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Hawk Talks

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Johna's niece has an artist friend by the name of James Hutchins. She noticed some of his artwork and asked if he might be interested in doing a painting of her Studebakers. This is it and she loves it.

James had a challenging life till he found painting made him laugh inside with happiness knowing he could find the most joy creating works of art for others. In his words: "I am by definition an artist, might not be well known, but I'm finally happy. I truly believe there's an artist in every one of us, you just have to learn your path and how to tap into it."

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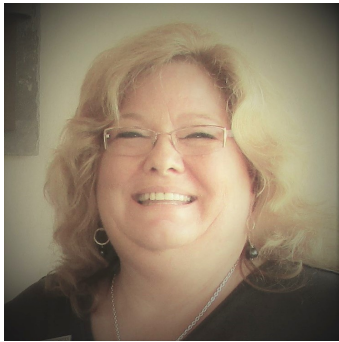
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President's Message

By Johna Pierce/President

Happy 4th of July!

After speaking with some of our members, we have decided to have a get together in July. This will be a social meeting and not a business meeting. I may not be at the meeting due to my health issues. I do not want anyone to feel that they need to come to a meeting. It will be in Dixon & the cars can park in the parking lot. There will be shade and we ask that you bring your own chair. You can buy lunch from the restaurant next door or bring your own food & drink. Information on Page 7...

I want everyone in our chapter healthy and safe! **Johna**

You have to wear a mask for your safety and the safety of your friends. Not just because I said so.



What Have You Done While Our Meetings are Cancelled?

By: Anthony Trujillo

Hello fellow Studebaker-ers. Things certainly have been different with the virus going around. Car shows, swap meets, Studebaker events, all cancelled.

For me this also means canceling jobs out of town wrenching on other people's Studebakers. It means missing out on vending at meets, and missed parts runs out of town. But it has also allowed me to focus on being a parts vendor full



time. To do that and succeed is a terrific and fulfilling experience for a young person like myself, one who's always chased the old car world. For those that don't know me, I've been involved in Studebakers since 2005, but only became a vendor a couple years ago after bringing Bob Peterson's business out of retirement. I was also traveling around working on cars for others. There was a lot of back and forth, it was hectic, and it was awesome. It was like living the Rock-

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The Grand Canyon State Chapter of the pleased to announce the 2020 Pacific held on October 9, 10, and 11, 2020 in



Studebaker Drivers Club is Southwest Zone Meet to be Phoenix, Arizona. **(NOT)**

Well, I'm sure it comes as no surprise, Another Studebaker gathering is being cancelled. I'm sharing the pertinent parts of the email I got from Chris Collins, the Regional Manager for Arizona. (see below)

A Message From Chris Collins, Regional Manager for SDC/Arizona

After surveying our members and members from other chapters in the zone it became apparent we would have a small turnout and would be unable to meet our contractual agreement with the hotel. Also, it would have been a real challenge to put on a social gathering when distancing would be expected by both the hotel and the participants. Hope the disease disappears next year so we can have meets and events again. Please put a note in your newsletter about the cancellation and that refunds will be issued to everyone who had registered.

Also a reminder to cancel any hotel reservations. Thank you.

The GCS Chapter members were looking forward to seeing all of our friends in the zone in October and hope to meet up with you at events in 2021 and forward.

BTW, the board voted to return your Chapter's generous donation toward the zone meet since we cannot use it for what it was intended. We really appreciated receiving it and had some plans for its use.

Thanks. Regards, **Chris**

If you would like to buy a 2020 Arizona Zone Meet T-shirt, Please contact Chris Collins (phone) 602-803-6849 or (email) ccollinsaz@cox.net

Check with her for prices. There may be a 2 dollar more charge for XX sizes.

Sacramento International Auto Show

Save the dates, October 16-18, and hope or pray that the virus will allow us to enjoy it! Once again the Karel Staple Chapter is invited to participate in this great event at Cal Expo. This will be our 5th year and the organizers and attendees just love us and our Studebakers! Jon wrote a great article about last year's show so we are getting world wide attention. We will have one of the Expo Center Buildings as before. We will have room for about a dozen cars. There is no cost to participate. I will provide additional information as we get closer to the event. Keep your fingers crossed that it will go on. - **Pat Dilling**

Yes, I wrote a story for Turning Wheels last October and it just appeared in the July issue. I had given up on that one getting published, so it was a pleasant surprise when I saw it. Actually the timing worked out good as Pat just got the invitation for us to return this year. Read your latest Turning Wheels if you haven't seen it yet. Let's hope it doesn't get cancelled this time. - **Jor**



**A****B****C**

Match the Caption to the Photograph

1. Picture of ice tea _____
2. Pitcher of ice tea _____
3. Picture of Ice-T _____

Are They The Same? Sounds like it, but
certainly doesn't look like it...

