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President's Message April 2015

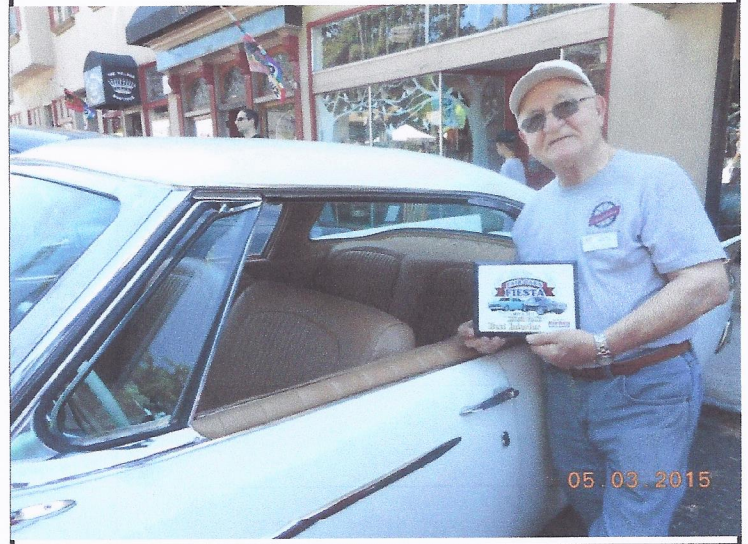
I recently had the opportunity to attend the Annual Legislative Conference sponsored by the Association of California

Car Clubs at the California Auto Museum. Our Karel Staple Chapter is a member of the association. This two day event provides opportunity to meet and listen to legislators, regulatory agencies, insurance representatives and other presenters with topics of interest to car enthusiasts. One of the most exciting announcements we heard was from Karen McClafflin the Director of the Museum who let us know that they are the final stages of purchasing the museum property from the City of Sacramento. This will be voted on by the City Council on May 5th. Once that happens several phases of improvement will begin starting with a new roof, new HVAC, improved lighting and sprinkler system. The museum has been a great friend and it is exciting to see the opportunities coming. We heard from Assembly Member Marie Walden who is sponsoring a bill that if passed will help people with cars more than 30 years old register their vehicles even if they are not able to get them to pass emissions tests. This would involve paying an annual fee. DMV representative talked about historic and special interest license plates. The 60's era black plates will be available soon. John Caldwell the ACCC paid lobbyist told us about bills that directly affect motorists including car hobby folks including several proposed bills that would raise licensing fees. Some have been defeated and some are still in process. Most notable of those is SB 16 sponsored by Senator Beal. This bill would raise vehicle license fees by \$35 on all vehicles and \$100 on electric vehicles to pay for road improvements. ACCC suggests a better alternative would be repayment of funds borrowed from State Highway Account, the Motor Vehicle Fuel Account, the Highway Users Tax Account and the Motor Vehicle account that had been taken in the past and used for other purposes. Perhaps the most significant thing I learned from this conference is that we as car enthusiasts must be vigilant about legislation and regulation that will affect our hobby whether by intent or collateral impact. We are a very small part of the population and those making laws and regulations may not be aware of the impact the things they do have on our vehicles and our use of them. We heard several times that our emails, letters and office visits to representatives do have an impact. We need to talk to them and do our best to recruit friends in high places so to speak. I encourage all of our members to check in at the ACCC web page from time to time at <http://accdefender.org/> where you can sign up for their email alerts

Fair Oaks Car Show May 3, 2015

By Pat Dilling

Five Karel Staple members brought their cars to Fair Oaks for their Fiesta Days car show. First to arrive and helping save spaces was Leon Cohen with his '58 Packard Hawk, fooled by Perry Knopf with his '50 Starlight. Then arriving all together were Mel France with his "new" '66 Avanti II, Art and Deborah Smith in their '63 R2 Avanti and Pat Dilling with his '53 Starlight. Also lending an assist was Steve Rainville who was not able to stay for the show, but still came by to make sure our parking spaces together were well in hand, he also stayed to join us for the traditional pancake breakfast. Good for you Steve! There were a couple other Studes at the show of over 300 cars. John Wink was there with his Lambo doored '54 Starliner and Gary Pettigrew brought out his "Nose Job" 48 convertible. We had near perfect weather and a crowd that was definitely interested in our Studebakers. I am including a picture of Leon showing the finer points of his Hawk to a couple interested folks. I also had two invitations offered, one to bring STU COOL to a special display at the Nielo Auto Group for special benefit and also from the organizer of the Sacramento International Auto Show at Cal Expo in mid-October. She wants to feature Studebakers as a special genre and dedicate an entire building to Studebaker! More details to come. But the highlight of the show I think was the continued recognition of our cars, Leon Cohen was presented with a Second Place award for Best Interior with his Packard Hawk. Way to go Leon, well deserved!



