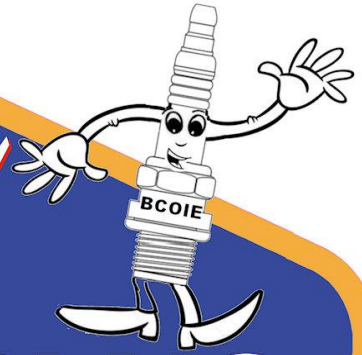


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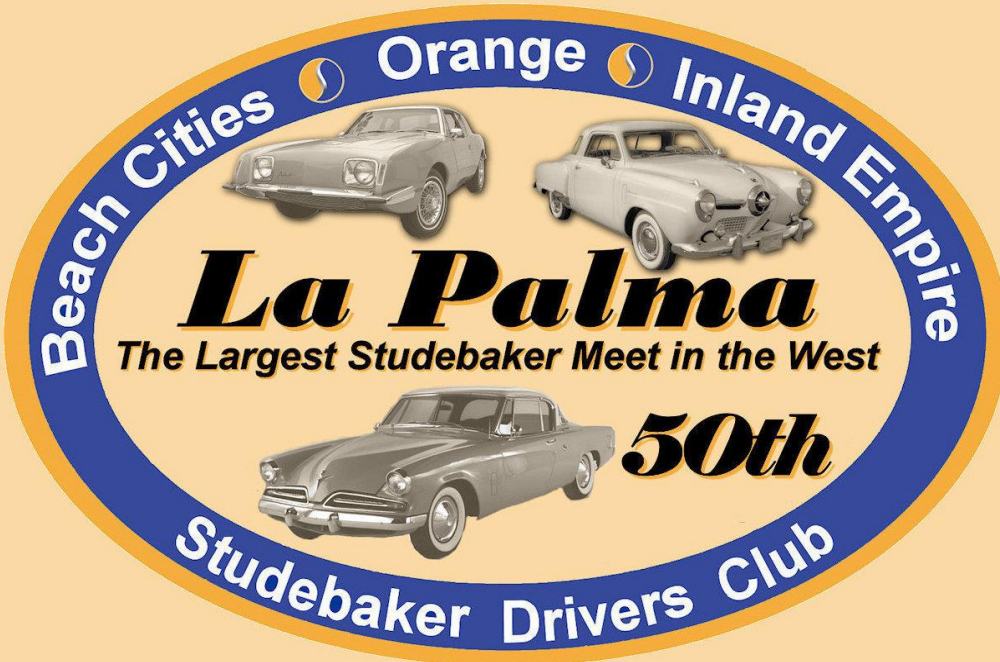


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50th Anniversary Meet

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Chapter Information

The BCOIE Chapter Meetings are on the 2nd Saturday of each month at Coco's Restaurant, 1250 E. Imperial Highway, Brea, CA ~ Time is 4:30pm

For additional information please contact any chapter officer or check the calendar of events in each newsletter or on our website.

Dues: Chapter dues are \$20.00 annually. Dues are payable January 1st of each year.

Please mail your dues promptly to: **Debbie Stockey – Membership**
17410 Golden Maple Lane
Yorba Linda, CA 92886

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President's Message Sam Wheeler



Greetings Everyone,

As February 2024 enters the history books, here in Southern California we are still experiencing unusually wet weather. The good news is, spring is almost here, March 19th.

I have changed motor, transmission and overdrive fluids and a put in a new set of spark plugs this year, hoping to be able to actually drive my truck to La Palma, but I haven't been able to test drive it between rain, work and ministry priorities. I will miss March's meeting because of the latter. Looking forward to seeing you all in April. Also please remember to keep an eye out for donations for our La Palma 50th raffle. Thanks

Meeting Minutes



BCOIE Chapter - February 10, 2024

Following members were in attendance: Sam Wheeler, John & Rosiland Metzker, Denny & Joni Elmore, Doug Fawcett, Don Eades, Jeanne Ertel, Don & Jeri Cox, Jack & Debbie Stockey, Jack & Fey Weber and Bud & Dee Gruver.

