

Starlight S'coupe



The Official Newsletter of the San Diego Chapter of the SDC

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE **NOVEMBER NEWS**

GREETINGS CLUBSTERS:



Our meeting this month took place Saturday, November 11 at the Gillespie Café at the Gillespie Field Airport on Veteran's day. We Salute our wonderful veteran members>**Ricky, Ken, Bob, Norm, Mark and anyone I may have missed.

November Birthday celebrants, Bob Halgren, Ricky Logier and Ken Howell were treated to breakfast courtesy of the Club.

In attendance were 20 members : The Cliftons, The Halgrens, The Croteaus, The Howells, The Jones', Willa Mills, Tony Usher, Grace Van Winkle, Joanne Wooster, Ed Quin, Ricky Logier, Bob Buchaklian. The venue was very pleasant ,the food was good but the Airplane noise was a bit much..

We discussed some specific agenda items such as the next year's schedule and bylaws changes. For those who did not get an email, I have included the agenda to this newsletter.



SECRETARY REPORT:

SAN DIEGO ASSOCIATION OF CAR CLUBS MEETING ...Ricky Gave the Car Council report.. Currently there are 67 car club SDACC members. The San Diego Association of Car Clubs 11/07/23 meeting was held at 7:00pm Balboa Park Auto Museum. There were 25+ car clubs represented.

SDACC as of 10/31/23 has \$12,776 in their bank account. 2024 SDACC dues will stay the same and are payable by 01/01/2024. There will be no December 2023 & January 2024 SDACC meetings . The next SDACC meeting will be on 02/06/24 7:00pm Balboa Park Auto Museum.



Federal legislation "Repair Act 2023" which will prevent automobile manufacturers from mandating specific brands or equipment to be used on vehicles. Will be implemented standardized access platform to vehicle owners and repair shops data and diagnostic data of a vehicle. It has passed in the House of Representatives and has moved to the Senate for a vote.

Attempts to raise the vehicle smog exception from prior to 1975 to prior to 1984 in Sacramento has failed again. Even though the cars are a very small portion of the vehicle population on the road most are recognized as vintage vehicles. This is just used as a scapegoat for California Legislators.

The Santee Drive-in Auto Swap & Car Show has moved to the North Island CU Amphitheatre, 2050 Entertainment Ctr, Chula Vista 91911. The 1st show will be Sunday 02/18/24. 2 for 1 pass will be available at the SDCSDC meeting.

VP Charge Steve presented to the club meeting a new App that is being developed to help bring car clubs into the 21st century. Currently the App is being designed in the San Diego area and being tested. It will only be for vehicles. Car Clubs & car owners will be able to list the shows/clubs/cars and be able to contact by message to each other. Owners will provide a picture, license plate # & description of their vehicles. Then a person sees a car can contact the owner by inputting/scanning the license plate # and invite the owner to a show or Club or you may be interested in purchasing for example. A patent has been applied for and is pending for the App. Once the App is fully developed it will be available on the App Store for download. The App is "MYMOTORVERSE", there will be a flyer available at the next SDCSDC meeting with the QR code to scan and download.

SDACC Hot Rod Holly's annual Christmas Cruise will be on 12/25/23. It starts off early at KUSI TV Station in Kearny Mesa with Dave Stall. She is inviting Car clubs wishing to participate & give back will meet up at KUSI for a live Christmas broadcast Christmas morning. She is requesting donations of 🧺, new hygiene products, new or gently used clean used clothes, blankets, sleeping bags. Vehicles will caravan to the ALPHA Project downtown San Diego to drop off donations.

Flyers will be available at the next SDCSDC meeting for the following car shows/events:

Spirit of Christmas Classic Car Show 12/02/23 3:00-7:30 PM. Monte Vista High School, 3230 Sweetwater Spring Blvd, Spring Valley 91977

Over the Hill Gang San Diego annual STREAKS 51,
May 10-11 2024, Campland on the Bay event.
Ricky

TREASURER REPORT: Mimi Gave the Treasurer's Report The financial Health of the group is good. We have not spent any money! (CONGRESS TAKE NOTE!!) Howard Jones and Keith Wahl purchased T Shirts and Ricky got a bumper Magnet. The 50/50 drawing was won by Howard Joines!! (Funny,, he drew the ticket....I am throwing a flag on that one!!

Minutes of the past meeting were unanimously approved, We no longer will have a majority of a quorum of 8 members for bylaws changes, Club Expenditures or major business items. In October, the group unanimously voted for the board - including President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Immediate past president to effect any changes. This is being done because of the historic low turnout for events and necessary timely response for club business.

