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## Stockton Multi-Club Meet



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No May Club Meeting!

Do To The Southwest Zone Meet In Reno

## President's Message May 2016 by Steve Rainville



Hello Everybody

Well here we are in May already! I wish there was something to do. Oh yeah, Reno, the zone meet. Are you ready? Are you going? I can't wait! This should be lots of fun! If you have never heard

me say it before FUN is the real "F" word. Reminder Lou Van Anne is leading a caravan up Interstate 80 on Thursday the 19th. A big thanks to Lou.

May is actually a busy time. May is the start of car shows and swap meets for the year. We ended April in Stockton, then the next day, May 1<sup>st</sup>, we were in Fair Oaks for a show. I think we had 9 cars with our Leon Cohen winning a prize with his Packard Hawk. Then the next week the Stalnaker family put their Studebakers in the Dixon parade. Good going kids! Not to mention others of you that went to different shows.

Our chapter is in good shape right now because of all the participation by you, the members. This is a very good thing! I thank you all very much. If you think you can help, or might like to help, the Nevada chapter, don't be shy, jump on in! It may enlighten you as to how a meet works, And you might even feel better about yourself.

Anyhow, that's all for now.

## Editor's Corner By Brian Challender



I just wanted to take this time to thank everyone who contributed pictures and stories to the Hawk Talks, it makes my job here a lot easier. If you have something you would like to share with the rest of our members, feel free to send your pictures and articles to me and I'll try to fit them into this newsletter.

#### In Memoriam



I'm sad to announce that Linda Peterson has passed away this last March. Long time companion of Joe Birch, she will be missed by all who knew her.





Who but the Lark Dealer has compacts with the unique new Skytop sunroof... in four models? Who but the Lark Dealer can offer a compact convertible, too? Who but the Lark Dealer has the new 113 in, wheelbase luxury compact with as much inside room as the biggest American cars made? Who but the Lark Dealer has compacts in both 2 and 4 door wagons, 6 or V-8? Who but the Lark Dealer can make every prospect happy with not 2, not 4, but 7—count 'em—7 body styles?

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OTOR, April 1961

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# Thirteen States in a Studebaker – Part 8 Goin' Home Story By: Jon Stalnaker

Well, if you read April's Turning Wheels magazine, you already know the answer to the question; Did we make it to San Bernardino? I only had one request of this Route 66 adventure and that was to hit all the towns mentioned in the chorus of the "Get Your Kicks on Route 66" song

written by Bobby Troupe, made famous by Nat King Cole, and covered by a bazillion other artists throughout the years. By now we had "drove through St Louie, Joplin Missouri, Oklahoma City looked mighty pretty." "We saw Amarillo, Gallop New Mexico". Remaining was Flagstaff Arizona, we can't forget Winona, Kingman, Barstow and San Bernardino.

After standing on the corner in Winslow Arizona, we hit the road for Flagstaff. Now in the song, they mention Flagstaff first and then tell us not to forget Winona. So, when I was looking for the tiny town of Winona on the map, I was looking between Flagstaff and Kingman. I



no exaggeration. We saw the old Rt. 66 bridge and I got a picture of that. I was looking for the town and after a few miles, I told Carlene there should be a curio shop somewhere along here. She told me that she saw one just before we got to the bridge so that must have been it. When people say "don't blink or you'll miss it", they must be talking about Winona Arizona. I guess my focus on the bridge took away the peripherals I needed to see the town. Oh well, not turning back now. It still counts for the goal.



began to panic as it was nowhere to be found. That was because Winona was actually before Flagstaff. It was a tiny town but it was clearly exited on Hwy 40. We took the exit and began looking for it. When I say it is a tiny town, that is

#### Thirteen States in a Studebaker—continued

I was surprised at how beautiful it was in Flagstaff Arizona. Nothing like the desert I expected when I envisioned Arizona. If we wanted to take more time, we could have spent it here. There were exits that would have taken us to the Grand Canyon. I was still so freaked out about the car that we buzzed right through there. Kingman was our next destination and it would be time



to eat when we got there. There was a museum that we wanted to visit in Kingman. I saw a black and white picture in a magazine that showed a light colored Bullet nose sedan and I thought it could have been yellow like ours. We found the museum and sure enough, the car was yellow. I got some pictures of that and the resemblance was striking despite the fact that it was a 50 and not a 51. Only Studebaker people would even notice a difference. I mentioned to the museum staff that I had a clone of that car out in the

parking lot but they seemed genuinely unimpressed. Oh well, that was a little anti-climactic. There was a great 50's diner right across the street so we walked over, leaving the cars in the museum parking lot. We enjoyed the period correct cuisine and looked around a hot rod shop next door. By the time we were ready to walk back to the cars it was pouring rain (again). Since it was so nice when we stopped, we were not prepared for this downpour so we got pretty wet before we reached our rides. Now we faced a long ride through the desert to get to Barstow. When we left California, it was still suffering from drought. With all the rain that soaked us in 12 other states, I was kind of looking forward to some relief. That was not in the cards as we even got rained on when we got back in to California. Aaugh....

