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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Next Meeting:
Thursday, March 19th at 7:30 p.m.
Marjorie Post Park Community Room

We had a productive February meeting in spite of the cold weather. Actually, we've been quite lucky, weather-wise this winter. Let's hope it continues.

We've locked up the date and location for our 2020 Reunion Sunday and Orphan Car show. It will be at Heckscher Park in Huntington on Sunday, September 13th. We will be making up fliers for distribution to other antique car clubs. V.P. Tom Portesy strongly suggested that we need to improve our publicity early and often, especially when warm weather arrives. Of course, he was talking about cruise nights and other car shows that cater to orphan cars. We are always looking for new ideas to do this.

Bob Andreocci has a good relationship with Newsday and has done a great job promoting our show each year.

With our show in mind, I would like each of our members to think about what they can do to publicize our show and to volunteer their services during the show. Of course, I'm thinking about signing in arriving cars, selling food, soda and water, etc. We do a great job every year, but there is always room for improvement. We saw that at last year's show. One more thing:

MEETING INFORMATION

Third Thursday of every month

7:30 p.m.

Community Room

Marjorie Post Park

Massapequa

New members welcome!

We all have friends in the antique car hobby. Why not ask them for their assistance in promoting our show at their club meetings. We can always reciprocate and promote their events.

Our dust-off run will be on Saturday, April 18th at the Garage Eatery in Islandia. We need to improve our participation at this event. It's a fun morning and the food is good. Don always greets us with a big smile. He loves our club.

Cathy Gleason had done a phenomenal job putting together our monthly Spotlight. Please send in any interesting stories to her to add interest to the newsletter. It could be an article about your own Stude, or even trivia.

Finally, we had a unanimous vote to increase our dues to \$25/year, starting with 2021. We need to keep up with expenses. Actually, it's a good value for what we get in return.

Looking forward to seeing you all at our March 19th meeting. Until then, I'll see you down the road.

Rog

PS.

I'd like to congratulate Dave Evans on the purchase of his beautiful '51 Champion convertible. Seeing that car brought back wonderful memories of the '51 Commander convertible that my family owned when I was in college. It was the same powder blue that Dave's car has. I wish I still had that car. Nice going Dave!!!

FEBRUARY MEETING RECAP



Our meeting was called to order at 8:00 and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Fifteen Members were present, including officers

Frank Sammon read the Treasurer's Report, which was accepted. Frank also presented a review of expenses for 2019, as well as a review of expenses

over the years. This precipitated a discussion regarding raising dues next year, as the multi-year analysis shows that expenses exceed income each year.

Proposals were made to raise dues to \$20 or to \$25 for the year. The proposal to raise dues to \$25 for the year was voted on, and passed unanimously. Dues will remain \$15 for this year and will be \$25 per year starting in 2021.

Roger mentioned that he and Tom Portesy attended the President's Council meeting, which was held in Hicksville this year.

Roger noted that we will have more discussion later in the year on "things to do" for the show, as having a clearer idea of who will do what will help the show to run more smoothly.

Saturday, April 18th will be our Dust-off cruise to the Garage Eatery in Islandia. Sunday, September 13th is our Reunion Sunday show, and December 6th will be our Holiday Party at Captain Bill's.

Two sites were noted as good resources for anything to do with old cars: LICarClubs.com and Rubber Meets the Road.info.

Jerry Trapani suggested displaying our cars at the Dairy Queen in Massapequa, as well as a run out east with the Cadillac club, a stop for lunch and then a run home. Further discussion to follow.

The 50/50 was won by Roger, who donated his winnings to the club.

Bob Andreocci (For L. Baron)

TECH TIPS

With Thanks to Jerry Blount and The Northwest Newsletter



There are certain parts used on Studebakers that are fairly universal and thus commonly available. Thermostats –for example.

Thermostats come in different outside diameters, temperature ranges, and quality levels. The types used on Studebakers are used on many other cars of that era.

In fact, the thermostat housing gasket used on '61-'64 V-8 and 6 cylinder engines is the same one used on Chevrolet V-8 engines of that era. (Originally Fel-Pro had a distinct part number for these Studebaker 2-bolt housing applications, but much later designated the "Chevrolet" gasket as the one to use.

So changing your thermostat shouldn't require too much advanced planning. You will need to have the correct gasket in hand if you are changing a '51-'60 V8 four bolt thermostat housing. The '39-'60 Champion engines and the Commander 6 engines also had specific thermostat housing gaskets.

There is one unusual item in the Studebaker thermostat housing world and that is on the '39-'60 Champion 6 engines. Only these engines had a metal spacer (sleeve) installed above the thermostat. Additionally, there is a separate gasket between the spacer and the housing.

After all these years the spacer may be corroded, so one should have the spacer and the 2 required gaskets before changing a thermostat on a '39-'60 Champion 6-cylinder engine.

PASSING OF LARRY SWANSON

For those who did not hear this news already, longtime SDC member and Former Editor of Turning Wheels Larry Swanson passed away on February 24th. Larry was quite involved in many functions in the SDC over the years. In my tenure as Newsletter Editor, Larry frequently forwarded information to be used in the newsletter, as well as links to car-related items of interest and history.

I received the following message from Susan Lusted, who maintains the "What's Happening" section of Turning Wheels, and also passes along information useful to editors. It provides information on what the staff of Turning Wheels is planning to do in tribute to Larry.

From Don Jones,

Due to the late receipt of his passing, we will run a short piece in April's issue of Turning Wheels with

a request for members to send their memories of Larry to our editor, Ann Turner. In a later edition (June) we will print a tribute to Larry and include the memories of our members in that issue.

In my humble opinion, Larry touched every facet of the SDC and was an instrumental part of the club for a very long time. May he rest in peace and the Lord be with his family. As Bob Palma said his Obituary was very short and really not informative. If you have past issues of TW, find the 07/2012 issue and read more about Larry. It is also available on the back issue flash drive as well

Respectfully,
Susan Lusted

What's Happening Turning Wheels Magazine

MEMBER NOTICES



- **TO RENT:** Barn Space, 1,000 sq ft steel barn, cement floor. Secure area in Riverhead. \$600/month or single car \$125/month. Contact Vic: (631) 375-6520.

DUES REMINDER

Members are reminded that dues for 2019 are due. We currently have 20 members paid for the year. If you have not done so already, send your dues in to Frank Sammon as soon as possible.

UPCOMING EVENTS



- **Dust Off.** Saturday, April 18th. As is our custom, we will meet at 9:30 at the Garage Eatery in Islandia to kick off the start of car season. See the Flyer for directions
- **Reunion Sunday and Orphan Car Show.** Sunday, September 13th at Heckscher Park in Huntington.
- **Holiday Brunch.** Proposed date is Sunday, December 6th, at Captain Bill's in Bay Shore.



Spring Dustoff Run



**The Garage Eatery
170 Bridge Road, Islandia**

Saturday, April 18th, 9:30 a.m.

Bring your car out – any condition!

Bring the whole family too!

From the West:

LIE to exit 57

Right at first traffic light (Motor
Parkway)

First left onto Bridge Road
(Suffolk County CU on corner)

Garage is 1/4 mile down on right

From the East:

LIE to Exit 57

Cross Vets Hwy (454)

Left at next light (Motor Parkway)

Cross LIE and South Svc Road

First left onto Bridge Road
(Suffolk County CU on corner)

Garage is 1/4 mile down on right

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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