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## Studebaker Drivers Club San Joaquin Valley Chapter

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**March 2023**

Next Meeting – Tuesday, March 14, 2023  
Black Bear Diner, 3602 W. Shaw Ave., Fresno  
5:30 pm -- Dinner ♦ 6:30 pm -- Meeting

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**1961 Lark convertible**

### President's Message – Anne Goodman

Good Evening, Studebaker Family!

We had a great time on the Blossom Trail.

We had four Studebakers. The weather didn't look good for our drive. It was windy but the rain didn't come down on our parade, so to speak.

David and I drove the 1957 Golden Hawk, Rob, Pam and Robert Nunes were in their newly acquired 1964 GT Hawk, Roger Scott and Jacob were in a 1962 Lark, Vern Ward was also in his 1962 Lark, the grey one. It's for sale also.

Others attending were Carl and Susan Thomason, Greg and Edith Gustafason, Mark and Shelia Varney, Jim and Karen Mc Kever, and Bruce Novak.

We stopped and looked at the blossoms, the white ones first then another orchard with pink blossoms. It was really pretty. Got lots of thumbs up. It's really nice to get our Studebakers out there. So many people have a story to tell of someone that they knew who had one or wanted one.

*See Message, Page 6.*



## A New Twist on the Old Repossession Game

By Andrew Beckford, [Motortrend News](#)  
March 1, 2023

No one finances a new or used car and plans on having it repossessed someday for missing payments, but life happens, the economy fluctuates, and surprise financial hardships are a very real thing. If you fall behind on your car payments for long enough, you can rest assured that the creditor is going to try and take it back.

[The Drive](#) came across [a patent filed by Ford](#) that details "Systems and Methods to Repossess a Vehicle." The patent was originally submitted in August 2021, but wasn't published until recently. Every method described in this patent is designed to make the repossession process much easier on creditors and much harder on those who are struggling to make payments, by disabling several critical functions of the vehicle to make it more difficult or uncomfortable to drive in certain situations.

Imagine falling behind on your car payments and then one hot summer day you realize that the air conditioning stops working or that the car will simply not start at all. Those are the kinds of interference that Ford imagines could be triggered remotely via the systems detailed in this patent.

To read the complete article, click [here](#).

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San Joaquin Valley Chapter Studebaker Driver's Club  
Fresno, California

MEETING MINUTES – February 7, 2023

**CALL TO ORDER**

President **Anne F. Goodman** called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. at the Black Bear Diner, 3602 W. Shaw Avenue (at N. Marty Avenue), Fresno, CA 93710.

**ATTENDANCE**

** Anne & David Goodman	Roger Scott
Bobby, Ashley, Becca & Cassie Goodman	Bruce Novak
Debbie Raimondi	Mike McKinney & Debra Foltz
** Rob & Pam Nunes	Carl & Susan Thomason
Tim & Gloria Hennessey	
Greg & Edith Gustafson	** Drove a Studebaker
Buzz & Sue Madsen	
Jim & Karen McKeever	

**RECOGNITION of GUESTS**

We welcomed guest **Stan Kelly**, president of the Pacific Gold Rush Rambler Club. He now has a 1962 Studebaker Champ. We were invited to their annual picnic last summer and are invited again this year – September 16. He also invited us to the annual Open House at his home in Porterville on Saturday, March 18. It is a fundraiser co-sponsored by the Porterville Lions Club. Stan's email is: [skelly6567@gmail.com](mailto:skelly6567@gmail.com) for more information. We'll add other events he talked about to our activity calendar.

**MINUTES**

It was moved by member **Jim McKeever** and seconded by member **Greg Gustafson** to approve the minutes of the January meeting as corrected. Approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

It was moved by member **Bruce Novak** and seconded by member **Edith Gustafson** to approve the Treasurer's Report for January as follows. Approved.

January 2023

<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$4,613.17</b>
<b>Receipts</b> \$43 – 50/50 January Mtg \$60 – Member Dues	
<b>Disbursements</b> None	
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$4,716.17</b>

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**President Anne** said she and her family are well again. She also gave an update on 'Mable,' their 1949 Champion. New brakes have been installed and she is back on the road again and now able to stop safely.

## TOUR MASTER'S REPORT

**Carl Thomason** said it's hard to plan due to the weather, but we will go on our annual **Blossom Tour** & lunch Saturday, March 4. We'll meet at Simonian Farms. The meeting time and lunch location is TBD. The Club 500 in Clovis where we had lunch last year isn't available. Details will be emailed to the members.