President Sam Wheeler called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.in. and welcomed all members and introduced our newest member, Doug Fawcett. Doug owns a 1949 PU, red in color, which he drove to the meeting. Doug has a unique connection to Studebaker as his Grandmother was from the Studebaker family. Welcome Doug.

President called for reports as follows:

SECRETARY Dee Gruver reported that the January meeting minutes were printed in the February newsletter. Motion to accept as printed was made by Bud Gruver, seconded by Roziland Metzker. Motion approved.

TREASURER/MEMBERSHIP Debbie Stockey reported the current financial information. Membership report shows 23 paid members to date. The club gained 4 new members in January. **REMINDER - dues are now due!!** Motion to accept the report was made by John Metzker and seconded by Rosiland Metzker. Motion approved. VP Rosiland Metzker reported that the main upcoming event is the 50th La Palma Meet. Mark your calendars for our annual picnic on July 13. September will be "Drive Your Studebaker Day". More upcoming events will be posted in the next newsletter.

NEWSLETTER: Since Jan Jacobson is moving and will no longer be doing the newsletter, Dan Scott agreed to do the newsletter for a few months while the club searches for a new editor. If anyone is interested or knows someone who might be PLEASE contact the President Sam.

OLD BUSINESS: Plans for the 50th La Palma Meet are progressing well. Pre-registrants will be entered into a special drawing. Lots of gifts will be given to all who pre-register. As always we are in need of good raffle items so please start bringing to the meetings. Meet hats and shirts will be available for purchase at a great price of \$10 a hat, \$12 for shirts or \$20 for a combo. Excitement is building to make this 50th anniversary a real celebration!

Motion to adjourn was made by Don Eades, seconded by John Metzker. Meeting adjourned at 5:20p.m. Respectfully submitted,
Dee Gruver, Secretary



From the desk of the Editor –

Last month, I “entertained” you with my life story, now it’s your turn. Any volunteers? I’ve asked a few of you already. Hoping to hear back soon. I also mentioned the Member’s Cars page on the website, so if Bio’s aren’t in your future, how about some photos? Maybe you and your first car? Okay, I’ll start... My first car, from Burnham Motors (West Allis, WI), was a 1966 Studebaker Daytona Wagonaire (V8, automatic), with a sliding roof. I found out many years later that the car was a 1965 that was re-titled to a 1966 after not selling, something that was common before federal regulations kicked in. My car was green with black vinyl interior. It only had about 38,000 miles and a perfect black interior when I bought it in 1973. I was technically the first owner since the dealer never sold the car but used it as a “parts chasing” car and loaner for customers. The car had the usual rust, typical of Studebakers. I loved that car even though it was the subject of many jokes during the years I drove it to high school (Boys’ Trade and Technical H.S. in Milwaukee). My friends would call it the “Gypsy Wagon” and sang the words to "Gypsies, Tramps & Thieves" a Cher song, popular in the early 1970’s. They laughed but they all crowded inside on cold winter mornings before the bell would ring to start the school day. Below are photos of all of my Studebakers.



Another topic that might be of interest is a report on the work you’re doing or have done on your cars or car shows you’ve attended or plan on attending. Again, this is your newsletter, so let me know what you think. Without feedback I’ll just keep writing about myself while sitting at the wineries. *Cheers, Dan* 🍷

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My Collection

1965 Daytona Wagonaire
1973 - 1975

1955 Champion
1976 - 1977

1962 Lark Regal
1990 - 2002

1964 Gran Turismo Hawk
2014 - 2018

1978 Avanti II
2018 - 2021

1962 Lark Daytona
2021 - Present



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See more photos on our website.



