



# The Studebaker Sage



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**Spring is almost on us, It is time to get our Studebaker's ready for spring and summer tours. See you at the May meeting.**

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PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING PRESIDENTIAL NOTES PRIOR TO THE NEXT MEETING AND BRING YOUR IDEAS AND COMMENT

## PRESIDENTIAL NOTES

Well spring hath sprung. Those of us with gardens and such are cussing the weeds and in some cases the frost. In my case I have been trying to get my vineyard ready for the coming grapes. Why talk gardening in a Studebaker newsletter, you may ask.

Hopefully all are looking to the spring and summer to get some serious Studebaking in. We have a plethora of Show and Shines coming up, the Zone Meet is just over the hill, and I am anticipating that we will be able to have at least one or two club sponsored sojourn.

Thank you to Larry for organizing the crew to Help the Karl Staple Chapter with the Zone Meet. I am sure that this will be an investment for us when our turn comes. Just another reminder to bring ideas for our Zone Meet to the next meeting (tempus fugit).

A final note, the club still wants to help any of its members to get their vehicle on the road. All you have to do is submit a request and we will spring into action. Lee and Ivey have put their request on hold (hopefully we will get to see their "buggy" on the road soon). John Erb tells me that he is planning to get one of his pick up's with engine and on the road "soon".

Looking forward to a great Studebaking summer.

Enjoy life.

## Tips from your Club

Questions can be directed to Gary, See E-mail link on the content page left side of the home page

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Electronic ignition replacing the points with Crane products, for Prestolite distributor.

Go to <summitracing.com> and search for Crane Cams and order the XR700 part number crn-700-0231 FireBall points conversion ignition kit, and from Pertronix buy the Flame-Thrower coil part number pnx-40011.

Now you are ready to convert your Studebaker from points to pointless electronic ignition. The first step will be to find the number 1 plug on the car and to check the engine to see that the timing marks on the crank shaft line up on the timing marks and that the rotor on the distributor lines up



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with the number 1 spark plug wire. I put a dot of white paint next to the number 1 spark plug wire and took the distributor cap off to see for sure the rotor was lined up with the number 1 wire. For the Prestolite distributor on a v8 the thin walled shutter is used. The thin walled shutter will miss the post where the existing points are mounted. The shutter has no metal tabs to press tight against the cam lobes so take thin aluminum (about .005, most hardware stores will carry this type aluminum in a roll about 12 inches wide and 2 or 3 ft long.) and cut four T shaped pieces and slip them in four of the slots next to the inside cam lobes on the shutter. There is a slot by each cam lobe. You can put some contact glue on each T shaped piece to hold them in position. You will use the FireBall XR700 instructions to replace the points and add the electronic ignition box and the new Flame-Thrower coil.

The first step is to remove the distributor cap and the rotor from inside the distributor. Now you are ready to remove the points and condenser from the distributor. By using the thin shutter for you v8, the post that the points are mounted to will not need to be cut off the distributor plate. If the electronic box would ever fail then the points could be placed back on the distributor plate the you would be up and running. This is a nice backup.

OK now with the points and condenser removed you are ready to put in the trigger and shutter for the electronic ignition. You will follow the Universal 4-6-8 cylinder distributor adjustable bracket kit to install the trigger and shutter. With the engine still set to the timing mark the distributor will also still be set on the number 1 plug wire you can set up the trigger to fire at this physical location and your car will be timed correctly. When you install the trigger and shutter route the wires so they do not come in contact with the rotor or the shutter.

I mounted the electronics box on the fender on the passenger side of my HAWK, as there are two bolts that hold a brace on the underside of the fender. I made a bracket that mounted to the two

bolts and I use 4 screws to mount the box to the bracket. The length of the wires on the box will go from the box to the firewall and then back to the coil that is mounted on the back of the intake manifold.

Your old coil can be replaced with the new Flame-Thrower and you will be ready to set the trigger to the correct timing. There is a LED on the electronic box that will come on when the trigger is set to the correct place. There are very good instructions in the FireBall installation manual. The trigger can be mounted any place on the distributor plate as the engine is still set to the correct timing marks from the work already done above. The XR700 installation instructions are very good, if you have questions e-mail me at the address at the top of this list.

## **Secretary NOTES:**

### **Sagebrush Studebakers Meeting Minutes**

**March 11, 2014**

Members Attending: 19  
Studebakers Driven: 3

Treasury Report:  
Checking, Savings, Balance, Total: Zero

February Minutes Approved and Seconded. Ivey Johnson Secretary.