**Debbie Raimondi** talked about our two-night trip to San Simeon on March 24-26. It looks like we'll have a good turnout. Those who want to tour Hearst Castle Saturday morning need to make their own reservations for an early tour. We'll meet at the Rite-Aid, Olive & Blackstone, in Fresno at 9 a.m. on Friday and drive away at 9:30 a.m. to Cambria. We'll have lunch there before going on to San Simeon since the check-in time for our rooms is 3 p.m. Debbie needs a count for the BBQ on Saturday. A sign-up sheet was passed around for that. An email will be sent the week before with the details.

There was discussion and members were asked to let us know about possible chapter activities. A Calendar of Events will be sent with the next newsletter.

## MEMBER DISCUSSION

**Roger Scott** and **Lou Raimondi** attended the Grand National Roadster Show. There were 800-900 vehicles and great variety but only one Studebaker pickup. On the way to the show, Lou bought a 1950 Jewel Travel Trailer.

**Jim McKeever** helped new member, **Jeff Garinger**, work on his Lark. Jim said Jeff did all the work himself with guidance. Jeff reported that he learned a lot and was very grateful.

Jim is also writing a technical article for the newsletter on how to make 6v gauges work with a 12v battery system.

Carl talked about GroupWorks, the program that SDC is testing to improve direct communication to all levels of the club.

Cloth-wrapped wire harnesses are now available at Speedway Motors.com.

**Mike McKinney-Black** reminded members about the Valentines Night at the Manhattan restaurant on West & Bullard, sponsored by the Fresno Kiwanis. 5:30 p.m. cocktails/7 p.m. dinner. Cost \$60/person.

Mike also brought copies of his latest historical romance novel which members can purchase for \$10.

## OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

## NEW BUSINESS

There was discussion regarding starting our meeting a half-hour earlier. **Carl Thomason** made a motion that we change the time of our monthly chapter meeting to 5:30 pm dinner and 6:30 pm meeting. It was seconded by **Edith Gustafson**. Anne has already talked to the manager at the Black Bear Diner. The motion was approved.

**Becca Goodman** reported that she & Cassie had a special Valentine visit from a Unicorn pony. They got to ride the pony for 10 minutes.

## 50/50 OPPORTUNITY DRAWING

The total received was \$78 and \$39 was won by member **Greg Gustafson** with \$39 went into the Club treasury.

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Submitted by *Susan Thomason*, Secretary/Membership

  
**San Joaquin Valley Chapter – Studebaker Drivers Club**  
**2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

*Chapter Meetings are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month except July & December. Details & other events will be added as we receive additional information.*

MONTH	ACTIVITIES
MARCH	3/4 – Blossom Tour & Lunch – a Success! 3/18 – Open House @ Rambler Club President Stan Kelly’s home in Porterville <a href="mailto:skelly6567@gmail.com">skelly6567@gmail.com</a> 3/24-26 – Overnight Trip to San Simeon
APRIL	4/8 – Tower Car Show, Fresno 4/8 – Wings & Wheels Show, Visalia Call (559) 713-4282 or email <a href="mailto:jody.miller@visalia.city">jody.miller@visalia.city</a> to register. 4/15-16 – Pre-War Swap Meet and Automotive Jamboree, Tulare Fairgrounds. Info/registration for swap meet, (559) 967-0112 or <a href="mailto:tmechanic@att.net">tmechanic@att.net</a> 4/29 – Studebaker Picnic, Grupe Park, Stockton
MAY	5/19-20 – Mid-Coast Orphan Car Show, Santa Maria, co-hosted by the Rambler 408.821.7812 or <a href="mailto:skelly6567@gmail.com">skelly6567@gmail.com</a>
JUNE	TBD
JULY	7/15 – Chapter 30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary BBQ Potluck Hosted by the Gustafsons
AUGUST	TBD Bowling at Fresno State
SEPTEMBER	Sat 9/9 – TBD – International Drive Your Studebaker Day
OCTOBER	TBD
NOVEMBER	11/11 – Veterans’ Day Parade
DECEMBER	12/9 – Chapter Holiday Luncheon/Old Spaghetti Factory (No Regular Meeting in December)

**Ongoing events**

Cars & Coffee, Saturdays, 8-10 a.m., NW corner of Fowler and Ashlan, Clovis, Clovis Missionary Baptist Church  
Car Shows, Friday nights – May through September 6-9 p.m.

