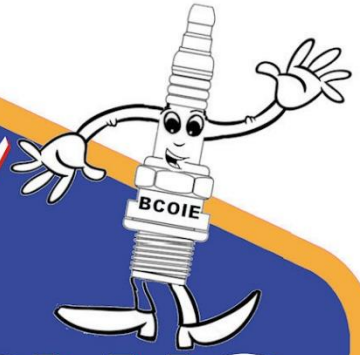


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# Studebaker

## SPARKPLUG

*The Official Newsletter of*



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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 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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## President's Message Sam Wheeler



Greetings Everyone,

For all of you who attended our 50th La Palma car show and swap meet I want to personally thank you for your part in making it a wonderful and successful event. I also want to give a great shout out to all of our volunteers who without their help and support this event wouldn't have happened. Thank you for all your hard work!

Note from the President's wife, Cheryl. I too want to thank everyone who helped. I personally want to thank Don and Jeri Cox, Bud and Dee Gruver, John and Rosiland Metzker and Jack and Debbie Stockey for all they put into the 50th La Palma meet. They were the action behind the success of it. Great job!

## Meeting Minutes BCOIE Chapter



Minutes for BCOIE meeting May 11, 2024

Attendance John & Rosiland Metzker, Sam & Cheryl Wheeler, Jack & Fay Weber, Don & Jeri Cox, Jack & Debbie Stockey, Gary Gross & Mila M, Jeanie Ertel, Don Eades, Stan & Pearl Haveriland, Marc & Marcie Rohrich, Doug Fawcett, Dan Corth, Earl Shepherd & Shannon T.

President, Sam Wheeler, called the meeting to order at 4:38 pm, led the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer. Welcomed back Dan Corth, who drove his '64 Commander, which he has been getting ready for La Palma and then taking to Nebraska. Also, Stan and Pearl, who have missed a number of months and a new member Earl Shepherd, who owns a '64 Avanti.

Secretary's report, posted in April's Newsletter, Rosiland motioned to accept, Fay 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Newsletter - Dan Scott not present, Stan H. says he is not receiving, all others in attendance are receiving and are satisfied.

Sunshine - Dee Gruver was not present, she was in the emergency room! She had fallen and injured her neck, now has a brace and is back home. Speedy recovery, Dee. Rosiland reported on Bob and Bev Valeski. Bob's health continues to decline, and they will be selling his '51 2R5 truck. Bob had been a "key player" in the Huntington Beach Concourse.

Treasurer - Debbie reported current balance, received a small refund for La Palma Park. We have 34 paid members and 2 more in the works!

Upcoming Events - Huntington Beach Concourse June 1&2, Picnic & BBQ, July 13 (Yorba Linda Reg Pk @ 4pm Shelter 6, bring a side to share), Drive Your Studebaker Day, Sept. 14, Christmas Party Sunday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>.

New/Old Business - Don Cox reported on La Palma. Park has been secured, Color Guard and Photographer arranged for. Arrival for members/volunteers 6:30 am. We have 43 pre-registrations, 5 vendors. He and Jeri have done a lot of work. There will be commemorative plaques, mugs and dash plaques for each registrant. Also, 8 "piggies" with special prizes. Hats (\$10), T-shirts (\$12) combo (\$20). Goodie bags and American flags.

Don E. is providing the BBQ and Bud G. is bringing generators, John M. is checking with Dave Weiss about a backup.

Rosiland has arranged for the club to meet at Coco's in Brea for dinner, following La Palma event.

Sam W. reminded everyone that if they bring a car to display, they must have a fire extinguisher.

Tech Talk - Jack Weber asked about a problem with the oil pressure on his '57 (?) It was suggested he attach a gauge and use heavier weight oil with zinc in it. Jack also said he had a dash for a '57 Golden Hawk, he wants to get rid of, John said he would take it.

Sam moved to adjourn at 5:28 pm, Cheryl 2<sup>nd</sup>.





*From the desk of the editor...*

*Dan Scott*

Another La Palma Meet is in the books. **Fifty, the Golden Anniversary** is quite an accomplishment. Cheers to those with the vision to start things rolling back in 1974 and cheers to those of you that have kept it going for half a century. **Contrary to some rumors** floating around, we have every intention of being back next year and for years to come. Yes, fees have increased, but what doesn't cost more today than a few years ago? People at McDonald's are making \$20.00 an hour. I made \$1.65 an hour when I started there, at my first job. Anyway, before I get further off track, the BCOIE Chapter is committed to continuing their annual car show and swap meet next year and beyond, whether it's at La Palma Park or another venue.