Please Mark you calendar! Our Sat. May 16th meeting is changing to Sunday May 17th.

Time is still 10:00 am Since they open to the public at 12:00pm.

Taste of Tuscany, 7753 Roseville Rd : STE #A, Sacramento, Arrive 10 AM

Hosted by Leonard and Peggy Brewer.

April Event in Stockton is another Success

Story By: Jon Stalnaker

Thanks, Lou Van Anne for another fine picnic in Stockton. This has become an annual event for The Karel Staple Chapter, the Sequoia Chapter, the San Joaquin Valley Chapter, and the AOAI (Avanti) Northern California Chapter. It's a chance to get together with friends that we don't get to see all the time. It's also a chance to meet some new people that are also Studebaker Afflicted.

I'm always confused about the start time though. You'd think I would get it right after all these years, but I got it wrong again. Karel Staple folks typically meet at 11am and this one starts at 1pm. I believe it was incorrectly posted on the SDC Forum at noon, so I left a little early this year. I knew there were some traffic delays on Hwy 12 and I figured if I got there early, I could help Lou set up. I arrived at about 11:30 and sure enough, there was only one other Studebaker there (other than Lou's). Joe and George were already there in brand X so I got to help set up.

By 1pm, there were many that had not yet arrived but most were there by 2pm. We had another great turn out and it was nice to see old friends from the other chapters. I had a chance to make a new friend from the Fresno area. Robert is new to the Studebaker club having just recently acquiring a couple of bullet nose project cars. As it turns out, Robert was recruited to be the new editor of the San Joaquin Valley Chapter's newsletter so we had much to talk about. We also recognized each other from our SDC Forum activity. It was nice meeting him and I look forward to getting to know him better. He hopes to have one of his Studes ready to drive to the Zone Meet in Vegas later this year.

Another treat at the Stockton meeting is to be able to have face time with the President of the Studebaker Drivers Club. Carl Thomason is a member of the San Joaquin Valley Chapter and rarely misses this event. I also look forward to talking with Carl's wife, Susan, who serves with me as a judge for print newsletters.



John M Studebaker Wheelbarrow Races

By Pat Dilling

The 71st running of this event celebrating John M Studebaker and his contribution to the California Gold Rush is coming up on Sunday June 21st during the El Dorado County Fair. The Placerville Kiwanis Club puts this event on and they have invited us to bring our Studebakers and show them off as a tribute to Studebaker. Those who come will have free entrance to the fair for all in their car. We will have an information table set up and shade. You can bring your chairs and coolers. The County museum, with several Studebaker wagons and a wheel barrow, will also be free to visit. Then later in the afternoon you will be able to attend the actual Wheelbarrow races. That is quite a challenging event and a sight to see. John Studebaker came to old Hangtown (Placerville) in 1852 in a wagon he built himself. He was set to seek his fortune in the gold fields. Once he arrived he was convinced that a good job building wheelbarrows was a better opportunity. Over the next 6 years he amassed about \$9,000 which was a significant amount at the time. He came back to South Bend and used this stake to provide capital for his families burgeoning wagon building business. By the 1870s they were the largest wagon manufacturer in the world and had provided many vehicles to the Union Army during the Civil War. Without the money earned in Placerville the Studebaker Corporation may never have become significant. If you would like to help celebrate all things Studebaker with us at this event please let me know not later than June 1st. Call me at 530-218-0641 to confirm or to get more information.



Today we replaced Leon Cohen's 1958 Packard Hawk, with our 1957 Studebaker Silver Hawk at the California Auto Museum Fins and Flash display.