**Member Suggestions**

Cruise night at the A & W in Exeter. Or, a driving tour to the Exeter area with a visit to a great pizza place in Lindsey. Any others?

**Future SDC International Meets**

Sept 12-16, 2023 Manitowoc, WI  
June 25-29, 2024 Dubuque, IA

*Revised 3/5/2023*



# More Club Announcements

## SJVC Club Calendar

We're still gathering photos of our beloved Studebakers for our proposed calendar. Send in a couple of good photos to Robin Shepard at [r-m-s\\_57@comcast.net](mailto:r-m-s_57@comcast.net)

## Club Member Health Report

Many of our members are having health related problems. Here are the ones we are aware of:

**Pat Helzer**, is continuing her treatment for cancer. Please let Pat & Herb know we're thinking of them. We've missed them at our meetings and events.

**Shiela Varney** had an unexpected appendectomy in February and it was good to see her & **Marc**, who is also recovering from surgery on the Blossom Tour.

**Richard Mehelic** missed the Tour because he fell while working on his Avanti and hurt his shoulder and elbow.

**John & Robin Johnson** have also been sick and missed the Tour.

Please let us know of any members of our Studebaker family who are having health issues.



**BENEFITS OF A GOOD VOCABULARY!  
I RECENTLY CALLED AN OLD ENGINEERING BUDDY OF MINE AND ASKED WHAT HE WAS WORKING ON THESE DAYS. HE REPLIED THAT HE WAS WORKING ON "AQUA-THERMAL TREATMENT OF CERAMICS, ALUMINUM AND STEEL UNDER A CONSTRAINED ENVIRONMENT." I WAS IMPRESSED UNTIL, UPON FURTHER INQUIRY, I LEARNED THAT HE WAS WASHING DISHES WITH HOT WATER UNDER HIS WIFE'S SUPERVISION.**

## Message

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We then we went to Hillcrest Farms on Reed Avenue in Reedley. They have a small scale steam train for people to ride. Only \$5 a person. It's about 15 minute ride, really nice. They have a gift shop and they sell food like corn dogs, spiral potato chips, really good Kettle corn too. They have a play area for the kids also with a fort and stuff.

On March 18-19 the Model Railroad Club will be there with train models for display and purchase.

The Mopar Club showed up just as we were leaving. Then it was the backroads to the Red Caboose on Shaw and Academy for lunch. Lunch was great with lots of good laughs along the route.

On Saturdays at 8 to 10 a.m. on Fowler and Ashlan, the NW corners, they have Coffee and Cars. Vern was there yesterday and we need to do this also. Roger is going to check on doing a driving tour after Cars and Coffee.

More to come on that.



# Studebakers Hit the Blossom Trail







**Q: What's better than a day in your classic car on a tour with friends in their classic cars?**

**A: Nothing when you drive a Studebaker!**



# Studebaker Club Plans Weekender to San Simeon



March 24-26, 2023



We had a great turnout and a fun time last year so we're planning another weekend trip to San Simeon. This year, we'll stay for two nights – Friday 3/24 to Sunday 3/26.

Debbie Raimondi has blocked rooms for our group. **Please call and make your own reservation. Ask for the rooms with the SJVC Studebaker Car Club to get the rate below.**

**San Simeon Lodge (pet friendly)**  
9620 Castillo Drive  
San Simeon, CA 93452  
805.927.4601

**\$99 + tx – 2 Queen size beds**  
**\$109 + tx – King**

**Ocean View rooms, 1 block from the beach, Restaurant & bar on site.**

We'll send more details later, but the tentative plan is to leave around 9 a.m. on Friday and drive together to Cambria for lunch and shopping. Our rooms in San Simeon will be ready at 3 p.m.

Friday night on your own. **If you'd like to see Hearst Castle, please book an early Saturday morning tour.** Mid-day Saturday, we plan to have a BBQ on the beach near the castle. Sunday morning, we can have a farewell breakfast together in Cambria before heading home.

There are so many things to see nearby. The hotel is about 150 miles from Fresno so it's about a 2½-3 hour drive. If you don't want to drive your Studebaker that far, that's OK – drive your Brand X.

We hope you can join us for this relaxing weekend with Studebaker friends.

*Submitted by Susan Thomason*

# Studebaker on Film



## Team Studebaker Competes in Pure Stock

This video was photographed from the stands during the 2022 Pure Stock Muscle Car Drag Races in Stanton, Michigan. This particular year more Studebakers competed than Fords!

