



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

Upcoming Event:

- **June 10** J.A. Cooley Museum 4233 Park Blvd SD, at 11:00am admission \$10.

Then Lunch/Meeting 12:30pm Chicken Pie Shop. 2633 El Cajon Blvd, San Diego

[2023 La Palma Studebaker Meet](#)



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San Diego County Chapter's 50th Anniversary, 1972 ~ 2022

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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 MAY MUSING

GREETINGS CLUBSTERS:



Well its that time again and May is always a very special month. Folks start to look around the garage at old parts they may want to get rid of at the La Palma Swap and Car meet. This year was a very nice turn out with some terrific cars - Perhaps 75 in total

We had a good turnout from our club where we held our meeting. Present were:

Michele and Ken St. Claire, Tim Huntley and Sabrina , The Fort Family – Colin, Susan, Sean Colin, Monica and Jim Pelletier, Ricky Logier, Mark Clifton, Bob Buchaklian, Gene Nagel, Mike and Emma Yagley, Jan and Dean Spooner.

Treasurer's report was submitted by Mimi Halgren – no real changes. Ricky Logier went over upcoming activities and the car council report. Our next event is in June at the Cooley Museum followed by lunch at the Chicken Pie Shop. We meet at the Cooley Museum - 4233 Park Blvd, San Diego, CA 92103 at 11:00 and tour until about 12:30 where we head off for lunch. Drive your Studebaker if you can.

About the La Palma event. ----This was the 49th year and there will be a 50 year celebration – 2024. The show starts off with presentation of the colors, Star Spangled Banner and Taps- paying respect to those who sacrificed to make our celebration of this day possible



Dean and Jan Spooner drove their truck to my home meeting up with Mark Clifton and Ricky Logier. Consuelo-- the 55 Conestoga was the Studebaker Transportation Du Jour for Keith, Mark and Ricky. The ride was very pleasant6 We did a caravan up to Anaheim with a stop off at Avenue Pico for a breakfast break. We had little traffic but we did have rain. We loaded up my 55 Conestoga (just like they did in the old west) taking parts for sale. The Spooners were able to take the extra parts in their truck. .. Caravanning is fun!!



We got to the field about 8:15 am which was already set up and parked. The event is always fun. Don Cox is a great D-Jay. We missed Stan Haverland this year as he was attending to wife Pearl who was recovering from surgery for a broken hip. The LA Branch did the judging on a 400 point system. Keith Wahl and Mike Yagely came away with prizes,.. GO SAN DIEGO!!



There were great cars at the show. The usual antiques, the various Hawks, Larks, Trucks and Customs. The best of show vehicle is this rare R4 (Dual 4 Barrel) Avanti chosen by the grandson of former president Sherwood Egbert. It has been at this show before and is a family owned vehicle presented by the owner's son. There was a beautiful Studebaker Lark Gasser – photos shown



Member Updates:

Ken Howell left the hospital after a long recovery from his horrific accident on Christmas day. Bob Halgren continues to recover and is getting stronger every day. Our group prayers had positive healing effects!!

FUN FACTS ABOUT STUDEBAKER... DID YOU KNOW??

They Were The First Independent Automaker To Produce The Overhead-Valve V8

Cadillac and Oldsmobile were the first to make them, but Studebaker was at the front of the line for independent automakers. Many others chose to buy this engine from one of the greats, and Studebaker decided it would be a better financial decision if they made it in-house instead. The 1951 Commander won the Mobil gas Economy Run which stretched 840 miles from Los Angeles to the Grand Canyon.

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

We look forward to catching up monthly with our Studebaker Family. For all those who have given us your birthday and anniversary dates, if you come to a meeting during that special month, lunch is on the club. Just ask KEITH Rider!!

Studebakerly,

Keith Wahl, President

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The [San Diego Association of Car Clubs](#) (SDACC)

The San Diego Association of Car Club Meeting was May 2nd. Held at the Jolly Joker Tavern 5-7 pm. There were 10 Car Club reps and 25 cars on display. The VP Charger Steve spoke about upcoming car shows and the show insurance the SDACC can provide to Car Clubs for car shows & events at no cost. He also informed the group of the SDACC special meal deal at the Jolly Joker, hamburger 🍔 fries 🍟 & soft drink 🥤 \$10 or a pint 🍺 \$12. The next SDACC meeting is June 6, 2023 5-7 pm.

Mission Beach Father's Day Cruise to Belmont Park 06/18
10am-3pm

Carroll Shelby Car Show Seaport Village SD,
06/24 9am-2pm

Car Show flyers will be available at the SDCSDC April club meeting.

For more information go to SDACC calendar of events, www.SDACC.net/calendar

Ricky



SAN DIEGO ASSOCIATION OF CAR CLUBS MEETUP
EVERY 1ST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH
MARCH THROUGH OCTOBER

5-7P

FREE AWARDS | MUSIC | FOOD | FUN

OPEN TO ALL VEHICLES, CLUBS & INDIVIDUALS

LOCATED AT:
THE JOLLY JOKER TAVERN
5225 Hearty Villa Rd 92123
The Jolly Joker shares a parking lot with Sonic Drive-In

March 7	July 4 2pm-5pm <small>Special time for this show ONLY!</small>
April 4	August 1
May 2	September 5
June 6	October 3

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Calendar of Events

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~ 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 th 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	Pending
Oct. 14	Monthly Meeting	Pending
Nov.11	Monthly Meeting	Pending
Dec. 9	Holiday Party	Pending

Hee Haw!

It Pays To Read The Instructions – True Story!

NASA, the space shuttle people developed a gun to shoot chickens at the wind shields of space craft and other aircraft to test the effects of a bird hitting it at a high speed. It uses compressed air to shoot a dead chicken at the velocity of about 500 MPH. The English and French train operators heard about the gun and wanted to test it on their high-speed trains due to the increased speeds they were trying to achieve. After much paperwork and red tape, the arrangements were finally made and the gun was shipped to Europe for testing. The test commenced and the test engineers were horrified to find that the chicken went through the windshield, smashed the train engineer's seat back and lodged itself in the back wall of the cabin. They sent off a quick letter to the NASA engineers to see if maybe they could explain why their results were so bad, was it the design of their trains?

NASA sent back a one - line response. THAW THE CHICKEN.
Sometimes it does pay to read the instructions.

*Gleaned from the S'Coupe Express,
Willamette Chapter Newsletter. Thanks to Jean Lasseter, Editor*

- Thank you, Mimi Halgren for submitting this.

Great picture!!! The building with the clock was Paul G. Hoffman Studebaker Dealership. He also was President of the Studebaker Corporation. ~ Ricky Logier [SAN DIEGO STUDEBAKER DRIVERS GROUP](#)



Circa 1920's, Intersection of Figueroa Street & Pico Boulevard, Los Angeles.