There wasn't much excitement when we got back to our home state. The biggest memory I have about the road to Barstow was the closed roadside rests. Now when you get to be our age, peeing is something that becomes more and more important. We could see by the maps that there was a roadside rest coming up and we should have no serious difficulty making it there. When we approached the rest area, I could see signs indicating it was closed. NOOOOOOOOO.

The last bit of desert took us in to Barstow. We found a nice hotel and walked into the lobby to a huge line. We were lucky to get rooms there for the night. Driving through the desert wears me out and I was dead tired. I knew tonight was decision night about San Bernardino. Not only did I want to go through all the towns in the song, but our plans included going to Carlene's daughters house in Corona to spend a few days with family before we headed back to Dixon. I suppose we both knew what the decision would be but just didn't want to say it. Mel would be heading home from Barstow and we would lose that safety net. We couldn't lock the car and my confidence level of even making it was low. So we skipped San Bernardino.

#### Thirteen States in a Studebaker—continued

In the morning, we chowed down and headed over to Bakersfield for an easy trip up the valley to home. My memory is already beginning to fade as this was several months ago. I was worn out physically and mentally by this point and I just wanted to make it back in one piece. I'm sure we



stopped somewhere along the way to eat but I just can't remember where, maybe we didn't. My last view of Mel in the rear view mirror was on the WX portion of the Freeway in Sacramento as he prepared to exit to I 5 towards Yuba City and Carlene and I made the last 20-minute jaunt to Dixon. I appreciate more than I can express, having Mel to travel with. It gave us a level of comfort as this was really the car's maiden voyage. And Mel was so good about doing whatever we wanted to do. But the best part was getting to know Mel better. We both were so blessed to get some quality time; eating, talking, getting to know what a fascinating person he really is. We just don't get that kind of opportunity at Studebaker meetings. Without getting too mushy, we now consider Mel a special friend.

We made it home after 4354 miles of adventure. At just under 23 mpg fuel consumption for the



trip, I was pleased with the performance of the car. There were still some serious issues that needed to be addressed so I parked it until Wayne was ready to take it on again. Several months passed and I hadn't even washed the road dirt off the car. Finally, Wayne's calendar opened up and the repairs be-

gan. I knew the wiring was a problem because Wayne had pointed it out to me before the trip. I didn't want to get into that kind of expense and Wayne cleaned it up as best he could. This time I bit the bullet and Wayne completely rewired the car. He also cleaned up a few other issues that surfaced as a result of the trip. I got the car back just a couple of weeks ago and she's better than ever. I will be taking her to the meet in Stockton but by the time you read this, that will have already happened.

Thank you Linda Barnard for encouraging me to write this series of stories for the Hawk Talks. I wrote several stories about the trip for local newspapers and the two part-er published in Turning Wheels. Stay tuned for the further adventures of "Clair, the bullet nosed Studebaker".

### Buenos Aires, Argentina

By Perry and Betty Knopf

What do you like to do when you are going to visit a new city or a new country? Do you do any research on popular attractions? Do you use your AAA card to go get a map and travel book? Do you go read the travel books at Barnes & Noble, or do you just do a Google search in the comfort of your home?

Recently, we had the opportunity to take a trip that included Buenos Aires, Argentina, and being interested in car museums, we did some computer re-



search. The only museum listed was the Automobile Club Argentina. Fortunately, while taking a complimentary city tour, we saw the ACA building and we were confident we could find it the next day. To balance our time, the walking distance, and the heat, we elected to take a taxi to the building, see the cars, and then walk back to the hotel. The ACA building is a very large and busy place with people coming to renew their driver licenses and to conduct other business. We were the only visitors in the museum area. The display starts with some Formula 2 race cars and memorabilia. The shine from polished brass and shiny paint on large vintage cars immediately caught our attention. For us as Americans, seeing a 1904 Cadillac, , a 1929 Ford Modelo A, and a 1908 Ford Modelo T were of great interest.



