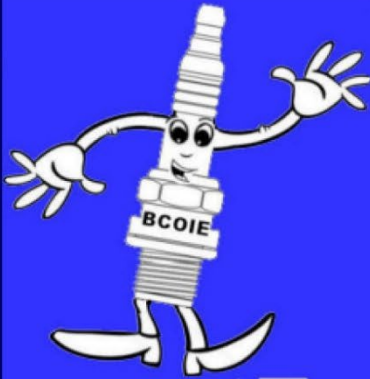


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# BCOIE Chapter

## Beach Cities, Orange, Inland Empire

### Chapter Information

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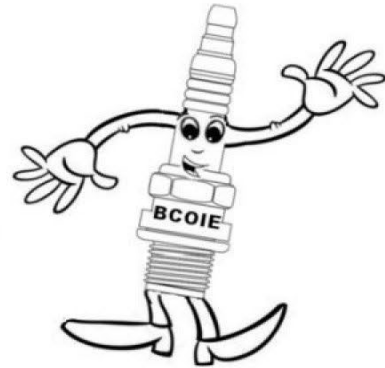
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**OFFICER'S REPORTS**



**PRESIDENT'S  
REPORT**

President's report  
 Here we are in the middle of this holiday season, Thanksgiving is over, and Christmas is upon us. I'm hoping for a great turnout at our Christmas party this year on Dec 10th. To all members not able to attend our party ,I want to wish you all a very MERRY DHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR.  
 Sam Wheeler

**Editor's Corner**

**December and the end of 2023, where did the year go? Merry Christmas and Happy New Years to everyone. It is my Christmas Wish for you that this Christmas will be a happy time joined by family and friends.**

Remember that the Christmas Dinner is on December 10, 2023. The festivities began at 4:30, come and enjoy a wonder time of fellowship and laughter among friends.

It is a grant time, and you will be glad you attended. Remember the gifts are \$20.00 . Men wraps your gift in green paper and women wrap your gift in red.

2024 is the 50<sup>th</sup>. Anniversary of the La Palma Car Show. There will be a need for all to participate in the preparation for the show and the day of La Palma Car Show.

If anyone has pictures of the past La Palma Car Shows, please gather them and send them to the editor to add to each month's newsletter. The column of La Palma Memory Lane will add only color to the newsletters prior to the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Show also build enthusiasm for the show in May of 2024. Jan Jacobson Gene and I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



**2023**

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**Relax, Enjoy a Wonderful Christmas Time.**

# MINUTES

Minutes from the November 11, 2023 Meeting

In attendance were Don Eades, Bud & Dee Gruver, John & Rosiland Metzker, Jeanne Ertel, Dennis & Joni Elmore, Jack & Debbie Stockey. and Sam Wheeler.

President Sam Wheeler called the meeting to order at 4:50 p.m.

Secretary Dee Gruver stated that the October minutes were printed in the November newsletter. Minutes approved as printed.

Treasurer's report was given by Debbie Stockey. All bills are paid current .

The membership report shows 37 paid members.

Newsletter editor asked members to continue sending news items.

Vice-President Rosiland Metzker made the announcement that November is club election month. The following members have agreed to be on the ballot for election to the following office:

President - Sam Wheeler

Vice-President – Rosiland Metzger

Secretary - Dee Gruver

Treasurer/Membership – Debby Stockey

The formal results from the election will be reported at the December meeting.

The annual Club Christmas party is scheduled for Sunday, December 10. The party will begin at 4:00 p.m. at Coco's Restaurant. Attendees will order off the menu. The Gift Exchange will take place after dinner. The suggested amount for the gift is \$25.00. As in the past, women's exchange gift should be wrapped in red paper and the men's exchange gift is to be wrapped in green paper. Please RSVP by no later than December 5, to Rosiland Metzger (714)315-8292 It is very important that you RSVP as the restaurant needs to know the number.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dee Gruver, Secretary

