

# Starlight S'coupe



The Official Newsletter of the San Diego Chapter of the SDC

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE \*\*OCTOBER OUTINGS\*\*



### GREETINGS CLUBSTERS:

We are winding down the year. Our meeting this month took place at the Admiral Baker Club. In attendance were Mark Clifton, The Piszkins, Ken and Maria Howell, the Croteaus and their driver, the Forts, Joanne Wooster and Ricky. The venue was very pleasant and quiet. We had a beautiful room to ourselves and the food was good. 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.



The financial Health of the group is good. We have not spent any money. Ken Howell bought a T shirt. Mark Clifton informed us about the Lyons Club Raffle for the purpose of vision testing and glasses for the Children in El Cajon. Priszkins, Ricky, and myself purchased raffle tickets

We had enough members for a quorum, and we unanimously voted on a bylaws change for voting. We no longer will have a majority of a quorum of 8 members for bylaws changes, Club Expenditures or major business items. 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 progressive low turnout for events and necessary timely response for club business. 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

2) Join with AACA of San Diego. There were very good concerns regarding both options.

The BCOIE proposal was concerning regarding the comingling of funds and potential travel difficulties for event.

The AACA proposal was concerning regarding losing the Studebaker Identity. There will be a Board meeting of the AACA on October 26 to which I have been invited (and would like to include any of our Board) to discuss the opportunities for a merger. There may be legal implications for both options.

**SAD NEWS: Michael Dale Anderson**  
**JUNE 26, 1949 – SEPTEMBER 5, 2023**



Michael Dale Anderson, age 74, passed away at home on September 5, 2023 from cardiovascular disease. As requested by Mike, family and friends are welcome to attend a celebration of life/party to be held at Studeacres (Mike's home in Jamul) on November 4 from 11:00am to 3:00pm. Bring your stories to share.

**We had the pleasure of visiting Mike's property and traversing his zip line. A unique** character, Mike Anderson was an artist with deep knowledge of how to design and create complex objects. He was a talented fabricator, dedicated to quality and craftsmanship. A true Midwesterner, Mike believed that "new" did not always mean "better." In fact, one of his favorite aphorisms was, "In rust we trust."

Generous, loyal and adventurous, he had an appropriate (or inappropriate) story for every occasion. He was known for making friends across age groups, avidly supporting artists he cared about--the quirkiest, the better. The Acrocats, the Barnacle Boys, and Sue Palmer and Her Motel Swing Orchestra are just a few examples.

In retirement Mike was able to devote himself to his many interests. He was passionate about restoring antique equipment and machinery--mostly steam engines in his later years. He liked nothing better than spending his days out in his spacious, light-filled shop with his dogs napping nearby. From antique trucks to construction equipment, to Studebakers, to cranes, to his house,

to Bumfoot Mine, to antique gas and steam engines--he loved and focused on each of them exclusively for periods of time before moving on to his next area of interest.

Mike owned an artfully designed modern home, a fully equipped shop, and expansive acreage for collecting and resurrecting old machinery and steam engines, bringing them back to their former states glory. He was always ready and willing to give a tour of his property, preferably with visitors packed into the back of his refurbished 1960's Cushman. He loved giving people a glimpse of the days of yore when machinery was designed not only for utility but also for aesthetics. For Mike, they were usable works of art. Good at explaining how things functioned, Mike positively glowed when he was describing and demonstrating the power and genius of old designs.