1962 Studebaker Lark - Two door, 350 Chevy crate engine and 700R4 automatic transmission. New interior with original exterior paint. The car is a very nice driver. New tires, new brakes. Car is located in Fresno, CA. Asking \$11,000 Please call for additional information; **Vern Ward @ (559) 907-6527 or Email: studeward@yahoo.com**



1941 Studebaker Champion - Four door, rebuilt engine and transmission. The car is in very nice drivable shape. The upholstery and paint are nice. The tires are in good shape. Car is located in Fresno, CA. Asking \$17,000 - come take a look. Please call for additional information; **Vern Ward @ (559) 907-6527 or Email: studeward@yahoo.com**

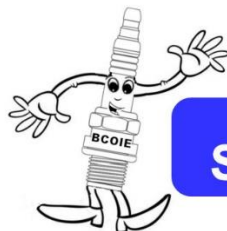


1984 Avanti II, 5.0 Engine rebuilt, 5 speed automatic, front suspension rebuilt, steering components rebuilt, 4 wheel disk brakes, Nardi steering wheel, Astro rims, Recaro seats, 73855 mileage, 2022 Best of Show - Pine Valley Run to the Hills Car Show. Car is located in San Diego. **\$28,500 OBO, Call Ken @ 858-829-3375 email: kmhowell44@gmail.com**



1949 Studebaker Truck 2R Series This truck is an older restoration on a rust-free original. It is equipped with a 1955 model 289 cubic inch Studebaker engine, and a three-speed manual transmission with overdrive. There is custom interior, has an excellent paint job, the chrome is in excellent condition, and the truck runs. The windows work well, the truck is equipped with dual exhaust, and is CA-registered. The engine was steam cleaned, and the tires are in good shape. This truck is a gorgeous classic! (a) Warranty: No, (b) Title: Clear (c) *Miles: Odometer and gas gauges do not work
Price: \$25,000.00 Contact: Marjorie at

majoleeballerina@gmail.com - Vehicle is located in San Diego



**Studebaker
Sparkplug**

Reboot at Studebaker: The 1962 Lark

For 1962, Studebaker once again restyled its aging product line and sent it out to do battle against the Detroit three. As Studebaker prepared for the 1962 season, the Indiana automaker was in trouble once more. The 1959 Lark, which was in fact the previous '56-58 full-sized package cleverly repackaged as a compact, sold well in '59 and '60, but then the volume dropped dramatically as the compacts from the Detroit three entered the category. Moving quickly, new president Sherwood Egbert called on his friend Brooks Stevens, the independent designer who created the '62 Gran Turismo Hawk, to perform his makeover magic on the Lark line as well.

In Stevens' redesign, the sedans and wagons were placed on Studebaker's longer 113-in wheelbase package, while the two-door coupe and convertible were assembled on a shorter 109-in chassis. The chassis themselves, essentially a legacy from 1953, remained largely unchanged. The front end was freshened up with a Mercedes-style grille, while the major change in the exterior sheet metal was at the rear.



Stevens squared up and extended the rear quarter panels, adding trunk space and stretching out the lines, giving the car more physical presence—more like an intermediate than a compact. Depending on body style, the new models were from eight to 13 inches greater in length than the year before, much of it in the rear overhang.

There was a new model at the top of the Studebaker line, too: the Lark Daytona. Available as a two-door pillarless hardtop or a convertible,

the Daytona featured snazzy interiors designed by Stevens with a woodgrain dash, bucket seats, and a center console (above). An optional Borg-Warner T-10 four-speed manual transmission with floor shifter could be coupled to a 289 cubic-inch V8 with a four-barrel carburetor and 225 horsepower.

No, the redesigned '62 Lark did not save the company. But both the Lark and Stevens' other creation, the Gran Turismo Hawk, did score a remarkable increase in sales (both shown below). Hawk volume, while still small, more than doubled, while Lark sales climbed from not quite 65,000 in '61 to more than 93,000 in '62. If not for a six-week strike at the South Bend plant, sales surely would have topped 100,000 units. But it wasn't nearly enough to reverse the company's fortunes, and U.S. production at Studebaker was halted for good on December 20, 1963.