**A****B****C****D****E****F**

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Match the Phrase to the Corresponding Car

1. Chrome Hubcaps Rile Your Senses Love Every Ride ____
2. Dirty Ole Dog Goes Everywhere ____
3. Just Another Gorgeous Unique Automobile Really ____
4. Hovers Over No Dead Animals ____
5. Take Over Your Other Transportation Activities ____
6. Lots Of Trouble Usually Serious ____

**None of these are Stylish Transportation Used Daily Everywhere
By All Kinds Even Royalty...**



Continued from Page 2 star Lifestyle; being around great cars, great people, and gaining some great knowledge and stories along the way. So when the virus struck, it put everything to a halt and I had to adjust my focus to the Studebaker Parts business 100%, which I am glad to say this venture is working out. Thank you all who have supported this.



and even has new harnesses installed. So this three speed overdrive car really runs and drives nice.

I've since named this car "The Duke Of Earl" after the 1962 hit song by Gene Chandler. A song which was playing the morning I went to pick it up. My plan is to do what work is needed to make it drive and operate like new and enjoy it. Take it to shows, and meets. It's honestly the nicest classic car I've owned yet. And since I picked it up over a month ago, there hasn't been a day yet that I haven't looked at it and smiled. I've since gotten a set of Packard wheel covers for it which look great, and ordered a grill guard and Fulton visor. I'm not positive on the visor but we will see.

Driving such an iconic car draws a lot of positive attention. Sometimes people come up to me with questions, other times it's stories. One time I pulled up to a burger stand and a kid in the next car over blurted out "look at that bootsy old car". I still have to bite my tongue when I think of how I should have responded ha-ha. But there is nothing that can take away the feeling of knowing that you've made it. The feeling of being a young Studebaker hobbyist who has found his place as a vendor, while driving around in a cool old bullet nose with these lyrics playing in the background **"Nothing can stop me now...cause I'm.. the Duke Of ...Earl.... so hey yea yea yeah"**



Not my car, but this is like the grill guard I ordered

JULY 2020 ADVERTISEMENTS

CARS, PARTS, SERVICES

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Cars For Sale

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.

I finally have my Hawk home after 6mos in storage while I was in the moving transition. Not sure when I'll get the truck home.

Looking forward to some club meetings and shows



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

1952 2 Ton Studebaker Truck Cab and Chassis. Running 6 cylinder engine 4speed w/ 2 speed rear differential. \$2500

Contact Dallas in Happy Valley (West of Anderson Ca.) 520-444-1840

Parts for Sale

12volt Delco generator works good, clean and painted \$25. Lark VI Script (2 Lark and 2 VI) - original not reproduction in very good condition, sell as set \$45 (reproductions are \$100) 1957-61 Hawk chrome fin caps R&L side \$50 ea or 2 for \$80. 1960-64 Champ L&R chrome horizontal bar type (not mesh type) parking light assemblies \$85ea 1959-66 Lark and 1959-64 Hawks Chrome metal Seat Hinge Covers \$75. NOS (New Old Stock) Hood Prop for 59-61 Lark or 60-64 Champ Pickup - \$10. STUDEBAKER chrome license plate holder, used needs touch up \$4. Studebaker Wheel black sweatshirt large, \$4. Turning Wheels magazines selling complete years from 1977 to 2000, price negotiable. Contact Dean Sumpter 916-753-6003 or carvin9755@gmail.com

Parts Wanted

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

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Karel Staple Chapter CALENDAR 2020

No business meeting just lunch with friends and Studebakers. Come if you feel safe
No judgement if you want to stay safe at home.

Sunday July 19th—Cenario's Pizza in Dixon is On!!! Bring your own chairs
Jim Goodland/Marianne MacDonald hosting (we may eat outside in parking lot)

There will be plenty of room for social distancing and shade for your chairs.

Please RSVP Marianne @ 707 696-3384

Sunday August 9—Napa Potluck 11AM 2140 Coronado Ave—Frank and Johanna Smith still planning to meet

More to come stay tuned

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.



Directions to this Month's Meeting...

