

# STUDEBAKER Spotlight



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## Next Meeting:

Thursday, August 16th - 7:30 p.m.  
Marjorie Post Park Community Room

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Since the brutally hot weather seems to be really hanging on this summer, it's a good thing we all have such cool cars to drive! Seriously though, I hope everyone is getting a chance to have their Studebakers out there getting admired and going to shows and cruise-ins. I know that somewhere we have a banner with the slogan, "Studebaker: We Invented Cool!" It's a great thought for a hot day.

There are a few other things I'd like to remind everyone of as the days remaining to our annual show keep dwindling down: get out there and solicit sponsors for our trophies and put flyers for the show out at every event you attend! Since this will be our first show at Heckscher Park, we really want to make it a roaring success.

Please note that that September 8<sup>th</sup> is International Drive Your Studebaker Day.

## MEETING INFORMATION

Third Thursday of every month

7:30 p.m.

Community Room

Marjorie Post Park

Massapequa

New members welcome!



Perhaps we can come up with a Chapter event to participate in for the day. Bring your ideas to the meeting for discussion.

Finally, I'd like to remind everyone that Cathy Sammon is always looking for news to include in our monthly newsletter. Please consider sending her something: a story about how you got your first car, an update on a project car you're working on, your dream Studebaker, anything at all would be welcome. If you're not sure you have something worth including or need help in the actual writing of the article, just give Cathy a call and she'll be glad to help put it together. I once heard her mention she sometimes feels like the robot in the "Short Circuit" movie, "Need INPUT, Stephanie!" Let's all give her a hand to ensure that our monthly newsletter keeps coming out regularly.

Kevin J Healion, President  
Long Island Chapter Studebaker Drivers Club

## **JULY MEETING RECAP**



Our meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag at 8:17 P.M.

Recording Secretary Roger Price read the June meeting recap. This was accepted by Charlie Lanza, and seconded by Bob Andreocci.

Our President, Kevin Healion, was unable to preside over tonight's meeting. In Kevin's absence, V.P. Tom Portesy took charge.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

In Frank's absence, I had the privilege of reading the June, 2018 Treasurer's Report. This was accepted by V.P. Tom Portesy, and seconded by Kurt Larsen.

### **THE GREAT RACE:**

At our last meeting, the club voted to send \$100 to the Mohawk Chapter to help support a contestant in the recently held Great Race. We received a letter of thanks for our donation from Peter Bishop, our SDC Northeast Regional Director.

### **SAD NEWS:**

For those of you who don't know, Cathy Sammon's mother passed away on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Helen Gleason lived to the ripe old age of 88. A donation has been made to the Alzheimer's Association in Helen's name.

### **UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS:**

Tom spoke at length about our upcoming Reunion Sunday and Orphan Car Show on September 23<sup>rd</sup> at Heckscher Park in Huntington.

Tom stressed the importance of our members soliciting financial support for our trophies to be awarded at the show. Please distribute flyers at various car shows and cruise nights to generate participation in our show.

### **PICNIC:**

Don't forget that our club picnic will be at Belmont Lake State Park on Sunday August 26, 2018. Please arrive by 9 A.M. Tom will arrive earlier to secure our spot at the picnic grounds.

**IMPORTANT:** Tom needs us to call him to let him know how many people we're bringing to the picnic. He needs to know so that he can purchase the right amount of food. There is no charge except for the charge to enter the park. Tom's home phone number is: 631-698-8834.

There will be games available at the picnic.

Tom received an email from the family of a deceased club member. The family has decided to finally sell their father's '55 Studebaker Commander Coupe. There will be more info in the next *Spotlight*.

Tom took the opportunity to praise Cathy for the exceptional job she has been doing with our newsletter. As we all know, the *Spotlight* is the pulse of our club. Please send Cathy an article about your Studebaker or about how you became interested in Studebakers. Our members would be interested in reading it.

**50/50** was won by Lanning Baron, who donated his winnings back to the treasury.

Our meeting ended at 8:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Roger Price, Recording Secretary

## THANKS FROM JOHN COREY

The chapter received the note of thanks below from John Corey for our support of his drive in the Great Race.