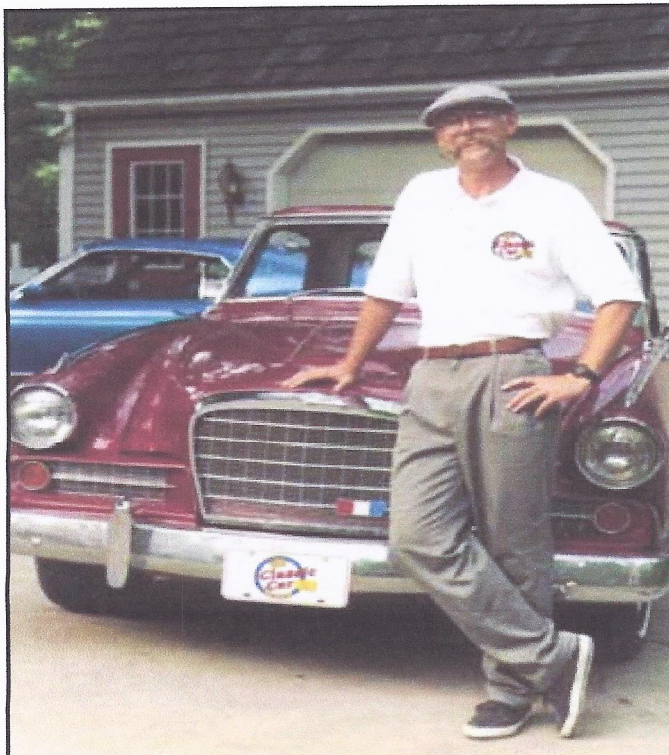


Kool April Nites

By Johna Pierce

For the last 10 years we have gone to the Kool April nites car show in Redding CA. This year we took our 1964 Gt Hawk to the event. There were 1899 classic cars there! We got a lot of thumbs up during the cruise Friday night. Saturday all the cars go over to the Redding Civic Auditorium by Turtle bay. It is quite a sight to see all the different classic cars & hot rods in one place. We saw a few Studebakers & met new & old friends.

Speaking of old friends we saw Dennis Gage, **creator and host of the popular TV show, *My Classic Car***. Rick had my book signed by him & then he came by the cars & stopped at my Studebaker. Someone said Dennis Gage is looking at your car & I said Yes and he has driven it too! He said Yes I have driven it & gave me a big hug & said he still loved my Studebaker & he was glad to see her at the show. What a nice guy! It was fun when people asked us how we know him! It was a fun event!



Winters Pick of the Night

Story by: Jon Stalnaker

If you've never been to Winters, you should check it out. The Buckhorn Restaurant is a great place to eat and they have an old Opera House there called the Palms, that has small concerts that are fabulous. They do a lot of jazz and blues concerts there. I attend local car shows in Winters occasionally. We attended the April car show there. This show is sponsored by the Buckhorn. I might also add that my wife is the letter carrier for that portion of Winters and is well liked by her customers. (no surprise there)



We brought our bullet nose and had a great time hanging out with other car guys and chatting with an occasional customer of Carlene's. One of the nice things about bringing a Studebaker to a local car show is that it is usually the only Studebaker there and this night was no exception.

We talked about the Stude for a while and he really liked it because it was different than most of the cars you see at the show. He liked the fact that it looked stock on the outside but underneath was all the modern creature comforts. He also appreciated that it was a 4 door sedan. I thought that was interesting as most guys my age are still hung up on the old "two door or not cool" mindset. Four door cars are becoming more popular with the younger crowd, perhaps because most of the two door cars have been picked over. Or maybe they are rightfully being accepted as also cool, especially if they have suicide doors.

I was parked right next to a six figure custom Oldsmobile that was decked out with true flames and many other custom amenities. He looked that one over for quite a while too. He was not the only person that was interested in my car but I mention him because it turned out that he was the person assigned by the restaurant to pick out the "Car of the Night". He came back later to tell me he had selected my car for the award. Although there were plenty of very cool cars, some of which were much more custom than mine, He liked my car because it was simple, elegant, and certainly different than the plethora of Ford, Chevy, or Mopar cars that lined the street.