You'll see a number of Studebakers running against some mean beasts, but our team held up pretty well. At the end of the race portion of the video there are some still photos of some of the Studebakers in the competition.

To learn more about the races click [here](#).

To learn more about this great Studebaker story, click on the photo above to be taken to the video. If you have suggestions for videos to post, contact me at [r-m-s\\_57@comcast.net](mailto:r-m-s_57@comcast.net)





## Write Your Own Captions

Here's a fun little exercise for our car club members. Take a look at the photo above. Notice the details. What do you see? Now, take a moment to come up with a good caption or two. Print out this one page and write your caption(s) in the space provided, if that's helpful. Then, in an email, send your best caption to the editor at [r-m-s\\_57@comcast.net](mailto:r-m-s_57@comcast.net) and we'll get them in next month's newsletter.

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# STUDEBAKER Body Style Identification



1951 Champion Regal 5 Pass. Coupe  
Body Symbol 10G-C5 (Regal)  
10G-C3 (DeLuxe)—10G-C1 (Custom)



1951 Champion Regal 3 Pass. Coupe  
Body Symbol 10G-Q2 (Regal)  
10G-Q1 (DeLuxe)—10G-Q4 (Custom)



1951 Champion Regal Convertible  
Body Symbol 10G-S2



1951 Champion Regal 2 Door Sedan  
Body Symbol 10G-F5 (Regal)  
10G-F3 (DeLuxe)—10G-F1 (Custom)



1951 Champion DeLuxe 4 Door Sedan  
Body Symbol 10G-W3 (DeLuxe)  
10G-W5 (Regal)—10G-W1 (Custom)



1951 Commander State 2 Door Sedan  
Body Symbol H-F5 (State)—H-F3 (Regal)



1951 Commander Regal 5 Pass. Coupe  
Body Symbol H-C3 (Regal)—H-C5 (State)



1951 Commander State Convertible  
Body Symbol H-S2



1951 Commander State Land Cruiser Sedan  
Body Symbol H-Y5



1951 Commander State 4 Door Sedan  
Body Symbol H-W5 (State)—H-W3 (Regal)

# Notes from the Studebaker Nation – Robin Shepard

The year 1955 marks a watershed moment in American culture, and the beginning of the modern era. A decade after the end of WWII, American arts and technology threw off the features that typified the sullied 1940s.

It's no surprise that James Dean's stunning portrayal of a tortured teen in 1955's *Rebel Without a Cause* popularized a whole new genre of film, the hot rod/teenage/rock 'n' roll gang exploitation flick. While his character drove a '49 Merc, the movie proclaimed the dividing line between old and new.

Nothing would be the same again.

It was the inaugural year for Gunsmoke and Disneyland, the year Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat, launching the modern civil rights movement, and the year that Elvis blistered the stage on the Louisiana Hayride, single-handedly creating modern music.

The '50s are defined by a new cultural revolution, consumerism. In 1955 7.9 million cars were sold in the US. Seven out of 10 families owned an automobile. American was on the move.

And they were driving on a modern, high-speed system of interconnected freeways and highways in truly modern and strikingly original American automobiles.

Every new domestic car introduced in 1955 was unlike



anything we had seen previously. From the Bel Aire to the Thunderbird, art and design merged to create gleaming sculptures of metal and paint, fabric and chrome.

The automotive design revolution was best exemplified by the various divisions of Chrysler. What's more beautiful than the DeSoto Fireflight of that year? The tri-tone Dodge Royal Lancer and the immaculate beauty of the C 300 or Imperial are unparalleled.

(While this column focuses on American cars, it's worth noting that in France Citroen rolled out the goddess, the DS. Truly, this is the most amazing car of 1955.)

The two other major manufacturers weren't far behind Chrysler's Forward Look. In 1955 General Motors introduced a radically redesigned Bel Air and gave the Corvette a major upgrade with a V8 power plant.

Across the GM divisions, from Buick and Oldsmobile to the

venerable Cadillac, American automobiles never looked better.

The '55 Fords were also given a facelift, though in less spectacular fashion than Chrysler and GM lines. The Fairlane Sunliner is a stunner, as is the Crown Victoria.

However, stepping outside the Big Three and taking a look, what do we see? Packard, Nash and Hudson all introduced redesigned models, including the Packard Caribbean, Nash Ambassador, and Hudson Hornet, all beautiful examples of mid-century design.