The Cadillac had unusual "cupped fenders", the 1908 Ford had a large 2-piece front wind-

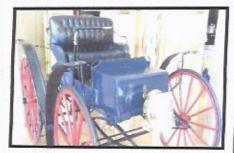
shield, and was the only left-hand drive vehicle in the collection. All three of these cars were in pristine condition and, yet some of the cars on display were in amazing original condition. The American -made 1904 Holsman had a 1-cycle air cooled en-

gine, leather fenders and hard rubber wheels. The huge 1904 Panhard-LeVassor from France was an example of early luxury on wheels. It had beveled windows, a hat



rack in the ceiling, a hole in the window to talk with the driver, 2 steps to get to the passenger seats covered in luxury-pile fabric, and accented with beautiful wood trim. We spent considerable time checking out the features of the 1897 Benz Alemania. With caning decoration on the sides of the doors, we also noticed it had a knob to operate the brake, leather fenders, a tiller-type suspension, and wood wheels with no rubber which could have come from a wagon. This museum also had diecast model cars, historic photos and advertising, and vintage auto memorabilia. To see these beauti-

ful cars, some from longforgotten manufacturers, will be special memories for us.... and it was free.



## Reno Caravan!

We have a plan with three meeting points Thursday May 19<sup>th</sup>:

- 1) Dixon: Meet at the Walmart along Hwy 80. Be prepared to leave at 11:15. Contact Jon Stainaker (Sdude on the forum), 707 344 1957, broncos@onramp113.org
- 2) Stockton: Meet at the McDonalds, Hwy 88/ Waterloo Rd. just east of 99. Be prepared to leave at 11:30. Contact Lou Van Anne, 209 479 0867, Ivasales@comcast.net
- 3) Rocklin: Both groups will then meet up with others from the Sacramento area at the Rocklin Walmart, along Hwy 80, Sierra College exit. Be prepared to leave at 1:00. This should put us at the Atlantis well in time for 3:00 check ins.

Lou Van Anne 5802 Landview Dr. Stockton CA 95219-4602 Cell: 209 479 0867



User Johna and Club,

Theate you so much for your sponsorship of our new Pick Up Truck exhibit. Thanks to your club, the exhibit is beauliful and we can do extra marketing.

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An Interesting Newspaper Article and Trivia

Thanks to the sharp eyes of Leon Cohen for seeing an article in the Ventura Star (Ventura, California) The "Time Out Section." was published January 8, 2016. The cover headline was "The Pride of South Bend, Ind." While the featured car show of Studebakers and Packards at the Murphy Auto Museum in Oxnard has ended, the article highlighted the history of Studebakers and some of the local Studebaker owners who talked about their cars.

Included in the article was a section titled "Did You Know?" provided by the Los Angeles Studebaker Club.

- During the Civil War, the Studebaker brothers supplied wagons for the Union Army.
- The carriage that President Abraham Lincoln and his wife rode to the Ford's Theatre on April 14, 1865, the night he was assassinated, was made by Studebaker.
- Thomas Edison brought No. 2 off the Studebaker assembly line when it began manufacturing electric cars in 1902.
- Studebaker was the only horse and buggy manufacturer to make the switch over to automobiles.
- Studebaker celebrated 100 years in business in 1952. Oldsmobile, America's second oldest automobile make, did not reach its 100th birthday until 1997.

#### Spring Has Come!

Have you been meaning to do some spring closet cleaning? Have you thought about what you will wear this spring and summer? When you change to your spring and summer clothing, please consider donating those items that do not fit, those you have never really liked, and those that just need to go away.

The children and teens that use the Center School District community services would greatly appreciate your donations. Please bring your clean gently used clothing donations to the next meeting or contact Betty Knopf at 916-944-3553.

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#### Parts for Sale

Correction - Art Smith is clearing out his Champ Pickup fleet — He has 3 1962 Champ T-Cab trucks for sale. One is complete but not running, the other 2 for parts. Also 2 <u>C-Cab</u> pickup beds — These are the narrow short-bed type (P-1) one is 48" wide (1949-1955) and the other is 51" wide for the 1956-59 C—cab pickups. He has 2 fenders for the pickup beds. 1953 4 door parts car and 1954 4 door parts car. Contact Art Smith 5307432942, lucky7@succeed.net

1964 259 V8 engine just over 100K with automatic transmission in dry storage for several years. \$650 OBO for both or will separate. \$57 Supercharger from a 57/58 Golden Hawk, needs carb, air cleaner, and will need new bearings and races \$650 OBO. New reproduction floor pan for Champ T cab pickup passenger side \$120 OBO. Contact Dean Sumpter 916-753-6003 or <a href="mailto:carvin9755@gmail.com">carvin9755@gmail.com</a>

Passenger's side door for Avanti – no cracks (no rust either). \$300 OBO – Contact Craig at 209-293-7953

#### Cars for Sale

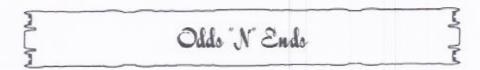
1953 Studebaker Commander Coupe – restored V8 engine, auto transmission, brakes, exhaust, and paint are done. Interior upholstery included but not installed. Less than 65K original miles. \$12,000 OBO. Contact Craig Debacke 209-293-7953

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A snide remark gains you nothing, yet costs you much.

