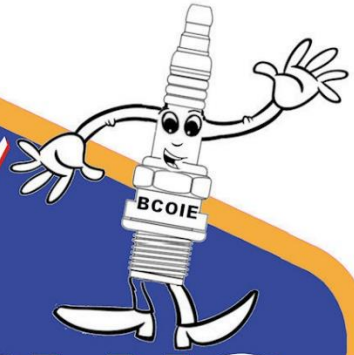


August 2024

# Studebaker

## SPARKPLUG

The Official Newsletter of



### 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 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.

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

### Newsletter Information

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### BCOIE Chapter Officers

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**BCOIE Facebook:**   [fb.me/BCOIESOCAL](https://fb.me/BCOIESOCAL)





## President's Message Sam Wheeler



Greetings everyone our July's meeting/picnic at Yorba Linda Regional Park was wonderful. The food, weather and fellowship were great.

Looking forward to seeing you all at our August meeting on the 10th. Lastly, a reminder that our September meeting is also our Drive Your Studebaker Day on September 14th. Plenty of time to get your Studebakers on the road again.

## Meeting Minutes



Meeting minutes for BCOIEC Chapter July 13, 2024

Following members were in attendance: Don Eades, Sandy Eades, Patrick Eades, John & Rosiland Metzker, Don & Jeri Cox, Jack & Debbie Stockey, Jason Thomas, Sam & Cheryl Wheeler, Marc & Marcie Rohrich, Jeanne Ertel, Gary Gross and Bud & Dee Gruver.

The meeting took place after the club's annual picnic at Yorba Regional Park.

**PRESIDENT:** The meeting was called to order by Sam Wheeler at 5:50 p.m. Sam welcomed all in attendance.

**SECRETARY:** Dee Gruver reported that the minutes from the June meeting were printed in the last newsletter. Motion to accept as printed was made and approved.

**TREAS/MEMBERSHIP:** Debbie Stockey reported finances are current and accounted for. Membership report shows 40 paid memberships. Motion to accept both reports was made and approved.

**V-PRESIDENT:** Rosiland Metzker reported the following upcoming events:

September 14 – annual “Drive Your Studebaker Day” at Coco’s at 4pm.

Each driver of a Studebaker and 1 guest will be treated to a free dinner.

**OLD BUSINESS:** none

**NEW BUSINESS:** the Board will bring to the August meeting a list of charitable organizations suggested to receive donations from the La Palma proceeds as usual.

Meeting adjourned at 6 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dee Gruver  
Secretary



*From the desk of the editor...*  
Dan Scott

The summer heat is here with a couple of days in the 100's. For those of you in the Palm Springs area, it's been brutal. I'm sorry I didn't make the picnic, but Mercy had knee surgery the day prior, but I heard it was a great success.

Several members made the trip to the International Meet in Dubuque, Iowa and a side trip to the Field of Dreams (see photos).

This month's Newsletter is loaded with photos and member material. Thanks to those of you who sent me photos and info. I guess my whining and bitching paid off...**Thank You!!!!**





***Marc Rohrich*** participated in the **2024 Corona Main Street Independence Day Parade**. He drove his 1963 Lark convertible as he led the group of five Corona Senior Cruiser classic cars. It was a beautiful morning in Corona, and everyone had a ball! It was followed by a hot dog lunch at the home of a Senior Cruisers member