Note: Doug Van Pool fell off a ladder working on his Dodge.

Old Business: No one has been appointed Chair for the 2016 Zone Meeting

#### **New Business:**

--Reno Pops Orchestra. Concert mid-July. They need someone to drive their Studebaker to the concert.

--Ralph brought in lots of Turning Wheels for members to take home.



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--Art Van Dyke suggested taking the magazines to M.D. offices and leave them with the return addresses removed.

--Tours: Regular Zone Meet in Sacramento, May 16,17, 18<sup>th</sup>. We are supposed to send 5 or 6 people to help out. Larry Schnell is co-ordinator for that effort.

--Friendship Day is May 18<sup>th</sup> at the Ramsden Ranch.

--Members planning on attending Zone Meet: 7

--Members planning on attending Friendship Days: 8

--Car Show at the Senior Center. (Location?) Contact Sara Capurro

--Co-Ordinator for Tour Day: John Erb

--Proposal for an Educational Meet. Encouraging younger people to get involved. Create a scholarship.

--Larry Schnell obtained hearing aids.

--John Erb gave a talk about the R-5 tachometer.

Meeting adjourned 7:32p

**50/50 total was \$11.00. Winner was?**

## **04/08/2014 Meeting called 7:05p**

14 members

3 studebakers driven

Joe announced Doug Van Pool had a small heart attack after his ankle injury.

Ralph Capurro has Turning Wheel magazine back issues to share

Notice of a Car Show upcoming at the Carson City Senior Center

Ralph brought up the SDC's opportunity of supporting a scholarship for younger people interested in old/antique cars

Old Minutes were Read. One correction: \$13.00 was won by Ivey Johnson in the 50/50

Ralph is still involuntary 2016 Zone Meet Chairman Previous effort to contact the local Military Vehicle Collector's Club, in order to contact Studebaker 6x6 owner, Leo has not had any follow up from earlier requests for local contacts. Neither did he

receive any reply to contacting other local car clubs to support each other's rides.

Karel Staple Club Show May 16-18. Larry Schnell, local contact. SS members going: Ralph Capurro, Charlie and Carol Case, Art and Carol VanDyke, Larry and Mary Schnell, Terry Ressler, Gary Crabtree.

There is a tour of the CHP facility offered early on Friday morning. \$25. Possibly filled already.

There is likely a need for vounteers Friday night.

Joe hasn't heard back on when or where volunteers are needed. BBQ Friday Night, a problem signing up on the website was noted. There is one more meeting before the event for further information update.

Friendship Day on May 18<sup>th</sup>.

Ivey Johnson is requesting a Studebaker (older) for the Pops Concert at Bartley Ranch, July 11<sup>th</sup>. Free admission, food.

Upcoming Events:

April 26<sup>th</sup> Swap Meet at Sleep Train

Anaheim 5/25

LCRCC ?

As we are the Host Club for the 2016 Zone Meet, Ralph C. suggests we pick a date. May 20<sup>th</sup> or a date in September were suggested...many local events occurring in September.

Ideas were requested for t-shirt. Mention was made of the design from the last show being very popular. Venues were discussed. Leo suggested a show tagline, "Sagebrush Studebaker Sweet 16" Car show in Austin mentioned 4-12

Treasurer's Report

Check issued for newsletter mailing. Check issued for SS non-profit status.

Totals: checking

savings Accounts balanced.

Meeting adjourned 7:50p

**Gary Crabtree won 50/50 \$5.00**

## **WANT ADS**

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Please keep the editor informed about cars that may be for sale or have been sold.

40 year collection of Studebakers and parts. For information, email Tom Clayton in Ely, NV at [1pbft@mpower.net](mailto:1pbft@mpower.net) They include the following cars: 1947-48 Studebaker M series trucks (total of 5); 1949 2R 1 ton pickup; 1951 4 DR Commander; (2) 1952-3 pickups; 1958 Scotsman Wagon; 1959 Lark V8 wagon; 1960 Lark V8 4 DR sedan; 1961 Lark 2 DR sedan with 6 CYL; 1961 Lark 2 DR HT with V8; 1961 Lark V8 4 DR sedan; 1962 Lark V8 4 DR sedan; 1963 Lark V8 Daytona Convertible; 1965 Cruiser V8 4 DR sedan. Some cars/trucks/parts have been sold. Call to see if your car/truck is still for sale. I ran across a new old stock tail lamp assembly for a 1950 Commander still in the original box. It has the lens, bezel, base, and wiring all intact and in perfect condition. The part number is 289896. If anyone is interested I can e-mail some digital photos. Asking \$168.00 or offer.

