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Next Meeting:

Thursday, February 15th - 7:30 p.m.
Marjorie Post Park Community Room

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



This time of year is always a good time to plan for the Spring and the car shows we all want to attend. Our next meeting will address our show and some events we wish to attend for 2018.

The attendance at our last meeting was encouraging and I did enjoy changing the menu to pizza instead of donuts. I think the only thing I would change is to have coffee available for those who enjoy a nice hot drink instead of soda. Those members who were unable to attend, we hope to see you this next meeting and share some good food and conversation.

I know some of us are working on our project cars to have them ready by our show in September. Charlie is working on his Packard Hawk, Tom is working on his Fricke "Studelac" and with some luck I will have my 1953 Coupe finished for the show. I know it seems like forever to finish but we are all close to completion.

If anyone is working on a project and would like to share, feel free to let us know. You can let us know at the meeting or contact us via the Newsletter or online.

I hope to change the venue of our March meeting at my shop in Deer Park for a change of scenery. The

MEETING INFORMATION

Third Thursday of every month

7:30 p.m.

Community Room

Marjorie Post Park

Massapequa

New members welcome!

shop is full and there will many cars in different stages of restoration. It should be fun.

Please stay safe and healthy during this icy season and we hope to see you all at the next meeting.

Kevin J Healion, President
Studebaker Long Island Chapter

JANUARY MEETING RECAP



Our meeting opened with the salute to the Flag at 8:11 P.M. It was great to see Sal and Tillie Palmeri at the meeting. Lanning Baron proposed that we dispense with the reading of the November meeting recap. The vote was unanimous.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Frank Sammon reviewed all checking expenses and income from December, 2017.

Checking expenses included Newsletter, brunch at Capt. Bill's, brunch down payment, brunch tips and brunch refunds.

Checking income included brunch income, dues and 50/50, plus account interest.

There was no activity in our savings account.

NEW BUSINESS:

We elected to have our Dust-off Run on April 28th at the Garage Eatery in Islandia.

Our annual Stude Picnic will be on Sunday, August 26. Lanning suggested that we look into Woodbury/Syosset Park, which is opposite Fox Hollow Inn.

We have scheduled our annual Studebaker Reunion Sunday and Orphan Car show on Sunday, September 23rd. Hopefully, we will be able to secure Heckscher Park in Huntington for that date.

Mitch suggested that we have a club run out to Cutchogue on October 7th in conjunction with a scheduled car show there on that date. We have been promised a spot for all the Studebaker cars that show up.

Of course, all the above dates are tentative until we can confirm each one.

Our business meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M. for pizza and soda.

Respectfully submitted,
Roger Price, Recording Secretary

IT'S A SMALL WORLD



The Studebaker community may have a large number of members, but it's also a small group with a long memory of the people who have belonged to any given chapter. Frank Sammon received the letter(s) and photo below in the spring of 2017, and I was sure that I'd included it in one of our newsletters, but it seems that it somehow got buried on the desk and never made it in. It's too good a story not to share, so here it is now.

Frank McManus, who is a current member of the chapter now living in Florida, was an early member of the Long Island Chapter back during the time when Frank was President. He had been out of touch for many years, but reached out to Frank to try to reconnect with friends he remembered from the chapter. The two letters and photo below fill in the rest of the story.

Cathy

April 18, 2017

Dear Frank,

I went to the Florida State Meet on November 5, 2016 to look for my old '38 as I sold it to a fellow in North Florida, thinking he would be at the state meet, but he was not there. But I did come across Harry Barnes' '38 that Matthew Burnette got from auction in New Jersey and brought to Florida. I still had my '38 plates that I sent over to him to put on it.

Also it was good to talk to Bobby Heinsen and Tom Portesy. Would you please send me any other phone number of members that were in the chapter when I was a member?

Sincerely,
Frank McManus

Mr. McManus,

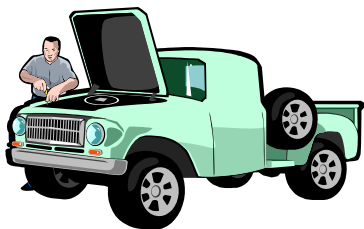
I wanted to send a note to say **Thank You** for your old license plate! I immediately drove over to my Friend George's Studebaker shop (where he stores Harry's old '38) and put it on the front of the car. I think it's a fitting home, given the history of the car and your personal connection to it.

It was a pleasure meeting you in November, and I hope to have the opportunity to visit with you again soon.

Matthew Burnette



TECH TIPS



Preparing your Studebaker or Brand X for Summer Travels

Reprinted from The Echo, Grand Canyon Chapter, and June 2011 BCIEC Sparkplug

The checklist:

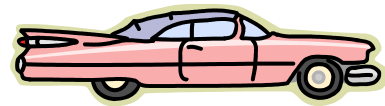
- Battery - Inspect your battery for corrosion around the terminals, tight cable connections and visual signs of leaks
- Belts/Hoses/Wiper Blades – Visually inspect your hoses for leaks, bulges, and signs of corrosion at connection points. Check belts

visually and feel the undersides for dryness and cracking. Manually test the operation for wiper blades and check for cracks in the rubber.

- Tires – Tires should be checked monthly for tread wear and embedded debris. Do the penny test - stick a penny into the tread and if the tread doesn't extend past Lincoln's head, it's time for new tires. Also check and set tire pressure to manufacturer's specs.
- Air conditioning - Have your car's AC system checked by your trusted auto repair shop.
- Cooling System - Ask to have your entire cooling system checked at the same time as your AC system check.

Remember, car batteries and rubber components do not fare well in desert heat, and good car maintenance will prevent roadside emergencies.

CAR HUMOR



Drivers By Location

- Four wheel drive pickup truck, shotgun mounted in rear window, beer cans on floor, squirrel tails attached to antenna, cousin/spouse in passenger seat: Arkansas
- Two hands gripping wheel, blue hair barely visible above window level, driving 35 mph on the interstate in the left lane with the left blinker on: Florida

UPCOMING EVENTS



- **Spring Dust-off Run.** Saturday, April 28th to "The Garage" Eatery in Islandia. We will be meeting there at 9:00 a.m. More details will be provided in the next issue.

LONG ISLAND CHAPTER STUDEBAKER DRIVERS CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME: _____ **Birthday (Mo/Day):** _____
SPOUSE: _____ **Birthday (Mo/Day):** _____
ADDRESS: _____ **Anniversary (Mo/Day):** _____
PHONE: _____ **CELL:** _____
E-MAIL: _____

STUDEBAKERS OWNED:

YEAR	MODEL	BODY STYLE

To join or renew your membership, mail completed membership form, with membership fee payable to "LI Chapter SDC" to Frank Sammon, 105 Ridge Avenue, No. Great River, NY 11722-3430

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