VICE PRESIDENT REPORT: Bob and Mimi Halgren have graciously agreed to remain as Vice President and Treasurer. Many Clubs are facing the same problem of diminishing membership and participation. A discussion regarding joining with other organizations was well participated in by the group. 2 Options were presented.

1) Joining with BCOIE to form a Southern California Chapter..... Don Cox presented the idea of a merger at the BCOIE Chapter's last meeting. The group was very understanding but felt keeping the groups separate was the best option at this time. Their main concern being distance and travel time. Their membership feels strongly about joint ventures in the future as well as supporting each other at yearly events.

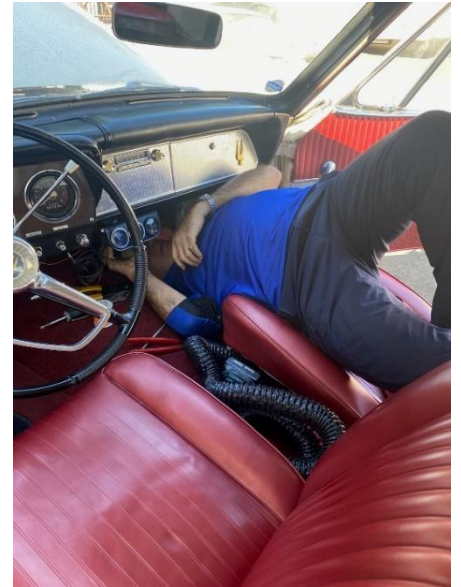
2) Join with AACA of San Diego. Bobb presented the results of his meeting and polled the group regarding their choice for meetings. There was a consensus of opinion that members enjoy the club for the social aspect. Breakfast dining seemed to be the majority opinion **SEE BOB AND MIMI'S REPORT BELOW. attached to our minutes.

SIGNIFICANT UPCOMING SAN DIEGO STUDEBAKER DRIVERS CLUB EVENTS * MICHELE ST. CLAIR WILL SEND EMAILS
**** holiday party December 9th, Bring an unwrapped toy and let Michelle know what food item(s) you will bring.**

Bob Buchaklian will be arranging a March Meeting and has come up with the idea of a TRUNK PARTS SALE/GIVE-AWAY WITH PROCEEDS TO THE CLUB. More on this in the December Newsletter,

CANADIAN CAR CONUNDRUM CHAPTER 4 –

Well, I finally have the car sorted with the major repairs completed. We needed to call the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to help with some of the chores. Here is what we have done!.. The carburetor was rebuilt and re- bushed with the choke and fast idle settings adjusted. This is a sealed system for the supercharger and required a lot of work to get it running correctly. Tachometer needed a new circuit board. We installed a remote trunk lock, replaced air duct hoses, brand new windshield with refinished stainless trim, polished the aluminum rocker panels, - new hood springs which resulted in bracing the sides with square bar, rear seat belts, refinish the floor, construct a package shelf for reupholstery, fix electric fuel pump, new regulator, new front and rear shocks, new water pump, master cylinder, brake hoses, fabricate accessory turn signal indicator for repackage shelf, 3rd brake light, electric fan, custom overflow for radiator. On the list for next month, custom fabricated air intake, completion of customized pieces for interior including console, carpeted trunk, spare wheel cover, custom hood pad... Stay Tuned



ART CENTER OF DESIGN Invitational 2023

ArtCenter invites alumni, industry partners and car collectors to exhibit their vehicles and share the stories behind the design with current and prospective students seeking to become the next generation of transportation designers.

Ken Okayama.1 Off Design for a Client. Maseratti 2023 Kode 61 Birdcage . Okayama formerly worked for Pininfarina, designing and supervising projects such as the Enzo Ferrari and Ferrari P4/5.



The ArtCenter Design Invitational gives current and prospective students an opportunity to meet the creators of some of the world's most iconic automobiles and get an up-close-and-personal look at a carefully curated selection of 30–40 futuristic concepts, cutting-edge vehicles and incredible classic cars.

The unique stories of each vehicle will be revealed through live interviews with the designers. Students are encouraged to engage in this lively discussion during presentations by top designers

and an exhibition of rare and exotic vehicles.



Keith Wahl, Bob Halgren and Rickey Logier represented Studebaker in the 1963 R2 Avanti. This is an invitation only event. We headed off at 0 Dark 30 and had a flawless drive save for my driver window which decided to misbehave. We did get to use the heater and it worked. Our round trip was about 2809 Miles. The art center located very close to the Rose Bowl which gave us traffic on the way home as well as the usual blockade north of Carlsbad. However, the Avanti did not miss a beat. Remained at 180 degrees and got 15 MPG. Bob drove home There were 2 other Aventis both R1. One belonged to Joe Tseng an art center graduate who purchased 1962 Indianapolis Champion Roger Ward's car. That was some terrific history.