Call Gary Crabtree if interested in the following car or trucks.

1964 4 door car ohv 6 manual 3 speed overdrive. It needs complete restoration. \$500.

[1956/57 C boddy trucks.](#)

## EVENTS

Sagebrush Chapter Tours or Events.

Sagebrush Studebaker Chapter of SDC meetings will be held the second (2) Tuesday of the month at RED'S Old 395 Grill Restaurant in Carson City. RED'S is located at 1055 S Carson St.(395), Carson City Dutch Treat Dinner starts at 6:00 pm meeting starts at 7:00 pm.

\* Sacramento Swap Meet 4-26 at Sleep Train Arena

**Zone meet**

**5/16/2014 (Friday) - 5/18/2014 (Sunday)**

**Location: Sacramento California**

**Sponsoring Chapter: Sacramento Zone Meet**

This years zone meet will be held at the Lions Gate Hotel, 410 Westover St. Sacramento, CA. Events include: valve cover races, Friday night BBQ social, swap meet, raffle and awards banquet.

Event Web Site: [www.hawktalks.com](http://www.hawktalks.com)

Contact: Frank Smith 707-255-5108 [karelstaples-dc@yahoo.com](mailto:karelstaples-dc@yahoo.com)

\*Friendship Day, 5-18 Ramsden Ranch

\*Chevy Club of Reno Show, 5-24th Rancho San Rafael

\*Carson Cruisers 6-7 of Jun, Rappin to Minden

\*Yerington Classic Car Show June 21st.

A Street dance will be held that evening following the car show.

The car show will be held at Pioneer Crossing Casino, the main sponsor of the event. Call Cathy (7754632245) or Debra





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Hogarth (7753161334) or e-mail [Info@masonvalleychamberof-commerce.com](mailto:Info@masonvalleychamberof-commerce.com)

Your pals at the LATE SHOW

\*Artown@ Bartley Ranch July To be Announced

\*Wheels, Trains & Rocket Planes

## MEMBERSHIP application:

*Sagebrush Chapter of the Studebaker Drivers Club, Inc. Located in Northern Nevada*

## ITEMS of Interest

Please come to the meeting and ask for help to get your Studebaker's back on the road. We can help. All Club members.

## Interesting Web Sites!

Check our web site, [www.sagebrushstudebaker.com](http://www.sagebrushstudebaker.com) it is updated on a regular basis, showing great pictures of past events (under the news letters) and info about upcoming events!

Go to the link below for the latest on the Studebaker Motor Company.

<http://www.studebakermotorcompany.com/>

magician and entertainer Peter Studebaker.

<http://www.texascardshark.com/>

5-7-2014 Dave Letterman had small town news and it was from South Bend ID and he Stated that the Studebaker's were built in that town. I sent a note to the show from SDC chapter in NV and got this e-mail back from the show. A good ad for the Studebaker's. From Gary Crabtree

Hi- From the Late Show (Daved Letterman)

Thank you so much for your recent note about the show. We appreciate your continued support! Keep watching.

## MEMBERSHIP application:

The Sagebrush Chapter of the Studebaker Drivers Club Inc. is open to anyone who shares the love of Studebakers. Ownership of a Studebaker is not necessary to become a member; however, membership in the national organization is REQUIRED. Send check for \$31.00 (\$24.00 for new members for the first year) to S.D.C., Inc., P.O. Box 1715, Maple Grove, MN 55311 or online at (<http://www.studebaker-driversclub.com>) for national dues and be sure to include source of referral and how many Studes owned.

Sagebrush Chapter dues are \$12.00 Please make checks payable to Sagebrush Chapter and send to Gary Crabtree , 24 Shirley Ln., Yerington NV 89447.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Spouse \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_  
e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday (Month and Day) \_\_\_\_\_  
Spouse's Birthday \_\_\_\_\_  
Wedding Anniversary (Month, Day, Year) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ National SDC No.

## Studebakers Owned

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2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_



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## **Laughs from the sage:**

People ask me, "Why did Studebaker go out of business?". I say they were doomed when they came out with the first compact car. The car was smaller and there was less room for the name, so they had to make the letters smaller. With smaller letters fewer people could read the name at a distance, so many people didn't know what make of car they were admiring.

## **Composer:**

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