This year La Palma returned to its pre-covid glory years, **with 98 cars**. Included in that were **18 beautiful and rare Avantis**. Jeff Grohs, an AOAI Director, was on hand to discuss re-invigorating the Southern California chapter and a possible national meet in Palm Springs. There were 11 parts exchange booths selling everything parts related.

After the success of last year's live auction, it was decided to go big or go home, and BIG it was. A large group gathered as Don Cox and his "Vanna White" played by PSW Zone Director Ed Smith, who were entertaining with some wild bidding on various items. The items ranged from boxes of parts, Studebaker literature, a rare '64 GT Hawk Grille Frame and one-of-kind original Studebaker artwork all donated by members. Of course there was great music throughout the day, tons of raffle gifts and great food at the Champion Café.

For the first time, awards were based on "People's Choice" instead of the traditional "400" point system of the past. The reasons were many, but basically to focus the event on FUN. Get the car owners away from their cars and mingling with others. From my perspective, it worked! I know I was out and about more than normal and had a great time doing so. Our "People's Choice" system, unlike most, allowed everyone to vote, not just car owners. All visitors were encouraged to get involved and vote for their favorite car in each of the ten divisions. Following is a list of winners.

<b>Division 1</b>	<b>Pre-War</b>	<b>David Everett, 1925 Standard six phantom</b>
<b>Division 2</b>	<b>Early Post War, Sedans/Wagons '47 – '58</b>	<b>Robert Miller, 1950 Champion</b>
<b>Division 3</b>	<b>Lark Type, '59 – '66</b>	<b>Dan Scott, 1962 Lark Daytona</b>
<b>Division 4</b>	<b>Coupes (C) &amp; Hardtops (K) '52 – '61</b>	<b>Ryan Clark, 1954 Champion</b>
<b>Division 5</b>	<b>G.T. Hawks, '62 – '64</b>	<b>Keith Wahl, 1963 R2-Hawk</b>
<b>Division 6a</b>	<b>Avanti, Studebaker</b>	<b>Will Haynes, 1963 Avanti</b>
<b>Division 6b</b>	<b>Avanti, All Other</b>	<b>Mark Udoff, 2007 Avanti</b>
<b>Division 7</b>	<b>Trucks, '02 – '64</b>	<b>James Lafenhacen, 1955 Pick up</b>
<b>Division 8</b>	<b>Modified, Studebaker Powered</b>	<b>Neil Nelson, 1950 Champion</b>
<b>Division 9</b>	<b>Modified, Non-Studebaker Powered</b>	<b>John Perchaz, 1949 Truck</b>

Speaking of judging, our top judge, Stan Haveriland was MIA on Sunday and greatly missed. I spoke to Stan on Sunday, who told me that he and his beautiful wife, Pearl, were a little under the weather and elected to sit this one out. Get well soon, Stan & Pearl, we missed you both!!!

The Volunteers...what would an event be without its dedicated volunteers, the heartbeat of an organization. A special thank you to all who poured their heart and souls into making the 50<sup>th</sup> so special.

Faye Weber, Ed & Linda Smith, Bob & Mimi Halgren, Jeanne Ertel, Bud & Dee Gruver, Jack & Debbie Stockey, Don & Jeri Cox, John & Roz Metzger, Ric & Robin DiOrion, Michelle St. Clair, Robert Roach, Ed Nakagawa & Family (Michelle, Laurie, Greg)-Raffle, Amanda, Kai, & Carlos-Parking. If I missed anyone, I truly apologize.



As mentioned earlier, I think it's safe to say that most of us would like to see La Palma continue at the high level we've come to expect. For that to happen, we're going to need some fresh faces with new ideas, but mainly energy. I started to get more involved a few years ago when I was encouraged to help from Don and Jeri Cox. Okay, "encouraged" might not be the best word, but you know what I mean. Anyway, most of what I do is behind the scenes, but it gave me an insight into how much work is involved. For the next year, I'll be "encouraging" others to get involved and help out, whether it's behind the scenes or on "game day". **What can you do to help?**