Now it very well could be that being married to the mail lady gave me an advantage, but however it came to me, I was glad to accept the plaque and proud to represent. Its wonderful when non Studebaker folks recognize what we've known for a long time – **that Studebaker Invented Cool.**

1 - Wheels and Lug Nuts - Remove wheel covers and make certain all lug nuts are on and not stripped. Check for wheel wobble. Wheel nuts on Studebakers should be torqued at 75-80 foot pounds. Rust around the bolt holes would indicate that the wheel is loose or had been loose previously.

2 - Tires - Check wear pattern and look for checking, cuts, nails etc. If tires have uneven tread wear, the wheel alignment may be necessary to correct the problem. Tires deteriorate with age. Some older tires may have a lot of tread left on them but still, they may be classified as unsafe. Check with your tire shop. When purchasing a new tire, get the shop to identify the age of the tire that they are selling. There is a 4 number code on one side of the tire. The first 2 numbers indicate the week of the year that the tire was made. The other 2 numbers indicate the year that the tire was made. Don't buy an old, "New" tire.

3 - Front disc Brake - Check calipers for correct mounting and tightness. If loose, check for rust. Check brake lines for correct positioning. Check brake hoses for any signs of abrasion or wetness. Wetness generally means leakage unless fluid has been spilled on part that shows wetness.

4 - Center pivot on steering, tie rods, bell crank, king pins and steering coupler - Check for looseness. Note that the center pivot is often overlooked when the car is getting a lube job. Make sure that it has adequate lubrication.

5 - Motor mounts - Check front and rear to make sure that the rubber is not torn or cracked and that no nuts or bolts are missing.

6 - Underside of motor, transmission, rear end, power steering and brakes - Check for leaks and trace down the cause (Seals, hoses, gaskets, bolts etc.)

7- Frame - Check for cracks at extreme front at frame. Check "A" frames on front suspension for cracks and beside cross member at front coil springs.

8 - U joints - Look for rust around them and move drive-shaft. check for play. Rust usually indicates worn needle bearings and the cross.

9 - Exhaust system - Check for leaks and condition, cross over, clamps and hangers.

10 - Rear end and hub - Check for play and possible bad keyway.

Safety Checks On Your Stude-

11 - Body Mounts - Check condition at extreme forward end of frame horn where bracket comes off radiator saddle.

12 - "A" arm bushings - Check upper and lower for looseness or cracked rubber and outer pins to make certain they are not wearing out.

13 - Radiator and hoses - Check for leaks, check for very hard or extremely soft, oil soaked hoses. Replace any hose with those conditions.

14 - Belts - Water pump and fan clutch - Check belts for cracks on sides and tension. Check for play in fan. If there is water leakage at the water pump, replace it.

15 - Engine and engine compartment - Check entire area for any incorrectly installed, missing or wrong parts. While in the engine compartment, check for worn or bare wires. Insulate or replace them. Claims are that more old cars are lost with electrical fires than any other cause.

16 - Windshield wiper - Check to make certain motor and linkage are tight. Check the condition of the wiper blades. Replace if necessary.

17 - Battery and Battery hold down - Check battery for fluid level, corrosion at the terminals and cables, Clean if necessary. Make sure that hold-downs are tight. Use of trickle charger when the car is stored is a good idea to keep the battery fully charged for longer battery life. Play it safe, when storing a car for an extended period, remove one of the battery cables. If this is done, it is impossible to have a closed electrical circuit which may cause a fire.

18 - Doors - Check for any play and door opening location springs to be in place and working. Check for all hinges to be working and not binding and check door locks to make sure that they are all working as they should be.

Safety Checks (cont.)

19 - Lights and horn - Make certain that they are all working properly.

20 - Rear view mirrors play an important part in safety while driving. Make sure that they are in good condition and properly adjusted.

