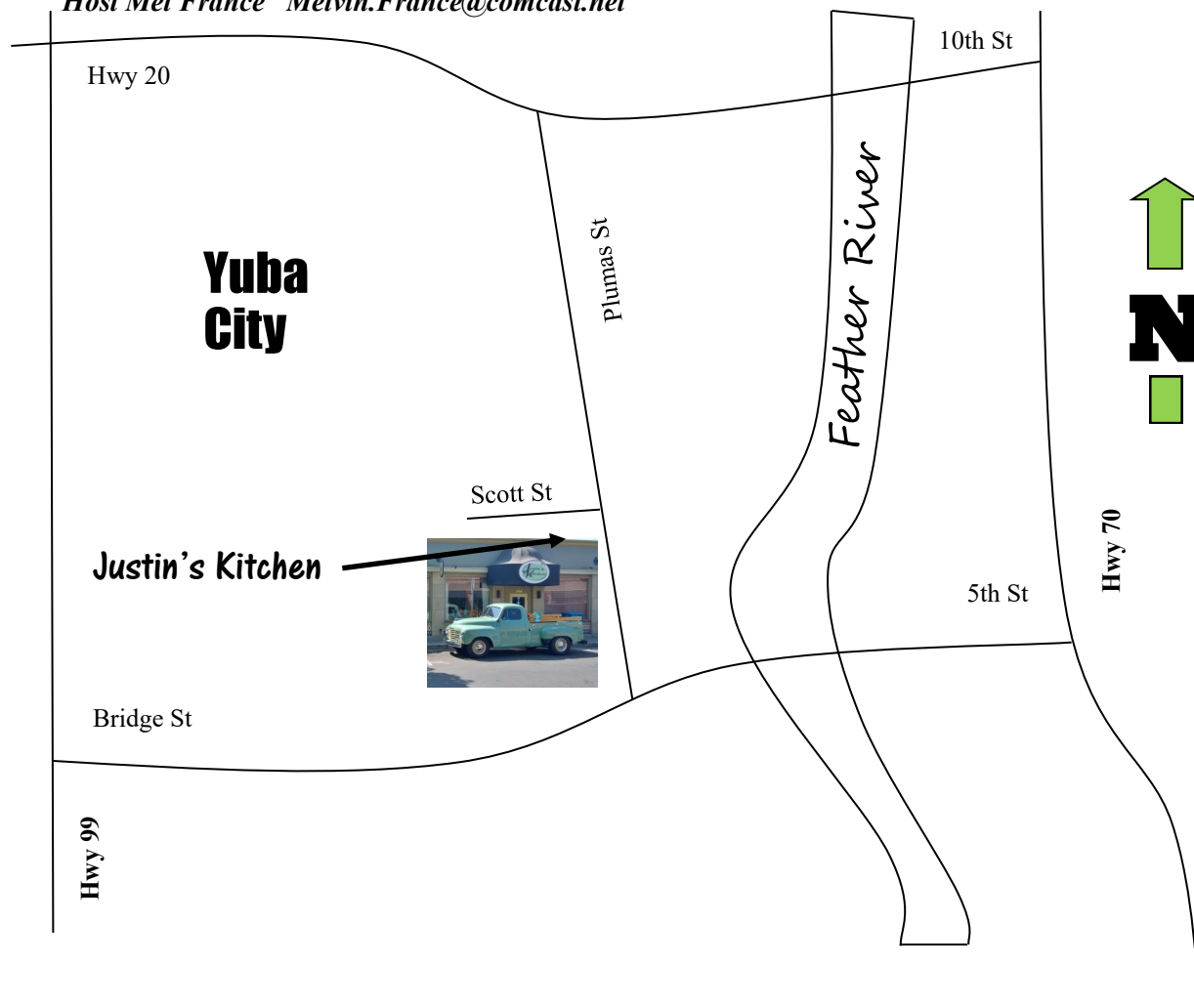
\$20.00 per person. Collected by Lou, \$20.00 includes tax, tip (Alcohol is extra)

\$20.00 new exchange gift.

Give Little Linda your gift & get a card for the exchange game

Host Mel France Melvin.France@comcast.net

Marysville



National SDC Application

For SDC National membership:
Please mail check or money order
to:

Studebaker Drivers Club, Inc.
P.O. Box 1715
Maple Grove, MN 55311-7615

Includes monthly publication of
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<input type="checkbox"/>	First year membership	
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	w/ first class mail	\$60.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Student/young adult	
	(up to 22 years old)	\$24.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	SDC membership without	
	Turning Wheels	\$10.00

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or email: sdccornerstonereg.com for more information.

Name: _____

Spouse: _____

Address: _____

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

Today's Gasoline and Yesterdays Studebakers

When should we be concerned? What is Ethanol? Yes, it is the same alcohol that is in Vodka or Whiskey. A 200 proof highly refined grain alcohol. Distilled exactly the same way, but then denatured, made unfit for human consumption, poisoned. 'Moonshiners Blues' I can hear the guitar riff playing in my head... sad. Then it's blended in our gasoline at no more than 10% (called E10) then we fill our vehicles with it. So what does that mean to a Studebaker owner/driver. The short answer is not much, but there are a few things we should pay attention to.



Ethanol blended fuels:

- * Have a shorter shelf life compared to straight gasoline. Around 90 days it starts degrading, most likely still usable, just not as good as day one. So fill or add fuel often to your gas tank. Fuel stabilizers help extend the shelf life when added closer on day one than day 90. But will not magically turn old/bad fuel into good fuel.

- * Raise the octane level of gasoline. We want our fuel to burn fast, but controlled, vs an instantaneous explosion, called detonation or pinging.

- * Has less energy, negatively effective mileage, with E10 that's about 3%, hardly much to worry about. But if you're looking for mileage in a Studebaker, you might have grabbed the wrong set of keys. In a Studebaker the goal should be, smiles per gallon, not miles per gallon.

- * Are hygroscopic, likes to absorb water, the ethanol part of the gas does. E10 can hold in suspension about 3 teaspoons of water per gallon and pass harmlessly thru the fuel system. When blended fuels absorb too much water Phase Separation takes place. The water and ethanol starts to fall out of suspension and gathers in the bottom of the fuel tank, right next to the fuel pick up tube.

- * Are a strong cleaner, so it will keep clean things clean, but it desperately wants to clean dirty things. So if you just added a few gallons of gas to that Barn Find and the fuel tank has been empty for decades 'it's getting cleaned now'. So all the loosened up crud starts heading into the fuel system wreaking havoc. Test run the engine out of your new Carb approved fuel can, with the cap removed of course, then have the fuel tank cleaned before the road test.

- * Ethanol attacks rubber. Hoses in your fuel system, usually either side of the fuel filter on V8's and the rubber diaphragm in the engine mounted fuel pump. As for your fuel pump, Studebaker vendors have updated pumps or kits. An older, unused, swap meet purchased fuel pump more than likely will not put up with E10 for very long, start leaking and fail. Fuel hose, should be current and changed every few years. Don't install just any hose, on the hose look for the letters SAE (Society of Automotive Engineers) followed by J30R__ (sometimes the J is dropped). SAE J30R5 thru J30R9 is the correct size, is what you looking for. There is a very good article explaining the differences of the SAE J30 series fuel/oil hoses, for those of us that partake. Dirty fuel is expensive to properly dispose of, and not many people take it. At work I just got a quote for 15 gallons of old used parts cleaner solvent. \$210.00 Ouch!

<http://www.underhoodservice.com/correct-fuel-hose-installation/>
Keep those Studebakers on the road.



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