A selfish act brings no lasting value, yet it attracts the enduring resentment of others.

A kind word on the other hand cost nothing and it can bring a lifetime of value.

Cruelty is a waste of precious time and energy. Kindness is an investment which pays endless dividends. If you desire a life of value, then do the things which bring true value, as often as you can. Fill your moments with kindness, and fill your world with value.

#### Manifold Heater Valve

The manifold heater valve is more commonly known as the "Heat Riser" valve that is located on the lower end of the exhaust manifold. This valve is thermostatically operated to open after the manifold has been heated during the time that the engine is operating. When the engine is cold, the valve should automatically close by itself provided that the valve assembly is not 'frozen' or stuck tight. When closed, the valve restricts the free flow of exhaust

This is an important piece of equipment as it helps to heat the manifold quickly which in turn pre- heats the gasoline in the manifold prior to it going into the cylinders. In the process, the preheated gas is vaporized before entering the cylinder. The vaporized gas is then compressed and once the piston is a few degrees before top dead center on the crankshaft which is almost to the very top of the piston travel, a timed spark ignites it. The air inside the cylinder expands due to combustion and heat and drives the piston downwards on the crankshaft to convert a linear action into a rotary action. It is the rotation of the crankshaft that drives the car through the transmission systems involving the clutch for a frictional connection to turn gears, bearings and shafts.

The shop manual states that stainless steel bushings have been provided in the manifold to minimize the possibility of the heater valve sticking. If the valve does stick, lubricate the shaft with a mixture of kerosene and soda or with Bendix Carburetor Cleaner.

There should be a periodic check to make sure



Arrow pointing left: Thermostatic element Arrow pointing right: Counterweight

that the valve is not sticking. There are two ways to do this; 1 - Wait until the engine is cool and then take the counterweight to see if it will rotate freely in a downward direction and released. The counterweight should quickly return to the stop at the top of its travel. 2 - Before starting the engine, open the hood and take note as to where the position of the counterweight is. After that, start the engine and watch to see if the counterweight moves downward as the manifold gets heated.

The thermostatic element which looks like a small clock spring must be in place. In the Chassis Parts catalog, it is listed as: VALVE, Engine heater.

Love puts music in laughter, the sunshine in skies, The gladness in giving, the starlight in eyes, Love puts the fun in together, the sad in apart, The hope in tomorrow, the joy in the heart.

Karen Raven

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#### KSC CALENDER 2015

June 19 - John M Studebaker Wheelbarrow Races, Placerville - Host Pat Dilling

June 25 - Burgiemen Car show, West Sacramento- Host Dean Sumpter

June 26<sup>th</sup> – Mel France home and museum - Yuba City Potluck

July 17th - Ed & Laurie Sumner Potluck

Aug 21st – Host - Frank & Johanna Smith's home – Napa Potluck

Sept 10<sup>th</sup> – Drive your Studebaker Day - Angels Camp – Hosts- LaRee & Darrell

Brunelli

Sept 24<sup>th</sup> - Ironestone Concours, Murphy's

Oct 15 - CCC Octoberfest Car Show and Toy Run

Oct 16th - Auction- Host Rick & Johna's Home, Sacramento Potluck

Oct 21-23 - International Auto show, Cal Expo - Host Pat Dilling

Nov 12th - Back 40 BBQ in Roseville - Host Johna Pierce

Dec 4th - Justin's Kitchen Yuba City (Christmas Party) - Host Mel France

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

#### Local Car Shows for April & May

Saturday - May 21st - Townsmen Car Show - Loomis Train Depot

Saturday - May 21st - Downtown /ford Car Show - Sacramento

Saturday - May 21st - Maxwell Classic Car Show - Maxwell

Saturday - May 21<sup>st</sup> - Jackson Car Show - Motherlode Cruisers

Saturday – May 21st – Live ON Drive ON Car Show – El Dorado Hills

Friday - June 3rd - Rods & Relics Car Show - Thunder Valley Casino

Saturday - June 4th - Rods & Relics Car Show - Downtown Lincoln

Saturday - June 25th - Burgiemen Car Show - West Sacramento

Thursday - July 14th through Sunday July 17th - Gualala Arts Center Car Show - Gualala

Hot August Nights - August 2nd to 7th - Reno

Butch Gardner Save out Cars Show - August 20th - Sac Vintage Ford

Big City Rod Run - August 26th - 27th - Sierraville

Clayton Car Show - September 3rd

Roamin' Angels Show - September 9th - 11th

OctoberFest Show & Toy Run - October 8th

Cops & Rodders Car Show - October 15th - El Dorado Fair Grounds

Arbuckle Car Show - October 29th

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