We were given a tour of the college to see how the students design, create and produce models of tomorrow's vehicles.



Henrik Fisker is a Danish automotive designer and entrepreneur based in Los Angeles, California. He is best known for designing luxury cars. After working at BMW, Ford, and Aston Martin, Fisker founded Fisker Automotive in 2007. Henrik Fisker, graduate of Art center has a new company where he is producing the Fisker Ocean SUV. I got to meet him and learn about his fabulous new electric SUV

MEMBERS OUT AND ABOUT!!

The East County Cruisers put on a great show again at Bates Nut Farm in Valley Center. Mimi and I and our daughter and Ken and Michele St Clair had a great time socializing, looking at a diverse selection of cars (around 100), perusing the craft vendors, and chowing down at the food trucks.

The awards ceremony was hosted by a funny guy who kept things moving. Michele and I participated in a contest to see who could clean their bowl of chocolate pudding using only their tongue! This is where Maggie (our dog) would have come in handy. BOB won an award with the Avanti he restored from Jack Usher



*BOB HALGREN AND KEN ST, CLAIR

AT MIKE ANDERSON’S CELEBRATION OF LIFE Mike Anderson Memorial 4 November 2023

Mimi and I attended Mike’s memorial out at Stude Acres in Sloan Valley. The memorial started with socializing and a catered Mexican style lunch followed by relatives and friends talking about their memories of Mike. Lastly was a tour of Mike’s garage and steam engines. Former club members Gary Gobel, Bob Wagner, and Bob Lasher also attended.

- Bob Halgren



Interesting articles - Paxton-McCulloch Supercharger History -

This is a 4 part Series about a fascinating engineer who is key to a lot of products and vehicles with which you are familiar. The bottom of each part will jump to the next chapter. Have fun. I learned a lot!!

<http://www.superchargerhelp.com/showthread.php?9732-Paxton-McCulloch-Supercharger-History-Part-I&s=6dbf385f88053876b47049d5994b0d06>

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Noises and Causes

At one time or another, most motorists have heard some type of noise coming from their cars. They are often an indication of a problem that can be nipped in the bud. Some of the problems are:

Vibration noise

If the car vibrates at moderate speeds you should check to see if your wheels are in balance. This is a common cause. If the front wheels are out of balance, you will feel most of the vibration in the steering. When the rear tires are out of balance, you will generally feel it in the back seat.

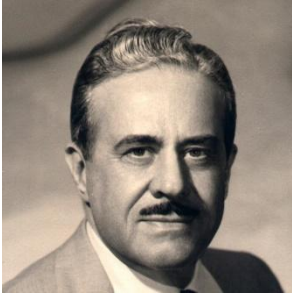
A bent drive shaft will also give vibration but it will be noiseless.

The vibration will be felt more on the back seat also.

Thumps

If you hear a steady “thump” when you are driving, check your tires. You may have a foreign object like a stone that is wedged in the tread. **You may also have an air bubble on the tire surface, which is critically dangerous.** If it is an object, just remove it carefully so that you do not damage the tire. If it’s a bubble, **change the tire immediately as it is unsafe to use.** Bubbles mean that the tire is very thin and it could explode while you are on the road.

FOOD!!- DO YOU HAVE ANY RECIPES?? PLEASE SHARE! MAYBE YOU WILL LIKE THIS ONE FROM THE ONE AND ONLY RAYMOND LOEWY



“It should be humble, it should not jump at you, it should blend with the surroundings... that's good design.”

Raymond Loewy

American, born Paris, 1893–1986

**Raymond Loewy's Beer-Steamed Clams
with Fennel and Tarragon**

1 fennel bulb, cut into 1/4-inch pieces

1 medium shallot, diced

2 celery stalks, cut into 1/4-inch pieces

8 dozen little neck clams, cleaned

1 (12-ounce) bottle of pale ale beer

2 tablespoons butter

1 tablespoon tarragon, chopped,
plus leaves for garnish

1 tablespoon parsley, chopped,
plus leaves for garnish

Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

In a large Dutch oven set over medium-high heat, heat olive oil. Add garlic, shallot, fennel, and celery and sauté until translucent. Add clams and beer. Reduce heat to medium, then cover and steam until the clams open. Remove clams to a serving bowl and discard any that are closed. Return the pot to medium-high heat and bring beer to a slow boil. Whisk in butter one tablespoon at a time until melted. Stir in chopped tarragon and parsley. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Pour hot beer sauce over clams. Garnish with tarragon and parsley leaves. Serve with focaccia or other crusty bread.