**OOPS: I failed to include this article in the November Newsletter.**

**DRIVE YOUR STUDEBAKER DAY  
October 14, 2023**

**We had about 15 at our meeting and event and 4 Studebakers. The Studebakers got a lot of attention from those that were dining at Coco's. The weather was perfect. It was so great catching up with everyone out with the cars. The club paid for everyone's dinner and pies were given out for awards for People's Choice and Manager's Choice. The Studebakers that were there:**

**1955 Commander – Don Eades – PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD**

**1940 Champion - Gary Gross**

**1937 Dictator – Juan Lopez**

**1964 Avanti – John Metzker – MANAGER'S CHOICE AWARD**

**Thank you to everyone that attended and to those that were able to bring your Studebakers. Let's drive our cars to the meetings whenever possible. It is great getting them out!**

## FEATURED ARTICLE



# Events

*Car Shows, Swap Meets, Cruise Night*



## Classified Page

### Christmas Presents for someone special.

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

1962 Studebaker Lark - Two doors, 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



**1962 Studebaker Lark Regal**

Car is located in Fresno, CA. Asking \$11,000 Please call for additional information; **Vern Ward @ (559) 907-6527** or Email: **studeward@yahoo.com**

Chevy 350, Turbo 400 transmission, 1970's Chev Camaro posi rearend. Disc brakes on all 4 wheels. 16" tires on front and 17", 10" wide tires on rear. Fuel cell under the bed. The fuel and brake lines are all hard lined. . **Grant steering wheel (wood) and a Lokar shifter. Lowered almost 4 inches in the rear. New headers and new straight pipes with Smithy Glass packs.**



**1964 Studebaker Champ Truck**

The Tailgate bench is the original tailgate off this truck, so it goes with the truck. Truck is located in Temecula, CA I am asking 30k (negotiable). Additional photos upon request.

Call Brian at **619-990-1804** or Email: **BLTERRY23@hotmail.com**

## Christmas Story

### MA GOT RUN OVER BY A STUDEBAKER

A true story by Ed Fusco, Dumont, NJ It was a few days after the big blizzard of '47. The streets had not been completely cleared of the giant drifts of snow from that unexpected storm. The weather that day was cold, gray and threatening. My father, upon finishing his breakfast, lit up a cigarette and put on his overcoat in preparation for driving to his print shop in midtown Manhattan. My mother asked him if he was really going to drive to work as she looked out the kitchen window at the windblown snow and the grey scudding clouds. "Sure," he said as he put on his 1947 Dick Tracy-styled hat. "No problem," he reassured her. However, his memory bank must have shorted out and deleted the "Winter of 1940" episode, But that's another story. As my mother and sister watched from the windows, dad made it down the icy steps. Then, looking like a drunk, he slipped and slid the twenty or so feet to the garage. There he stood puffing like a steam locomotive before he managed to open the garage doors. Then, sliding behind the steering wheel of the '47 President, he inserted the key in the ignition lock. Pressing the starter button, the engine roared to life. Sitting back, he let the Studebaker warm up. Putting the car in reverse, he proceeded to back out of the garage. When it was almost out of the garage, the Studebaker lost traction and stopped. When dad felt it stop, he went into his old routine, from first gear to second and back to reverse, hoping to break free. Dad was never the kind of guy to get out of a the rescue and helped to pull mom from underneath. Miraculously, she stuck car and shovel or put muscle to it to get it moving. He just sat in the car and did some clutch pushing and gear shifting. Meanwhile, my mom, who was watching all this from a window, decided it was time to swing into action. Putting on a heavy winter coat and scarf, she went down the cellar and grabbed a big coal shovel, (Coal, kids, is a hard black substance that burns, and the shovel was used to hurl said substance into a furnace to keep the house warm.) Armed with her weapon, ma hurried out the back door to help dad free the Studebaker from winter's icy grip. Going around to the back of the car s he commenced digging furiously as the car's wheels spun forward, then backward in a frantic attempt to get traction. Then, suddenly, the Studebaker rocketed backward, pinning ma underneath and dragging her seventy-five feet out onto Colden Avenue! My sister, who was watching all this from another window, screamed and banged her hand on the window. He went right on past. A neighbor who was shoveling his sidewalk saw it all ran around to the driver side and motioned dad to stop! As he alighted from the car, he was told that my mom was pinned under the rear of the Studebaker. Other neighbors came to wasn't badly hurt though she did suffer some cuts and bruises from the undercarriage. Dad had to be her seventy-five feet out onto Colden Avenue! My sister, who was watching all this from another window screamed and banged her hand on the window. He went right on past. A neighbor who was shoveling his sidewalk saw it all ran around to the driver side and motioned dad to stop! As he alighted from the car, he was told that my mom was pinned under the rear of the Studebaker. Other neighbors came to the rescue and helped to pull mom from underneath. Miraculously, she wasn't badly hurt though she did suffer some cuts and bruises from the undercarriage. Dad had to be assisted from the car as he was in near shock when he heard what he had done. . A few minutes later, he was back in the house limp as a dishrag. Now everyone was concerned about dad's wellbeing as he was slumped over in his chair. Mom, chipper as ever, ran to the liquor cabinet and poured out a glass of dad's favorite fermented high-octane grape juice. As he finished the drink, he began to regain his composure. When mom asked him if he was OK, he replied, "Yeah, yeah... I'm OK, but how'd you get in back of the car?" He didn't realize that ma had taken for granted that he had seen her as she went past him. He didn't see her! One thing is for sure. Ma was ONE TOUGH LADY! I think that if mom and a Studebaker ever met head on, it would definitely be a DRAW.