1963 STUDEBAKER



Avanti was designed for Studebaker by renowned French designer Raymond Lowey to revive the Studebaker brand in 1962. Due to production issues, this car wasn't built until the 1963 model year. Studebaker suffered financially and was unable to build a new big block engine, so they had to use the 289ci small block which produced 240hp and they labeled the R1. In an effort to achieve more power, they added a Paxton Supercharger to produce about 280hp and labelled it the R2. Studebaker then hired Andy Granatelli and his brother Vince to make it the fastest car in the world. The Granatellis bored out the 289 to a 304.5ci, changed pistons, supercharged, etc. to create the R3. Including the larger bore, they blueprinted the naturally aspirated engine with twin dual feed carburetors to concept the R4 which was an option for 1964. The Granatelli's also built one R5 that was strictly a race engine and not meant for the public. They took the R5 to the Bonneville Salt Flats and broke every speed record known at 196mph!

Unfortunately, Avanti ceased production in December 1963, before anyone could order the really fast R4. The Granatelli's took nine Avanti's and changed out the engines with the nine R3's they had already built.

Using the Granatelli's original R4 specifications, we built this 1963 289 as an R4. We then surmised Studebaker would have perhaps supercharged the two carburetors of the blueprinted R4, to sell to the public, and added a special "pearl white" paint along with disc brakes on all 4 wheels (first one built) and sold it as "the fastest car in the world". That's what you're looking at here.

Displayed are the two Avanti's, one white 1963 R1, and the custom "pearl white" optioned, R5 that includes the extremely rare magnesium wheel option. It's truly a one of a kind and would have displaced the 1964 GTO as the first muscle car if Studebaker has completed the 1964 production year!



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Show your pride and enter your Studebaker in some of the shows listed below, that aren't exclusive to our favorite marque. You'll become a great marketing tool for our chapter by exposing others to the Studebaker automobiles.

Local Shows

[39th Annual Classic Studebaker Car Show \(Los Angeles Chapter\)](#) - Sunday, April 21, 2024

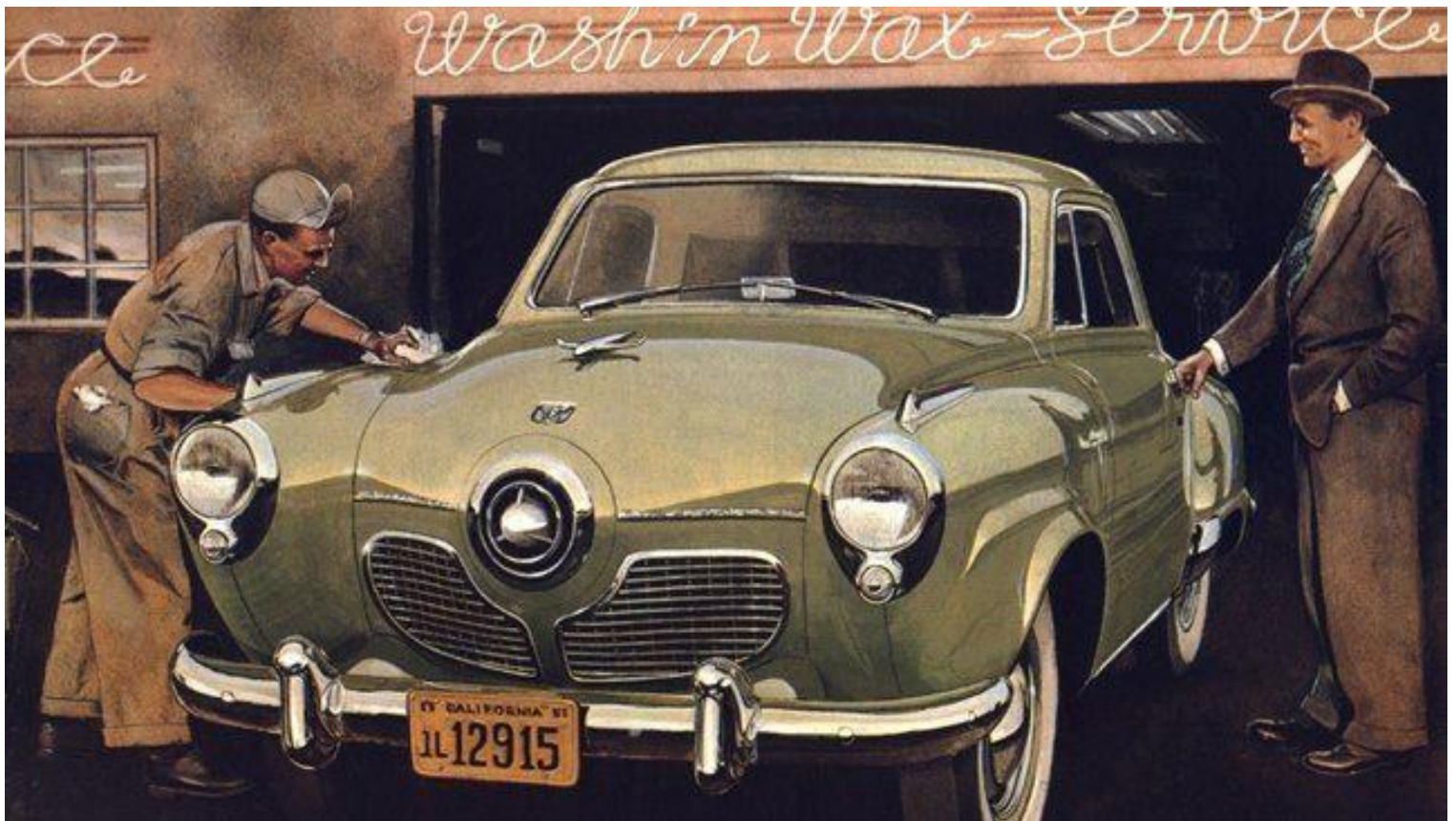
[2024 Benedict Castle Concours](#) - Sunday, May 19, 2024

