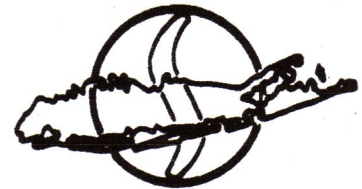

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Next Meeting:

**Thursday, March 18th at 7:30 p.m.
Marjorie Post Park Community Room**

FEBRUARY MEETING RECAP

Our meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag at 8:00 P.M.

I read the minutes for the January meeting. They were accepted by Bob Andreocci and seconded by Tom Portesy.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Frank opened with the checking balance, and then added all expenses for the month, including stamps, meeting refreshments and postcards for informing members of the holiday brunch. Income came from dues and bank interest.

Dues: 13 members paid; June Reunion Sunday: 2 people signed up; 50/50 income. Added up, \$234 added to savings account. The report was accepted by John Warnock and seconded by Sal Palmeri.

NEW BUSINESS:

This Saturday, Feb. 20th, there is an open house at Cap-A-Radiator in Farmingdale from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. Food will be served. Their address is 566 Fulton St. (Rte. 109) Farmingdale. Phone: 516-293-9026.

Both Frank Sammon and Carl Carilli told us what a great job these people do. Sunday, Feb. 21: President's Council Meeting @ VFW Hall in Hicksville. Howard & Carl will attend.

February 19 will be the Antique Car Club Council Meeting at the Brush Barn in Smithtown at 7 P.M.

Studebaker Reunion Sunday at Marjorie Post Park in Massapequa will be on June 13th with a rain date of June 27th. President Howard Naval has

MEETING INFORMATION

Third Thursday of every month

7:30 p.m.

Community Room

Marjorie Post Park

Massapequa

New members welcome!

already informed Hemmings and Turning Wheels of the date. Howie will also contact Special Interest Autos. I'll contact Old Cars Weekly. Howie also mentioned that members should try to obtain items for the goody bags to be distributed at the meet.

We had a discussion about whether we should continue to give trophies or go back to giving clocks and coffee mugs as prizes. The subject of participation plaques was also discussed. No decision was made concerning these subjects. Bob Andreocci wondered if we should give an award to cars, such as Corvairs. All cars should be at least 25 years old.

Tom Portesy expressed his concern that our Orphan Car Show would no longer be unique if cars that are not orphans are admitted for awards. Chevies, as nice as they are, are not eligible to be judged at our reunion meet. However, Pontiacs, Oldsmobiles and Plymouths are eligible, provided that they are over 25 years old. Tom also emphasized that we need to do a better job advertising our car show. We need to contact other orphan car clubs to get their involvement.

We also discussed the possibility of having a joint car show with the Verrazano Chapter. It was suggested that we have a show somewhere in Nassau County. Eisenhower Park and the Cradle of Aviation Museum were good suggestions.

Dues are due for 2010. Carl suggested that we sell advertising in our newsletter. I mentioned that many clubs charge \$25/year for business card ads. This is something worth pursuing.

Frank told us that Cathy needs articles for the newsletter. Kevin suggested that members send in photos of their Studes along with a little story about their car.

50/50 was won by Charlie Lanza
Our meeting adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

Roger Price
Secretary, LI Chapter

TREASURER'S NOTE

Reminder to all chapter members: dues for this year are now due. Dues for the year are \$15.00. Please send in your renewals with the form in the Spotlight as soon as possible. We'd really like to have the renewal form filled out, as it will help us to make sure that we have the latest current information for you, including an e-mail address for keeping in

touch. If you have any questions, contact Frank Sammon at (631) 348-7681.

CAP-A RADIATOR OUTING

On Saturday, February 20th a number of members turned out to the Cap-A Radiator Open house to check out the cars that came out and to look at the displays and articles posted by Cap-A Radiator's Bill Carberry. Since it was still winter and there was a lot of gunk all over the roads, the number of oldies present was somewhat limited. No Studebakers were in attendance, but Mike Neumar did bring out his Hudson Double H, which is in the midst of a restoration project. It's getting close to being ready for final paint and trim. A number of Ford and Chevy muscle cars were in attendance, and at least one Model A dropped by for a while.

Inside the garage, in addition to the coffee, donuts and bagels for breakfast, there were a number of displays showing either the type of radiator and restoration work that can be performed at Cap-A Radiator, photos of the cars that have had work done there, or articles and displays on such topics as how to correctly flush a cooling system or the pro's and con's of copper vs. aluminum radiator cores.