Hi!  
I'm writing to thank the LONG ISLAND CHAPTER for the generous (and unexpected) gift of support of my run in the GREAT RACE 2018! my '54 land cruiser ran a solid race and thoroughly enjoyed its diet of ethanol-free premium, enabled by your support!

I thank you, Sue thanks you, and our Studebaker "Bender" thanks you! Please share my gratitude with the whole chapter!

Sincerely,  
John Corey

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



We welcome the following new members to the chapter. We hope you enjoy being a member of the club! We welcome any new ideas and suggestions.

Jerry and Rita Trapani, East Islip, NY

## LAST MARTY HIMES OPEN HOUSE

Our newest chapter member, Jerry Trapani, mentioned while visiting Frank and Cathy that on

August 26<sup>th</sup>, Marty Himes will be having the last Open House at his racing museum in Bay Shore. Marty is an auto racing pioneer here on Long Island, and has an incredible collection of racing memorabilia from the period of the 1950's, including midget racers, uniforms, countless photos, model racing autos and items too numerous to mention.

Marty even has the ticket booth from the Freeport Raceway. The museum is located at 15 O'Neil Avenue, Bay Shore, and the website is [www.thehimesmuseum.com](http://www.thehimesmuseum.com).

This would be a great event for us, so think about heading over to the museum for a look.

## RALPH LANGENBACH'S 1955 COMMANDER

An e-mail was sent to all members and registered users about Ralph's 1955 Commander. If you are interested in this car, contact Mike Langenbach at (516) 672-0190 or [mikelangenbach1@gmail.com](mailto:mikelangenbach1@gmail.com). The car is pristine!

A link to photos of the car is found below:  
[1955 Studebaker Commander Pictures](#)

## UPCOMING EVENTS



- **Chapter Barbecue.** Sunday, September 9th at Belmont Lake State Park. 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Chapter supplies hamburgers, hot dogs and condiments. Members bring salads/sides. Contact Tom Portesy at (631) 698-8384 by September 5th if you plan to attend.
- **Reunion Sunday and Orphan Car Show.** Sunday, September 23, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Heckscher Park in Huntington Village. For information contact Bob (631) 834-6785, or Roger (631) 724-1382. [raprice22@aim.com](mailto:raprice22@aim.com).
- **Long Island Chapter Christmas Brunch.** Sunday, December 9, 2018: from 11:30 to 2:30 at Captain Bill's Restaurant, 122 Ocean Avenue, Bay Shore. Cost to Member/Spouse is \$20 each. Must be active, paid-up member to pay member price. Any additional family members are welcome, but will pay full price.



# September 9th Chapter Barbecue Belmont Lake State Park



**Last-minute Date Change, Sorry!**  
**Exit 38 Southern State Parkway**  
**Sunday, September 9th, 9:00 a.m.**  
**Bring your car out – any condition!**  
**Bring a Salad/side: Club provides the rest!**  
**Contact Tom: (631) 698-8834 by Sept 5th!**



# Orphan Car Show

**STUDEBAKER AND ORPHAN CAR SHOW**



**HECKSCHER PARK, HUNTINGTON, NEW YORK  
MAIN STREET AND PRIME AVENUE  
2018**

***September 23<sup>rd</sup> 2018 9:00am-2:00pm  
SUNDAY***

**1<sup>st</sup> place awards for Studebaker classes  
1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> place awards for orphan makes  
*Also Specialty Trophies***

**FOR INFO CONTACT: BOB: 631 834 6785  
OR**

**ROGER: 631 724 1382 [ranrice22@aim.com](mailto:ranrice22@aim.com)**

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### Car registration application

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Make \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_

Print name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

### REQUIRED EMAIL

Registration fee: \$20 by August 31<sup>st</sup>      \$25 DAY OF SHOW

CHECKS MADE OUT TO: STUDEBAKER DRIVERS CLUB

*Send check to: Frank Sammon, 105 Ridge Ave., North Great River, NY 11722*

# 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

**DUES:** Annual Dues are \$15.00. New members joining January – June: \$15.00, after July \$10.00.

**NOTE: YOU MUST BE A MEMBER OF THE SDC TO JOIN A LOCAL CHAPTER.**



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