INTERSTATE 80 TO PITT SCHOOL ROAD EXIT IN DIXON.
 SOUTH OF FREEWAY ONE BLOCK CENARIOS IS ON THE
 LEFT. PARK IN REAL ESTATE PARKING LOT NEXT DOOR.
 BRING YOUR OWN CHAIRS AND REQUIRED FACE MASKS.
 FOOD, DRINK AND RESTROOMS ARE AVAILABLE AT
 CENARIOS.



Welcome New SDC Member

Eric Hoeschen

Davis California

M Series Project Truck

Hope to have him join our chapter soon...

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Napa CA 94559
or call: (707) 255-5108



Tech Tips

by: Studebaker Mike

*Hey, If you can't go anywhere,
the least you can do is fix all the little
things you haven't got around to yet...*



Stuff You Should Always Keep On Hand

Items I keep in my shop

I thought I'd share with you some of the automotive items I keep on hand in my shop.

De-greasers; My two favorite de-greasers are, Mineral Spirits and Brakleen. Mineral Spirits (NOT the water base stuff) has a low evaporation rate and is an excellent grease/oil cutter. I keep it in two containers, one new and clean for final rinsing, and one used and dirty. I clean parts out of an assortment of retired kitchen cake pans. When I'm done it gets returned to the used solvent container. I buy Brakleen in a 12 can case on-line, cost is just over \$2.00 per can.



Bolt threads; Being that I have worked on boats all my career and have seen a fare amount of corrosion, a naked bolt is never used. Either anti-seize, engine oil or a thread locker goes on. There are a lot of choices for both, pick your favorite and used it. For pipe threads use either a quality pipe thread paste or Loctite 545 thread sealant. Teflon tape is no longer a recommended thread sealer. Do your own internet search, nobody in the know supports it any more.

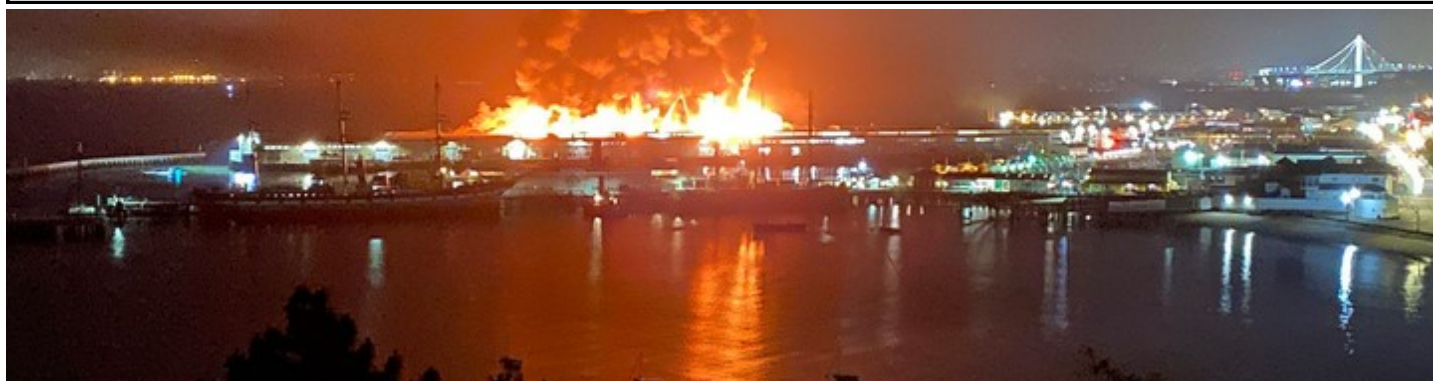


RTV; Stop buying it in the squeeze tubes! I started buying it in the aerosol can. It resembles the old cheese wiz can. You'll never throw away another dried out tube, deal with a dried up nozzle, or have to poke holes in the side to get to the usable stuff. When you get your first can throw away the nozzle and the lever, those two pieces are totally useless. When you're done using it just leave a little RTV sticking out the top of the tip, when you go to use next, pull the dried bit of RTV out and ready to go.

RTV frustration...all gone!



Cleaning; A bench grinder with a wire wheel on one side. Buy wheels with the smallest diameter wire available. I use 0,006 wire wheels, they get into the smallest of spaces and are most effective for cleaning. A huge assortment of wire brushes is helpful. Cups, wheels and tube brushes. Chucked up in a cordless drill is a great way to clean a number of items from cylinder heads to bolt holes.



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