**Shows Coming Up In May:**

May 16th – Live On Drive On Show – El Dorado Hills
May 16th – Jackson Car Show – Jackson
May 16th – Downtown Ford Show - Sacramento
May 23rd – Thunder In The Depot – Rio Linda
May 30th - Eagles Nest Airport Show – Ione

Shows Coming Up In June:

June 5th-6th – Thunder In The Valley Show Lincoln
June 13th – Artistic Collision Show – Ranch Cordova
June 13th – Over The Hill Gang Show – Elk Grove
June 27th – Burgiemen River City Classic Show – West Sacramento

Shows Coming Up In July:

July 4th – Cruzin' The Vineyard Show – Plymouth
July 11th – Cruise For Food Show – Auburn
July 18th - Gualala Show – Gualala
July 25th – Midnight Mass - Woodland

Shows Coming Up In August:

August 1st – CAM Cruise – Sacramento
August 1st-8th – Hot August Nights – Reno
August 15th ACCC Save Our Cars Show – Rancho Cordova
August 22nd – Goodguys – Pleasanton
August 29th – Big City Rod Run – Sierra City

Hi Everyone

I'm part of a team that is helping to get the Tri Counties ROP Automotive Academy kids to the SEMA!

The SEMA Show is the premier automotive specialty products trade event in the world.

We are going to have a raffle booth at the ACCC car show (ACCC Butch Gardner Save Our Cars, Car Show, Sac Vintage Ford)

in Aug 15th. Again these kids are working on Hot Rods and we want to get and keep our youth in our Car Hobby.

I'm looking for raffle prizes & gift cert. and even money!

Thanks, Johna Pierce 916-442-5984

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The Clerici Family wants to sell one of Ray's trucks. It is a 1963 8E-40 I think its a 2 or 2 1/2 ton Flat bed. It has a 17' tilt bed with ramps, a car hauler. It is one of 40 USMC trucks. It has Hyd. Rams for the tilt bed, air brakes, winch for the tilt bed to pull cars up the ramps onto the truck. They want \$10,000 OBO. Call Donald at 707-226-6605.



My sister would like to give away a basic Rubbermaid composter. It is free **BUT** will need to be picked up in the Orangevale area (Trajan off Greenback area).

Picture attached.
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KSC CALENDER 2015

Saturday, May 16th - Taste of Tuscany, 7753 Roseville Rd : STE #A, Sacramento, Hosted by Leonard and Peggy Brewer. Arrive 10 AM, 530-333-2347. All are welcome!

Sunday, June 14th – Sundial Bridge in Redding. 840 Sundial Bridge Dr. - Redding, CA 96002. Arrive at 10 am, I- 5 Caravan will be organized. Restaurant on-site or picnic. Hosted by: Dick and Norma Grove. 530-527-4583. All are Welcome.

Saturday, June 20th – JM Studebaker Wheelbarrow races in Placerville. Details to follow.

Sunday, July 19th – Napa social/potluck. 2140 Coronado Ave., Napa, CA. Arrive at 11:00 am. Hosts: Frank & Johanna Smith 707-255-5108. All are welcome!

Sunday, August 2 – Yuba City – Tour of Mel France's new museum. 2241 Hooper Rd. Yuba City, CA Pot Luck, Arrive 11 AM. Host: Mel France 530-674-0327. All are welcome!

Aug 16 – 22, 2015 – 51st Studebaker Drivers Club International Meet, St. Louis Missouri

Sunday, Sept 20th – Sacramento Annual Auction/potluck. 1129 Weber Way Sacramento, CA. Arrive 11:00 am. Hosts: Rick & Johna Pierce 916-442-5984. Meeting will include our annual auction. Bring Studebaker and car related items. Proceeds of the auction go to scholarship fund. All are welcome!

Oct 9 – 11, 2015 – PSW Zone Meet Henderson, NV. Hosted by: Tumbleweeds Chapter

Sunday, Oct 18th – Olivehurst – 4074 Mary Ave. Olivehurst, CA Arrive at 11:00 am for social/potluck. Call Pat Dilling for more information at: 530-743-4176 All are welcome!

Sunday, Nov 15th – UC Davis Arboretum and Picnic lunch. 11 am. Darrell and LaRee Brunelli Hosting. 916-961-2406 All are welcome!

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



Directions to Taste of Tuscany

Restaurant 7753 Roseville Rd, #A Sacramento, CA

From Westbound I-80 Take the Antelope exit and turn left at the Light to go over the freeway.

From Eastbound I-80 take the Antelope exit and turn right at the light.

Follow Antelope road to Roseville

Road and turn right. Turn left at the first parking lot entrance .

Home Depot will be straight ahead and Taste of Tuscany will be on the Right. 10:00 A.M Sunday May 17

\$12.00 per person brunch

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