

# STUDEBAKER Spotlight



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## Next Meeting:

Thursday, March 21st - 7:30 p.m.

**NOTE LOCATION CHANGE!**

**Kevin Healion's shop  
56 Brook Ave, Deer Park**

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Greetings! Well, my first meeting at the President's table went fairly well.

We touched on a number of future events. Thanks go to Jerry and Rita Trapani for reaching out to the Town of Islip to get info for our Reunion Sunday and Orphan Car Show in September. We have decided on a tentative date for the show, Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. Of course, we need to obtain the necessary insurance form from SDC National to present to the town. Our able and willing Recording Secretary, Lanning Baron, will arrange that.

Our Dust-Off run will be on Saturday, April 6, 2019 at the Garage Eatery in Islandia.

Other events we look forward to are our annual club picnic on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>.

Drive Your Studebaker Day will be on Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. This can either be a club event or an individual event. More discussion will follow.

The highlight of our February meeting was a slide presentation by Jerry Trapani. Jerry and Rita have visited numerous auto museums around the country. They took many photos. Jerry's presentation was a real treat.

## MEETING INFORMATION

Third Thursday of every month

7:30 p.m.

Community Room

Marjorie Post Park

Massapequa

New members welcome!

I was unable to attend the Long Island Car Club Council meeting on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. I spoke to Raymond Gaspardo, who runs the meeting, and we agreed that I could send him our club info as it becomes available. To start, I emailed him our tentative Orphan Car Show date.

For those of you who haven't paid your 2019 club dues, please do so. It's important to support your club and to keep the Studebaker name prominent here on Long Island. We have observed that the public really appreciates seeing our Studebakers.

I'll see you down the road.

Rog

## FEBRUARY MEETING RECAP



The meeting was called to order at 8 p.m. and the pledge of allegiance was recited. Four Officers and nine members were present.

Minutes from the January meeting were read and accepted; motion by Charlie Lanza, seconded by Bob Andreocci.

Frank presented the Treasurer's report citing recent activity, and the report was accepted; motion by Dave Evans, seconded by John Warnock

### Old Business

Roger discussed membership figures and the number of paid-up members.

Roger also discussed the aging of the antique car hobby and the changing idea of what an antique car is among younger people.

Roger discussed the date for our Reunion Sunday show, which is tentatively set for September 15<sup>th</sup>. Jerry Trapani discussed having the show at the Islip Town Hall this year. The fee might be \$75.00.

Jerry also discussed receiving the goodie bags from Hagerty Insurance for the show. We will be sending a Thank you letter to Hargerty.

Roger discussed our spring cruise to the Garage Eatery. Members present approved the date of April 6<sup>th</sup> for the Dust-off Cruise.

Tom Portesy noted that the March meeting will be held at Kevin Healion's shop, 65 Brook Avenue, Deer Park, NY

### New Business

Charlie Lanza gave a discussion on the current status of his Packard Hawk project.

We had a discussion on motor oil weights and standard vs. synthetic oil.

Jerry Trapani presented a slide show on auto museums that he and Rita visited in the past year. Everyone really enjoyed the show and appreciated the effort Jerry made to put it together.

The 50/50 was won by Jeff Lang, who donated half the pot to the club.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Lanning Baron,  
Recording Secretary

## MY STUDEBAKER, MY STORY



Back in December of 2016, I shared a story of the car that I've been waiting to drive for over 25 years. I thought it was time to share another update in the saga of my 1958 Packard Hawk restoration. A lot of major work was done in the last three and a half years with John Managa, the body guy. As you will remember, the body of the car was off the chassis for many years. At this point, the chassis has been completely restored – sandblasted, prepped, and painted black. All mechanical items that needed fixing have been fixed, and the heavy body work and metalwork has been completed as well. The under-the-body work was completed in 2017, and, with some additional help, John and I have installed the body on the chassis.

Everything went well, and we planned on continuing where we left off when 2018 rolled around. Unfortunately, the weather did not cooperate, and the up and down temperatures were not good for doing body work, so again we were delayed.

I'm hoping that this year, 2019, once the weather is good, we can complete the prepping work and send the car out for painting.

When I first saw the 58 Packard Hawk in New Jersey, I knew it was a project car, so I took on the challenge. Now, with all the years that have gone by, I realize that this car has become a journey now. I certainly hope to see this project through, God willing. I am looking forward to seeing it all complete!

Charlie Lanza, 58 Packard Hawk

Lark Wagon is the most recent one to show up in the parking lot at our last club meeting. It is original with a 259 V\*, automatic transmission, "Twin Traction" rear and even the original cargo area Studebaker rubber mat!

Dave had pursued the car for awhile, and didn't think the deal would ever get done, but now here it is on Long Island and it's a real eye catcher.

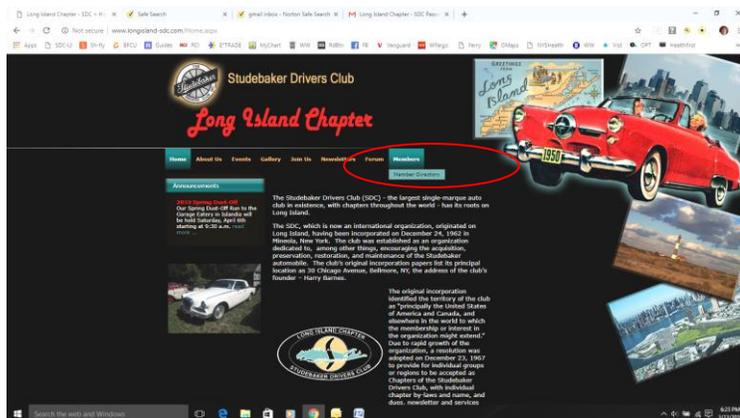
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Did you know that when you log onto our website with your user ID, you will get access to our list of members? The "Members" tab only appears when you are logged in as a user, not when you're just viewing the site. The red circle in the screenshot below shows the Members tab; click on it to see member information. Your username is your first initial and last name. If you don't remember your password, you can click "forgot password" and it will be emailed to you, or contact me.

Cathy



## UPCOMING EVENTS



## DAVE'S NEW AQUISITION

I got the following email from Howard Naval after the February meeting. He knows I'm always looking for something interesting to include in the Spotlight. Thanks Howard; this one's a gem!

Cathy

Dave Evans always has a surprise in store when he adds to his collection of "movie cars." This 1960

- **Dust-off Cruise to Garage Eatery.** Saturday, April 6, 2019. We will be meeting there at 9:30 a.m. See the flyer in this newsletter or on the website for more information.



## Spring Dustoff Run



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

**Saturday, April 6th, 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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