## Dubuque International Meet







L-R: Bud & Dee Gruver with Dan Corth and his 1964 Commander

Below: Jeri Cox





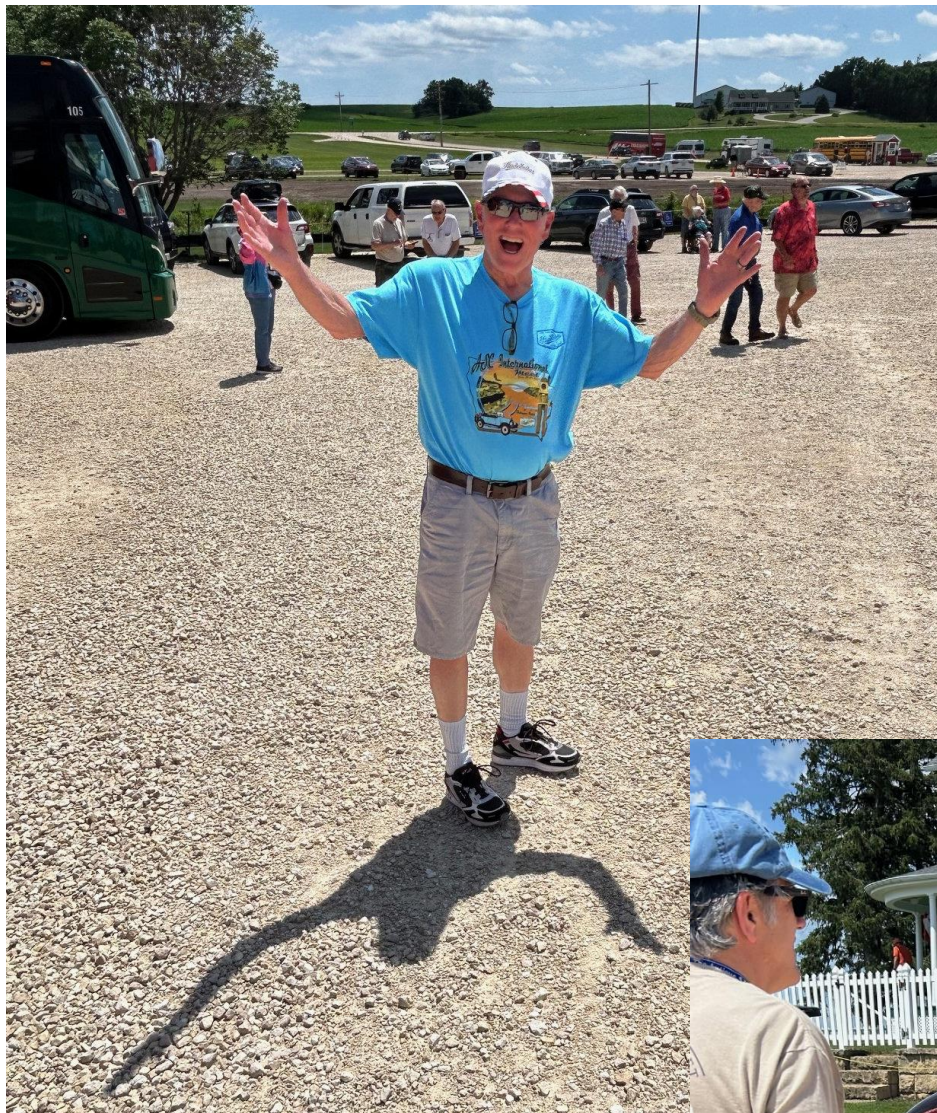
## Field of Dreams ~ Dubuque International Meet











Don Cox







## BCOIE Chapter Picnic





## For Sale

### 1949 Studebaker Truck 2R Series - **Price Reduced: \$21,900.00**

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! Additional Information: (a) Warranty: No, (b) Title: Clear (c) \*Miles: Odometer and gas gauges do not work, so mileage is unknown

**Contact:** Marjorie at [majoleeballerina@gmail.com](mailto:majoleeballerina@gmail.com) - Vehicle is located in San Diego.