**On another note**, I received some great news the day after La Palma. My late father, Landy Scott, was one of the inaugural inductees into the Badger Midget Auto Racing's Hall of Fame. Some of you might remember seeing Landy's midget at the 2014 La Palma Meet and the Los Angeles' Chapter's Winter Meet that same year. The Mighty Roar of Midget Auto Racing echoing through Wisconsin has been a tradition since 1934. Operating within the state since 1936, the Badger Midget Auto Racing Association (BMARA) and its members, past and present, have played an important role in the development of the most exciting form of auto racing in America. Landy raced for fifteen years, including nine as the organization's president. How does that tie into the Studebaker Drivers Club, you ask? Well, his Kurtis Kraft Midget Racer was powered by a Studebaker Champion engine, which he drove to the Badger Championship in 1947. Landy was always a Studebaker man, but his racing career and his success made him a Studebaker die-hard.

Landy's midget was on display at the **Studebaker National Museum** in South Bend for nine years before being moved closer to "home" to the **Wisconsin Automotive Museum** in Hartford, Wisconsin, where it proudly sits today.

1947 - 48	Wins	2nd	3rd
Features	20	14	12
Semi	13	15	17
Heat Race	20	24	16

## ***Six in a Row...Record still stands***

### **Landy Scott**

### **Chase McDermid**

**1947**

**Year**

**2019-20**

**6**

**Consecutive Wins**

**5**

**6**

**Tracks**

**4**

**3**

**Fast Time**

**2**

## **1946 - 1960**

- 1947 Badger Champion
- 46 Podium Finishes (1947-1948)
- President of Badger, 9 years
- Top 10 in Point Standings, 13 of 15 years





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- Dodge valve springs
- Sleeved down with 1939 Studebaker rods
- Jahns pistons





Last month I finally got around to introducing you to GroupWorks, well, now it's time to announce its demise.

## GroupWorks Cancels Service

Ladies and gentlemen of the SDC family, yesterday we received the sudden notice that GroupWorks will go dark in about 30 days. You may also receive a message directly from Grouper and Groupworks announcing this disappointing change to a tool we were just getting used to.

The GroupWorks product has existed for over seven years and has thousands of users. Although GroupWorks was free for our use, the parent company has notified us that the costs of maintaining the platform for all clubs on the system have continuously and significantly increased. Element3, now called Grouper, has told us it has become infeasible to continue operating the platform at the current expense.

**How does this affect the Studebaker Drivers Club?** Turning Wheels, the SDC Forums, and websites will see **no changes**. Those will run business as usual. Only GroupWorks will be impacted. We will have no access to GroupWorks after June 21, 2024.

Thank you for giving me this opportunity to work with the members; I met many of you, made some new friends, and learned a lot about the organization as we developed the system. I believe we can find an alternative, so stay tuned.

If you are in Dubuque in June, drop by my booth and say Hi! Cynthia Sale [cynsale@msn.com](mailto:cynsale@msn.com)



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When was the last time you visited our website? Everything you need to know about the chapter is there, including past, present and future. If you haven't explored it, there is a long list of vendors for parts and service, photos and videos

from past chapter events, a classified section and more. The Member's Car page is another great section. If you haven't sent in a photo of your car, please do so. Don't worry about the size, I'll edit it to fit. Just include the year and model.

Each monthly Newsletter is uploaded to the website a month after it's mailed to you, to give chapter members a heads up on current news.

So how many people actually visit our website? Good question. More than you'd probably guess. In the month of May, we set a record. We had **4,534** visits to the website. Other than April 2024, we've seen a large number of visitors as you can see; January – 1,967, February – 1,651, March – 1,364, April – 268. These numbers show there is a lot of interest out there for Studebakers, granted, this is worldwide, but our Chapter is definitely on the map.

If there is something you'd like to see on the website, please let me know.

If you haven't renewed your yearly dues, use this link: [https://www.studebakersocal.com/BCOIE\\_About%20Us.htm](https://www.studebakersocal.com/BCOIE_About%20Us.htm)



## La Palma STUDEBAKER

Car Show & Swap Meet

Sunday, May 25, 2025 ~ La Palma Park, Anaheim, CA

51<sup>st</sup>  
Annual



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*This is a little premature, but let's be positive and look forward. La Palma is too important in our Studebaker World to let it die on the vine. So, let's pickup our coffee mugs, beer steins or wine glasses and make a toast...*

## Cheers to 2025!







Avanti













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Descendants from the actual Studebaker Brothers family made a surprise visit to La Palma. We hope we see them more often.