Cap-A Radiator also had on display a wide selection of garage art and signage, all of which was included in the door prize raffles, among other things. The only lucky winner from our group was Tillie Palmeri, so she and Sal went home with a nice piece of garage art to decorate their home with! (Too bad they didn't have any Studebaker art; they had to settle for something with Brand X cars!)

Since the event ran until 1 p.m., Cap-A Radiator also provided a 6-foot hero and pizza to those who were still around at lunchtime. All in all it was a fun outing, with the opportunity to learn a few new things or explore the possibility of any work that might be needed for a car project in progress. The following people were in attendance, and everyone had a good time: Carl Carilli, Mike Neumar, Sal and Tillie Palmeri, Tom Portesy, Joe Rodriguez, Frank and Cathy Sammon, and John Warnock.

This event got us all thinking of the coming arrival of spring and the start of "show and cruise-in season." We can hardly wait to get those Studebakers out of the garage or out from under the cover and start hitting the road. It won't be long now!

MY STUDEBAKER, MY STORY

1958 Hawk - By Charlie Lanza

It was a beautiful Saturday morning, and my wife and I decided to go shopping in the New Brunswick Mall, in New Jersey. Creature of habit that I am, I picked up the local ad paper to look through while we were there. As I was browsing through it, my eye caught an interesting advertisement about a 1958 Hawk.

Now my real interest was in a 1958 Chevy Impala, but I thought about it and said, "what the heck, let's take a look," so I made the phone call and made arrangements to go and look at the car. I took a ride with my two sons, and when we got there, we discovered to my surprise that the car had been in a bad fire. However, the gentleman was very nice and explained the whole car to me and my boys. Next thing I know, I'm thinking, maybe I can restore this car.

So I gave the gentleman a bid, and he accepted it. Next thing, I'm transporting this car home and thinking that this is really going to be a challenge, since this car needs a complete restoration!

To date, the car has been in several body shops to have the chassis done, and to repair the front floor, body braces and sub-floor. The body and parts were completely sandblasted and primed. The interior is now complete, and the chrome is almost complete.

My goal now is to have the car put back together and to have it painted and trimmed. I hope to be able to drive it one day, and to look back on the restoration as a real accomplishment. It's been a lot of work, but to be able to drive it and show it off makes it all seem worthwhile. Once everything has been completed, I hope to have some great photos to include in the Spotlight for all to see.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Flyers at the Cap-A Radiator included the following events:

- **Spring Breakout Cruise for a Cause to Orient Point. Sunday, March 21, 2010** (Rain Date: Sunday, March 28) Hosted by the Empire Galaxie Club. There will be a 50/50 cash raffle and a raffle for merchandise and gift cards from Long Island merchants. All proceeds to the Americas Vet Dogs (Veteran's K-9 Corps). Meeting place is at

Route 110 and Conklin St. in Farmingdale, at the Airport Plaza parking lot behind the multiplex theater by Home Depot. Meeting time is 8:00 a.m.; cruising time is 8:30 a.m. Registration fee \$10.00. For information, call (516) 860-9309 or (631) 724-6231.

- **Long Island Street Rod Association: Car Show and Swap Meets.** Two dates: **May 16th**, and **October 3rd**. Held at Suffolk Community College, Wicks Road, Brentwood, NY. Exit 53 South, Long Island Expressway. Open to hot rods, street rods, customs, classics, antique cars and trucks 1975 and older. Rain or shine, the event will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Adults \$7.00; children under 12 free. Car and driver are free, but must be on the field by 11:00 a.m. Dash plaques will be provided for the first 200 cars. For more information call the LISRA hot line at (631) 642-7555.
- **LI Chapter SDC Reunion Sunday Car Show. Sunday, June 13, 2010 at Marjorie Post Park in Massapequa.** 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Rain Date: June 27). Awards in Studebaker, Orphan, and American classic classes (cars must be 25 years or older). \$12.00 re-registered; \$15.00 day of show registration. Walk-in spectators free, and welcome. For more information, call (631) 757-6531 or e-mail hownav@aol.com

FROM THE ARCHIVES

In looking for some tidbits to fill up the last bit of space, I poked through some old copies of the Spotlight that Frank had hanging around and noted the following from the **March 1992** issue:

- Tom Portesy was President.
- About 21 people attended the meeting; who drove what was listed (Brand X or Stude).
- The issue was 12 pages (WOW!) and published bi-monthly.
- Activities included participation in the Garden City Easter Parade and tune-up clinics at Dan Dobbins garage.
- Spotlight features included the membership report, (which listed deadbeats), articles from members, original artwork, and Tech Tips.

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, North Great River, NY 11722-3430.

DUES: Join January – June \$15.00; July – December \$10.00

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



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