Recipe from *Avanti* magazine. <http://www.aoai.org/magazine/>

Clubsters.. this is your newsletter. Everyone is doing something during the off times when we are not together. Please Share.. Events, Recipes, Birthdays (club buys your meal on your birthday month if you show up, Bob Halgren, Ricky Logier and Ken Howell got their meals on the club.

[*Click this link to load all current and past Studebaker Auctions on Bring A Trailer](#)

It was RED month on BAT for Stude's, check out a few recent listings below, all of them RED!

30k for a 1.5 ton Flatbed :



<https://bringatrailer.com/listing/1947-studebaker-m16-1-5-ton/>

*** I mentioned last month how I love the giant commercial Stude's. This one seems to be in great shape and was originally ordered by the Forrest Trucking Company in Ohio**

**Studebaker Drivers Club
San Diego County Chapter
Meeting Agenda November 11, 203 9:00 AM
Gillespie Café**

Call to Order: GUEST, NEW MEMBERS??

Secretary:

Approval of the Minutes on Web Page:
Changes/Corrections?
SD Car Club Council Report

Treasurers Report:

SENT BY Treasurer Mimi and discussed

Vice President:

Report from AACA joint events: see below

Name Tag Drawing – We have had so few attendees that we continue to add to the pot
We will be adding monthly until we get an amount worth drawing
50/50 Drawing – Same situation as above

Activities Report:

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS: RICKY LOGIER, BOB HALGREN, KEN HOWELL

Past Monthly Events:

T shirts just a few left for sale
Bumper Magnets 2 available

New Business:

1. **Events:** We are looking for members to contribute to plan monthly events- This is what brings the interest and joy to the club. Please think about arranging an event and discuss at the monthly meeting.
2. **DISCUSSION FUTURE ACTIVITIES** – I AM PROPOSING WE MEET 5 TIMES A YEAR with additional meetings as desired during the off months. Car shows, picnics, last minute get togethers., GUEST Speakers. This is your Club.. **PLAN EVENTS MAKE IT INTERESTING. PARTICIPATE!!**
The major meetings would be
 - FEBRUARY * CHILI COOK OFF – COMBINE WITH AACA
 - MAY- LA PALMA
 - Join AACA for July 4 parade Coronado or July 4 PICNIC
 - SEPTEMBER GREATEST SHOW ON TURF OR LONG BEACH SOCK HOP GET TOGETHER
 - DECEMBER CHRISTMAS PARTY WHERE, WHEN, WHO
3. **RAFFLE ITEMS FOR REVENUE** – KEITH- GLASS JEWELRY WILL BE RAFFLED AT DECEMBER MEETING
Please consider bringing an item to raffle
4. WHO WANTS TO PLAN AN EVENT
5. Where would you like your meetings to take place?? New venue each time we get together or settle on one place?

Adjourn Meeting

AACA Board Meeting Report 2 Nov. 2023

Hi Clubsters

Mimi and I went to the monthly Antique Automobile Club of America board meeting last week (Oct. 26) to look at possibilities for joint club events. The meeting was held at Marie Calanders in La Mesa. The local chapter of the AACA is set up much like our club. They meet monthly at the Joyce Beers Center and try to have two events per month. In the month of November they have a 4th Saturday breakfast, a silent movie at Trinity Church in Spring Valley, and their Annual Banquet. They will be having a planning meeting in December also.

They are a nice group of people with a club that is experiencing the same aging out problems as our club. However, they started with a larger member base so they are still a going concern.

We talked to them about joint events and they thought that was a great idea. We mentioned possibly doing a joint Chili cookoff in February and they thought that was a swell idea. (The possible size of the turnout could make it difficult to have at our house).

One thing they do (which we used to do) is have members sign up to be in charge of coordinating an event. We also used to have a yearly planning meeting. As things are now, events are left to Keith Wahl and Michele St. Clair to devise and execute. Both are experiencing burnout particularly with low turnout at many events.

Maybe we are the Studebaker Dining Club? Should we have a meal centered outing every three months and not worry about car related events? Those interested in driving their cars could hook onto the VMCCA for regional tours and the local AACA for local events. They could drive their cars to the dining events.

What do you think?

Are you ready to host an event and participate?

Please let me know what you think or if you have any suggestions. I will present it to the board so we can make a decision on the future direction of the club.

Looking forward to hearing from you,

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Vice President, San Diego Studebaker Driver's Club

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