Studebaker wrapped its '55s in a heavily chromed front bumper and long stainless accents running the length of the car.

Unfortunately, the '56-'57 Studebakers would never match the timeless beauty of the '53-'55 models. And Chrysler, which started the revolution, would enter the '60s with some of the most bizarre car designs in history. But that's a subject for another column.



# Notes

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Regrettably, 1955 also marked the end of the upstart Kaiser car company. The Manhattan from that year ranks as perhaps the most beautiful American sedan on the road.

A longer study might very well reveal the interlocking threads of philosophy, art, and science that created the inevitable outcomes of 1955.

It was a pivotal year for American car manufacturers, one in which custom and tradition were abandoned for originality and innovation.



**Here's a '55 Desoto Fireflite in the ever-so desirable convertible version.**

I liken it to being in love with Myrna Loy your whole life before discovering Bridget Bardot.

That'll change your life.



**1930 to 1933 S-series**

The Way We Were

# Famed Football Coach Becomes Spokesman



In the 1910s, Notre Dame football coach Knute Rockne takes part-time employment in Studebaker's Sales Department. Rockne served as a Studebaker spokesman until his death in 1931.

*Courtesy of Studebaker National Museum*

*"It's a never-ending battle of making your cars better and also trying to be better yourself."*

*- Dale Earnhardt*

# Tech Tips

## Hard Starts Have Some Simple Solutions

You say that your car won't start?

Do you mean it won't start or it won't crank? If it won't crank, it sure won't start. It might crank but still not start. Before you start checking things, you need to decide what the problem is.

If you turn the key to start and don't hear the engine cranking, you have a cranking problem. If you turn the key to the start position and you hear the engine cranking but it won't start, you have a starting problem.

Let's tackle the cranking problem first. Turning on the headlights to see if they work is typically a waste of time. It takes very little to make the headlights work. It takes lots of amps to crank the engine.

More electrical problems are caused by loose or dirty connections at the battery than by any other cause. Check to see if they are tight. If they seem tight, they probably still need to be removed and cleaned.

Remove the ground cable first. The ground cable used on 12 volt Studebakers is connected to the negative side of the battery. Next, remove the positive cable. Never disconnect the positive cable first unless you are working on a 6 volt, positive ground Studebaker.

Clean the posts with an inexpensive battery post cleaning tool. Clean the inside of the battery cable ends with the same tool. Coat the battery posts with Vaseline or grease and re-install the cables. Make sure that you install the positive cable first.

Still won't crank? Maybe the battery is dead. Loose or dirty connections at the battery or elsewhere may have kept the charging system from being able to charge the battery.

While you are checking the connection to the starter, check to see that the two bolts holding the starter to the engine are tight. Hopefully you can get it to crank now.

Remove the caps from the top of the battery and look into it. There should be enough acid to cover the tops of the lead plates in each cell. If you can see the top plates in any of the cells, that cell is probably bad.

Add enough distilled water to each cell to ensure that the lead plates are covered. Don't use tap water. There are contaminants in tap water which will shorten the battery's life. A gallon of distilled water costs about a dollar at the grocery store.

Next, hook up the battery charger, connecting the positive lead first and then the negative lead. If the charger shows a high charging rate, the battery is

probably low. Hopefully, the engine will crank after the battery has been recharged.

The charger will show a low charge or no charge after it has successfully recharged the battery. If the charger fails to initially show a charge or if it continues to show a high charge, the battery is probably no good.



An inexpensive hydrometer battery tester can be picked up at an auto parts store. These testers measure the specific gravity of the acid solution. They give you an idea of the battery's condition by how many balls float when the hydrometer is filled with acid.

If you can't get the battery to take a charge, take it to an auto parts store where you can get it tested for free. If you have eliminated the battery and its connections as a problem and still can't get the engine to crank, you need to do some more troubleshooting.

The positive battery cable runs to one side of the starter solenoid. Check to see that the connection at the solenoid is tight. Check to see if the connection on the other side of the solenoid is tight. The cable on the other side of the solenoid goes to the starter.