**CANADIAN CAR CONUNDRUM CHAPTER 3** – After 3 painful weeks at a transmission shop (I am not naming it because I was disappointed as a customer) we serviced the transmission and power washed the frame to assess all the leaks. Off to Gillespie field where it the following was done:

Carb readjust, complete revamp of the brakes (poorly done in July 2022 by the prior owner's mechanics) new master cylinder, new brake hoses, rebuild power steering pump, new water pump, new shocks, additional electrical items such as functional turn signals at the fender spears, 3<sup>rd</sup> back up light, power wiper washer,, new glove box light, make functional boost gauge

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

**\*\* GILLESPIE FIELD CAFÉ 9 AM BREAKFAST – SATURDAY NOVEMBER 11**

**FROM Devin Kostrzewski**

Fun month of auctions on Bring A Trailer for Studebaker. [CLICK HERE TO SEE ALL PAST AND PRESENT STUDEBAKER AUCTIONS ON THE PLATFORM](#) My favorite: This [1937 Studebaker J30M COE Flatbed Truck](#). I'm fascinated by giant commercial trucks of the past and hope to own one someday for kicks. This looks a little big for me but I love the design and thought of driving this around a farm someday.



A few others of note: - 1951 Champion Regal Project car fetched \$4,700. It looks in pretty nice shape to me : <https://bringatrailer.com/listing/1951-studebaker-champion-regal/>



Two-Tone 56 Golden Hawk with under 10,000 miles sold for 41k!  
: <https://bringatrailer.com/listing/1956-studebaker-golden-hawk-10/>



- Heavily modified 53 Starlight Coupe spotting a Chrysler 360 motor topped the golden hawk and sold for 46k!  
: <https://bringatrailer.com/listing/1953-studebaker-commander-starlight-coupe/>



A 64 Commander, quite similar to mine, was withdrawn from the platform due to some issues with the seller. Interesting to see the website patrolling listings in real time, including suspending this one after indications the seller would not honor a no reserve result if it didn't suit them. I wonder if this will be listed for sale on Facebook, Hemmings, or Craigslist in the near future : <https://bringatrailer.com/listing/1964-studebaker-commander-2/>





**FUN STUFF AND INTERESTING ARTICLES** \*\*\* In your down time, you might find some of these videos enlightening and funny..

Studebaker Today!

<https://youtu.be/Vci57Zi2XsQ>

63 Avanti vs. Tree...OWWWWWCH!

<https://youtu.be/yf1bzW8KVUk?si=UXYeqxGap0X26bBV>

Turquoise avanti

<https://youtu.be/CWlQd9XOwhE?si=SJgNWKxCT7KNVRpG>

Are Restoration Projects worth it?

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Life Is Too Short...

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'53 Studebaker Commander CONVERTIBLE! Wish they woulda made it...!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

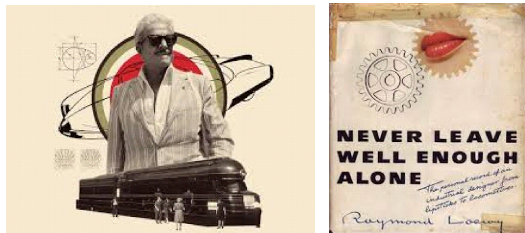
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WHAT IF THEY PRODUCED THIS STUDEBAKER?

<https://youtu.be/yBVES3mNdgA?si=GzFnSQYZ-4kCouQD>

33 Mistakes people make when buying a car

[33 Mistakes People Make When Selling a Car | U.S. News \(usnews.com\)](https://www.usnews.com/story/motors/33-mistakes-people-make-when-selling-a-car)

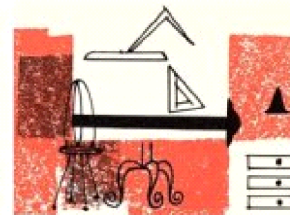


**Raymond Loewy's Scallops St. Tropez.** Raymond Loewy's sense of design stretches from streamlined locomotives of the 1930s to Studebakers of the 1950s to the U.S. Postal Service's eagle logo in 1970 and beyond. His recipe for Scallops St. Tropez is decadent as can be, but sure sounds elegant. I'd bet it would be delicious with shrimp too.

Raymond Loewy's Scallops St. Tropez.