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**EVENTS ON THE CALENDAR**

**DECEMBER 2023**

| Sun.                       | Mon.                    | Tues. | Wed. | Thurs. | Fri. | Sat. |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|-------|------|--------|------|------|
|                            |                         |       |      |        | 1.   | 2.   |
| 3.                         | 4.                      | 5.    | 6.   | 7.     | 8.   | 9.   |
| 10.<br>Christmas<br>Dinner | 11.                     | 12.   | 13.  | 14.    | 15.  | 16.  |
| 17.                        | 18.                     | 19.   | 20.  | 21.    | 22.  | 23.  |
| 24/31.                     | 25.<br>Christmas<br>Day | 25.   | 27.  | 28.    | 29.  | 30.  |

**Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>.**  
**4:30-7:30pm**  
 Christmas Dinner, Coco's  
 Restaurant, 1250 E.  
 Imperial Hwy. Brea, Ca.  
 91821

**Christmas Dinner**  
 Order off the menu.  
 Gift : \$20.00  
 Men wrap your gift in green paper.  
 Women wrap your gift in red paper.



**BIRTHDAYS**



17 – Mary Anne LePore  
 28- Jan Spooner

**ANNIVERSARIES**



18. Greg & Kim Shuster

## Montclair High School 1st Annual Car Show

Sam Wheeler participated in the Montclair High School 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Car Show November 2023. Below are pictures from the show. It is said that if there is one Studebaker in the show it is a Studebaker Car Show.





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The Classified and Business Card page is another opportunity for a member to take on the task of finding businesses who would want to advertise in BCOIE Newsletter. The yearly charge for advertising in the BCOIE Newsletter is 40.00. Ask the owners of the garages where your car is worked on to advertise in the BCOIE Newsletter.



### BCOIE Chapter Membership Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdays (All family members): \_\_\_\_\_

Anniversary Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Studebaker(s) Owned:

Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_

Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_

**DUES NOTE:** You must be a member of the **Studebaker Drivers Club**.

Member # \_\_\_\_\_ *(Application form for Studebaker Drivers Club is available on this website)*

BCOIE dues: **\$20 per Family Annually** ~ Make Check payable: **BCOIE Membership**

Print and mail to:

**Debbie Stockey**  
c/o BCOIE Membership  
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Yoba Linda, Ca. 92886

Studebaker Website Link for membership form:

[http://studebakersocal.com/BCOIE%20Membership%20Form Updated%20May2021.pdf](http://studebakersocal.com/BCOIE%20Membership%20Form%20Updated%20May2021.pdf)