**Thanks to: "The Wrench" and the Washington Dictator, Tacoma Area Chapter Newsletter  
Submitted by Pete Yuen.**



**SOUTHAMPTON'S SPARKLING SANDS  
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IT IS interesting—and significant—that Studebaker's great straight eights and sixes, motor cars quite low in cost, should enjoy such notable popularity among fashionable Southampton habitués. Here, as at every play-place of Americans of means and discernment, these champion cars rival the costliest—not alone in numbers, but in the enthusiastic partisanship voiced by their owners. As for the way Studebaker Champions acquit themselves in friendly, informal brushes of speed, judge results by the fact that Studebaker holds, undisputed, *every* official stock car speed and endurance record...and sells more eight cylinder cars than any other maker in the world. Illustrated is the Commander Regal Roadster for four, available with either straight eight or six cylinder power.



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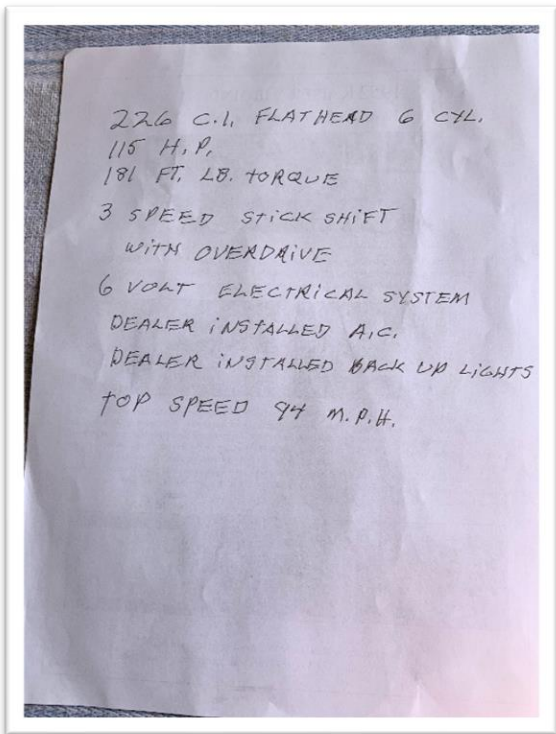
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## Classified Ads


Sitting on extra Studebaker parts? Looking for parts? This is the space for club members to advertise their needs. If you have something to sell or something to buy, send your information to [r-m-s\\_57@comcast.net](mailto:r-m-s_57@comcast.net).





We're asking our SJVC Studebaker club members to help spread the news about the sale of Herb Helzer's beautifully restored 1952 Kaiser Traveler. Here's a chance to own a very rare example of the America's first hatchback sedan. This one was once owned by the famed actor and director Orson Welles. There wasn't a more beautiful American car in 1952 than the Kaiser. Call Herb at 559.349.4672.

## Herb Helzer's 1952 Kaiser Virginian Traveler for Sale

1952 KAISER VIRGINIAN  
2 door Traveler with Deluxe trim package

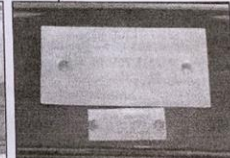
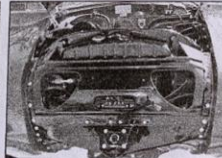



It has been totally restored back to its original condition: Red with tan interior, 3 speed trans with OD. Air conditioning and backup lights installed at the dealership. New tires with less than 100 miles usage. Only 23,000 miles on car since it was restored going to car shows.



Orson Wells was the first owner of the car, from 1952 until 1956. He sold it to his friend Curt Stodmak, an author, screenplay writer, movie producer and movie director. When Curt died in 2000 the car was given to his friends Earl Davis and Elmer Wallen. I knew it needed to be restored and bought it from Elmer in 2002. Curt was still the registered owner, so I am owner #3. When I purchased it, my wife asked "Why do you want that car? It's the ugliest car I've ever seen." But when the restoration was completed in 2007 she said "It can't be the same car. It's the prettiest car I have ever seen." We would take it to 1-3 car shows per week but had to stop having it judged because there was no more room for trophies. It is a Concours car. It cost \$160,000 to restore. Due to health problems, I can no longer drive it. We would like someone from the club to buy it and keep it original. If you're interested, please give me a call and let's talk.

Asking ~~\$20,000~~  
60,000.00



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**San Joaquin Valley Chapter dues are \$20.00 per year** due in January (prorated \$1.66/mo for new members joining later in the year). Membership in the Studebaker Drivers Club National organization (see below) is a prerequisite for local Chapter membership for insurance purposes. If you have questions, please call Susan Thomason/SJVC Membership (559) 641-5125 or email to [thomason2@earthlink.net](mailto:thomason2@earthlink.net).

NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_ SDC MEMBER #/EXP DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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## Studebaker Drivers Club NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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