Start heating oven to 400°F. In medium saucepan, melt:  
**5 tablesp. butter or margarine**  
Stir in:  
**6 tablesp. flour**  
**½ teasp. salt**  
**Generous dash white pepper**  
Cook mixture a few seconds, then stir in:  
**1 cup chicken broth**  
**1 cup milk**  
Cook, stirring, until thick and smooth.  
Now add:  
**¼ cup strained canned tomatoes or stewed fresh tomatoes**  
**¼ cup white wine**

When mixture is bubbling, drop in:  
**2 lb. sea scallops**  
Cook, stirring occasionally, about 8 min., or until scallops are done. Stir in:  
**2 teasp. fresh, frozen or canned lemon juice**  
**2 egg yolks beaten with ¼ cup heavy cream**  
Divide mixture evenly between 6 1-cup individual casseroles, or use scallop shells, and generously sprinkle top of each with:  
**Grated Parmesan or Swiss cheese**  
Bake 15 min., or until golden.  
*Makes 6 servings*





The Haus of Volta has released their 2024 Calendar to support breast cancer survivors. I was honored my Pink Panther was chosen for the cover. Such a great cause. Calendars are on sale at the link below.

<https://www.hausofvolta.org/shop>

The San Diego Association of Car Clubs held their last meeting at the Jolly Joker Tavern in Kearny Mesa for 2023 on 10/03/2023. The November meeting will be held on 11/07/2023 at the Automotive Museum in Balboa Park at 7:00pm. There will be no SDACC meetings for December 2024 & January 2024. SDACC meetings will start in February 2024 at the Automotive Museum in Balboa Park.

Check out all SDACC sanctioned car show events at

[www.SDACC.net/calendar](http://www.SDACC.net/calendar)

Ricky



**Studebaker Drivers Club  
San Diego County Chapter  
Meeting Agenda OCTOBER 14,2023 9:00 AM**

**Call to Order**

**Secretary:**

Approval of the Minutes on Web Page:  
Changes/Corrections?

**Treasurers Report:**

**SENT BY Treasurer Mimi and discussed**

**Old Business:**

SD Car Club Council Report  
Studebaker Vendor List Updates-

**Activities Report:**

Past Monthly Events:  
ONLY YESTERDAY Museum Tour and  
Greatest Show on Turf  
T shirts just a few left for sale  
Bumper Magnets all sold

**Vice President:**

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

**New Business:**

• **By Laws changes -ARTICLE 3 SECTION 9**

Currently a quorum of 8 members is needed for the meeting and any item for voting consideration. I am proposing that the Board of 5 members by majority opinion have the authority to make changes to the bylaws without a quorum of 8 members

- **ELECTIONS:** We were to have had formal elections in July. I have agreed to remain as president and Bob, Mimi and Ricki Have graciously agreed to remain. We will discuss amongst ourselves the term duration
- **Consideration of consolidating club with BCOIE and making a Southern California Chapter**
- **DISCUSSION FUTURE ACTIVITIES – I AM PROPOSING WE MEET 6 TIMES A YEAR** with additional meetings as desired during the off months. Car shows, picnics, last minute get togethers.  
The major meetings would be  
FEBRUARY \* CHILI COOK OFF  
APRIL OR OCTOBER - ? SUGGESTIONS  
MAY- LA PALMA  
JULY 4<sup>TH</sup>  
SEPTEMBER CAR SHOW



DECEMBER CHRISTMAS GET TOGETHER ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

- RAFFLE ITEMS FOR REVENUE – KEITH- GLASS JEWELRY WILL BE RAFFLED AT DECEMBER MEETING
- DISCUSS HOLIDAY PARTY - MICHELLE TO SEND LIST FOR FOOD ITEMS

**Adjourn Meeting**

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

**DID YOU DRIVE YOUR STUDEBAKER ON SEPTEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>?? Ken St. Claire, Bob and Mimi, Keith and Ricki did!!!**

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

Studebakerly,  
Keith Wahl, President

**Chapter Officers:**

<b>Elected</b>	President	Keith Wahl	kwahl@san.rr.com	858-518-2190
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<b>Elected</b>	Director	Ed Smith	edcollects@gmail.com	602-290-1045
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	Regional Manager	Gene Nagle	StudieV8@gmail.com	858-335-3183

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