

The Starlight S'coupe is the official newsletter of the San Diego County Chapter of the Studebaker Drivers Club.

## **Upcoming Events:**

- August 12 Drive to San Clemente: cars and coffee for breakfast.
- August 18 Studebaker night at Cruisin Grand, Escondido.
   We will be on North Juniper from 5pm until 8pm

#### **Devin and Laura:**



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Behind every success is effort...

Behind every effort is passion...

Behind every passion is someone with the courage to try.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE JULY JOY



#### **GREETINGS CLUBSTERS:**

So much going on at this early time of the month!!! July 4<sup>th</sup> has come and gone. In the spirit of this memorable day I thought the club might enjoy investing 3 minutes in this remarkable tribute – you will thank yourself



Robin Williams as the Flag.

The man was a genius. He was 31 when he made this video...but I guarantee you will never see anything as creative as this again. Such a great loss. <a href="https://www.youtube.com/embed/Q\_L1vLv84vs">https://www.youtube.com/embed/Q\_L1vLv84vs</a>

At the suggestion of Colin Fort, we met at Brothers Restaurant for Breakfast where we had a full house- over twenty members.



We were pleased to see long time members Esther and Norm Croteau – their driver won \$40 of the \$80 - 50/50 drawing. Recovering from a horrific accident in December of last year, Ken and Maria Howell came to see their Studebaker Family.



Joyfully and sadly we experience the circle of life. We welcome our newest member, Piper Mae Kostrzewski – parents Devin and Laura





We mourn the loss of our member Dean Spooner who sadly passed on June 16<sup>th</sup> of this year. Mark Clifton shares Dean's full active life below.

Our friend and Studebaker Club member, Dean Spooner passed away the night of June 16th suddenly of an apparent heart attack. Life had broken his heart for the last time. He suffered with scars from Vietnam, his only daughter with a life long debilitating disease, years of cancer treatment and a failing VA hospital system that resulted in his early death at 75yrs old.

He was #88 of the Prowler car club, he was in the Porsche car club 52 years, the Studebaker car club, president of his homeowners association twice, president of Lemon Grove Rotary, an avid Sailor and a Airplane Pilot. A member of the Elks, American Legion, and life member of the VFW in Alpine. He had a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star.

He was a true craftsman, from fine woodworking, general construction, and auto mechanics, he could fix anything from a washing machine to a classic Porsche. He leaves behind his wife Jan of 50+ years, his daughter Claudeen, and many many friends. He will be sorely missed... Mark Clifton.

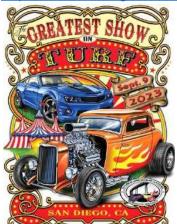
#### June Birthday – Tony Usher – Happy Birthday Toni – breakfast is on the club!!!

#### SIGNIFICANT UPCOMING SAN DIEGO STUDEBAKER DRIVERS CLUB EVENTS \* MICHELE ST. CLAIRE WILL SEND EMAILS

SATURDAY AUGUST 12 DRIVE TO SAN CLEMENTE CARS AND COFFEE FOR BREAKFAST. FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 8, 10:00 AM PRIVATE TOUR TO THE ONLY YESTERDAY AUTO AND MILITARY COLLECTION. WE WILL BE JOINED BY THE SAN DIEGO TRIUMPH CLUB. RSVP BY AUGUST  $25^{TH}$  IS A MUST

#### Various Other Car Events from SDACC

These events are put on by the San Diego Association of Car Clubs. Check out their website at <a href="https://www.sandiegoassociationofcarclubs.org/">https://www.sandiegoassociationofcarclubs.org/</a>









#### **FUN STUFF AND INTERESTING ARTICLES**

In your down time, you might find some of these videos enlightening and funny.. ENJOY

Subject: Le Mans 45 MINUTES <a href="https://youtu.be/XN7iLdZKqK8">https://youtu.be/XN7iLdZKqK8</a>

Fun at the slower end of the Sports car spectrum. Written by one of the truly great gearheads. Enjoy! Subject: Peter Egan on the Bugeye/frogeye Sprite

https://www.bugeveguvs.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/scan0001.pdf

#### DO YOU WANT TO BE RIGHT OR HAPPY?

www.biggeekdad.com/2022/05/happy-marriage-logic-map/

HOW TO SELL A CLASSIC CAR THAT NEEDS WORK

#### DON'T GARAGE IT....DRIVE YOUR STUDEBAKER!

We look forward to catching up monthly with our Studebaker Family. Our club is only as vibrant and active as you want it to be. I continually call to remind members of our events. Please check your calendars and participate.. WE MISS YOU!! Friends, this is your club.... If you like to cook or have a hobby share it with us. We are interested to hear from all of you For all those who have given us your birthday and anniversary dates, if you come to a meeting during that special month, BREAKFAST OR LUNCH ON THE CLUB!!. Just ask Toni Usher

Stay tuned for my Studebaker Canadian Car purchase... NOT FOR THE FAINT AT HEART!!!

Studebakerly,

Keith Wahl, President

The July 4th San Diego Association of Car Clubs was held at the Jolly Joker Tavern parking lot 2-5pm. The turn was light because it was the 4th holiday. There were 18 cars on display. The only topic at the meeting was the upcoming car shows listed.

Broken Yolk for Car Show Folks July 30, 2023 8am-2pm Santee 9832 Mission Gorge Rd

Cajon Cruise, every Wednesday 5-7pm thru Oct 23, El Cajon Main St

Pacific Beach Wild Rides & Classic Car Show August 19th 10am-2pm, Garnet at Mission

Greatest Show on Turf (SDACC car show) September 9th 9am-3pm South Clairemont Park 3605 Clairemont Dr, SD 92117

Ricky





# **Calendar of Events**





## ~ 2023 ~

Date/Time	Event	Location
Jan. 14	Monthly Meeting	Dinos Greek Restaurant
Feb. 11	Monthly Meeting	Rancho Santa Fe Cars n Coffee Paseo Delicia's and Cielo Village Santa Fe followed by lunch at Fernando's Hideaway
Mar. 11	Monthly Meeting/ Chili Cookoff	St. Clair's, 3931 May Ct, Carlsbad, 760-522-0188 Please RSVP
April 15	Monthly Meeting and event	Birch Aquarium, Time: TBD Adult: \$24.95, 60+ \$22.95, Military: \$21.95, Age 3-17 \$19.95 Lunch at Cliff Hanger Café, 2800 Torrey Pines Scenic Dr.
May 28, 7a -3p	49 <sup>th</sup> annual La Palma Studebaker meet and club meeting	La Palma Park 1151 La Palma, Anaheim
June 10,	Event: Time; TBDh	J.A. Cooley Museum, 4233 Park Blvd, San Diego Lunch at Chicken Pie shop, 2633 El Cajon Blvd
July 8 ,	Monthly Meeting; 11:30	Brothers Family Restaurant, 5150 Waring Rd, SanDiego
Aug. 12	Event: 7:30am-11am	South OC Cars and Coffee, 101 W. Avenida Hermosa, San Clemente, meet at HWY 78 park and ride
Sept. 9	Monthly Meeting	10:00 AM PRIVATE TOUR TO THE ONLY YESTERDAY AUTO AND MILITARY COLLECTION. WE WILL BE JOINED BY THE SAN DIEGO TRIUMPH CLUB. RSVP BY AUGUST 25 <sup>TH</sup> IS A MUST
Oct. 14	Monthly Meeting	Breakfast Meeting – Admiral Baker Club. RSVP please!!
Nov.11	Monthly Meeting	Pending
Dec. 9	Holiday Party	Pending