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SUNDAY, MAY 26, 2024

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- 50th Anniversary Commemorative Mug
- Commemorative Plaque
- Dash Plaque

New this year:

- No Judging, Awards (one per division), will be based on a People's Choice system. Car owners and spectators will vote on their favorite car per division.
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- Special Drawing for Pre-Registrants



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Sunday, May 26, 2024

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

1st Car: Year _____ Make _____ Model _____ Div. # _____

2nd Car: Year _____ Make _____ Model _____ Div. # _____

*** Please include phone number and Email ***

Division - 1 - Pre-War	Car #1 @ \$30.00	\$ _____
Division - 2 - Early Post War, Sedans & Wagons 1947 – 1958	Car #2 @ \$30.00	\$ _____
Division - 3 - Lark Types 1959 – 1966	Parts Exchange @ \$30.00	\$ _____
Division - 4 - Coupes (C Body) & Hardtops (K Body) 1952 – 1961	TOTAL AMOUNT DUE:	\$ _____
Division - 5 - G.T. Hawks 1962 – 1964	People's Choice Awards for Each Division	
Division - 6A - Avanti (Studebaker) 1963 & 1964	50th Anniversary T-Shirts on sale @ event	
Division - 6B - Avanti (All Others)	*** LATE FEE ***	
Division - 7 - Trucks 1902 – 1964	After May 15, 2024 or Day of Show, Add \$10	
Division - 8 - Non-Stock – Studebaker Powered – All Years	Make Check Payable to: <u>BCOIE-SDC Chapter</u>	
Division - 9 - Non-Stock – Non-Studebaker Powered – All Years		

Questions? Please contact: **Don Cox** (951) 529-0873 or **Dan Scott** (818) 558-1791

Include completed form & payment and mail to:

BCOIE-SDC La Palma Car Show - 17410 Golden Maple Lane - Yorba Linda, CA 92886



Please Read & Sign Below:

In consideration of acceptance to the La Palma Studebaker Car Show, the undersigned hereby fully and unconditionally agrees to release the City of Anaheim and BCOIE-SDC from any liability that may arise from the **May 26, 2024** event, to release all officials jointly and separately from any and all liability and that the undersigned has read this statement, maintains valid auto liability insurance and will abide with these conditions. **All entries must have a fire extinguisher for safety purposes.**

I acknowledge that I, the undersigned, am over 18 yrs. of age.

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