**For more photos and other vehicles see the website at:**

**[https://www.studebakersocal.com/BCOIE\\_ForSale.htm](https://www.studebakersocal.com/BCOIE_ForSale.htm)**





*La Palma ~ 2024*



*La Palma ~ 2009*

## Studebaker Commander “A True Survivor”– Owned by: Dan Corth

Dan Corth is one of the first to come forward with his Studebaker story. Dan’s story begins in September of 1964 when his mother, Elveira Corth, bought her brand new Bermuda Brown, 1964 Commander, equipped with a 259 V8 and an automatic transmission. She bought it from Henkel Motors in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. It was mom’s daily driver through late 1970 when she gave it to her son, Dan. Dan drove it through his high school years before placing it in storage when he went off to college. The car sat for almost 8 years, when Dan decided to get it back on the road. The car had the normal rust (Wisconsin Winters!). Dan was now living in the Madison area when he started to work on the Commander again.



*Elveira’s 1964 Commander when new.*

A few years later, Dan and his Commander had moved to warmer weather, Southern California. After some engine work and new brakes, the Commander was back on the road again. With the weather being a tad warmer than Wisconsin, the car became Dan’s daily driver between 1984 and 1992. Dan also checked off an item from his “bucket list” when he attended the 1985 La Palma Meet, the meet he used to dream about while reading the Turning Wheels back in Wisconsin. La Palma became a regular event for the two.

After this year’s La Palma Meet Dan drove the Commander to Nebraska and then on to Dubuque for the International Meet. His daughter, Elizabeth Reidy, drove the trail vehicle, following him all the way. They made it without incident, while the odometer rolled over to the 100,000-mile mark in Omaha. He brought it to Dubuque (photos on page 6), and he was going to drive it on to Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. This is where his mom bought the car at Henkel Motors

Studebaker Dealership. At the time, Hinkel was also a Lincoln Mercury Dealer.



*Left: Henkel Motors, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, 1960*





Left: The Commander parked at what was Henkel Motors, 2024.

As cool as this story is, it's not over. Dan returned to the spot of his first car show, a Wisconsin Chapter, Studebaker Zone Meet in Dodgeville, WI, June 26, 1971. While the Thym's Restaurant (Hwy. 23) is gone, the parking lot is still there...and Dan's memory is still there too, since he even remembers where he parked. Dan said his mom was more excited about the Meet than he was.

Today, the beautiful "True Survivor"

Commander sits tucked away in the family garage in Gothenburg, NE, 745 miles from where it all started back in 1964. Soon, ownership of this beauty will be passed on to the third generation, Dan's daughter and Elveira's granddaughter, Elizabeth Reidy. *Stay tuned for Part II ????*



Highway 23, Dodgeville, WI ~ 2024



Wisconsin Chapter, SDC Zone Meet, 1971 - Dan & Elveira Corth



La Palma ~ 2021



**Note from the editor...** I hope you enjoyed this beautiful story of member Dan Corth, and his family. I'd love to do more stories like this, but I need your help. I'll write it, just like I did this one. All you have to do is supply photos and facts like Dan did.

**La Palma 2024 photos now available:**

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/GcuUeHneaDnVtPDQ7>

**2024 La Palma YouTubeVideo:** <https://youtu.be/bBy0hC67Jq4>



## Calendar



**September 14 - Annual "Drive Your Studebaker Day" at Coco's.**



# Where were you in 1964?



Music

Beatlemania hits America



#1 Billboard song: "I Want to Hold Your Hand" The Beatles



The Rolling Stones release debut album, "The Rolling Stones"

Movies



James Bond "Goldfinger" and "From Russia With Love"

"Viva Las Vegas" Starring Elvis Presley and Ann Margret

Starring Sean Connery



"A Fist Full of Dollars" Starring Clint Eastwood

Sports

Cassius Clay "Muhammad Ali" defeats Sonny Liston for Boxing's World Heavyweight Championship



Cleveland Browns NFL Champs



St. Louis Cardinal win World Series

A.J. Foyt wins Indy 500

Quotes from '64

"A martini. Shaken, not stirred"



"Please don't squeeze the Charmin"



"Put a Tiger in your tank"



"Come Alive. You're in the Pepsi Generation"

Top TV Shows



"The Andy Griffith Show"

"Gomer Pyle, U.S.M.C"



"Bewitched"



"The Fugitive" WANTED



"Bonanza"

