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Next Meeting:

**Thursday, August 17th - 7:30 p.m.
Marjorie Post Park Community Room**

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



With summer activities in full swing, there's not much time to put together a full column, however there are a couple of upcoming events that I wanted to mention.

The first event is the chapter barbecue. Our Chapter barbecue will be held at Belmont Lake State Park in Babylon on Sunday, September 10th, starting at 9:00 for the early risers (actually we need to get there early to secure a good location). All members are welcome, as are those who attended our show in May. Members are asked to bring a salad or side dish; the club provides the rest. You must contact Tom Portesy at (631) 698-8834 by September 3rd if you plan to attend. A flyer with directions to the park can be found on the website.

The other event is the LI Corvair Club show. The Corvair Club will be holding their show in Heckscher Park, Huntington this year on the 22nd of October. Since the Corvair Club is always supportive of our car show, it would be nice to reciprocate by showing up in force at theirs. It will also be an opportunity. Please put the date on your calendar and plan to attend.

Thanks,

Kevin J. Healion, President
Long Island Chapter Studebaker Drivers Club

MEETING INFORMATION

Third Thursday of every month

7:30 p.m.

Community Room

Marjorie Post Park

Massapequa

New members welcome!

JULY MEETING RECAP



Our meeting opened at 8:05 P.M. with the Salute to the Flag. Secretary Roger Price read the June meeting Recap. This was accepted by Howard Naval, and seconded by Kurt Larsen.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Frank Sammon reported that the only checking expense since our last meeting was the cost of publishing our newsletter.

The only income was from bank interest from both checking and savings accounts.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted by Mitch Ross, and seconded by John Warnock.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

President Kevin Healion stated that we want to try to figure out how to generate funds for our next (2018) show and our Holiday Brunch. For example, how many cars would we need to break even, and how much should we charge per car?

To advertise our show, a number of suggestions were put forth, i.e. Newsday, Turning Wheels, Old Cars Weekly, Howard Kroplick and the VCR Club.

Mitch suggested we vote as to whether we should merge with another club. For now, that was voted down. In addition, V.P. Tom Portesy suggested that, if we were to join with another club, we would have to share all income with them. For now, that wouldn't be desirable.

We all agreed that Orphan Car Clubs should join us as guests, i.e. Packard, Nash, Hudson, Olds, and Pontiac/Oakland, etc. We will make every effort to find out the contact persons in each of the Orphan Car Clubs.

I mentioned that I'll ask Ed LaBounty of the VCR if he has the Old Cars issue that lists car clubs throughout the U.S.

We also agreed that, if possible, we should find a location for our next show near the Nassau/Suffolk border. This led to a suggestion that we should look into Heckscher Park in Huntington and try to get

Sunday, September 16, 2018 for our show, with a rain date of September 23rd. We also need to find out what the Town of Huntington charges to use that field.

Lanning Baron is looking into the Westfield Mall in Massapequa. He suggested that setting up near Sears would be good because it's near the Food Court and bathrooms. He will check this out.

Our annual club picnic will be on Sunday, September 10, 2017 at Belmont Lake State Park. This was approved unanimously by those members in attendance.

CAR STUFF:

Lanning Baron gave a favorable report on a body shop, Advance Auto Body, on Bellmore Avenue in Bellmore. Lanning told us that the shop has an old-time expert sheet metal body worker.

CAR SHOWS:

Sayville Summerfest, Sunday, August 6, 2017.

Vanderbilt Cup Region, AACA car show at the Vanderbilt Museum in Centerport on Sunday August 20, 2017. Pre-registration is \$15, and day of show is \$20. Show cars should arrive by 9 A.M.

50/50 was won by Frank Sammon, who donated it back to the club.

Respectfully submitted,
Roger Price, Recording Secretary

RESTORED STUDEBAKER ELECTRIC WAGON



Larry Swanson sent the following story to me, and it most definitely is something I thought everyone in the Chapter would enjoy. It comes from the Bell's Studebaker Diner and Museum, and is presented courtesy of Jerry Gieseke and James and Stephanie Bell.

The story is of the first drive of the Bell's Studebaker Electric Wagon since restoration began.

The Bell's Studebaker Diner & Museum is very proud to own the 1902 Studebaker Electric Wagon and bring it back to life.

After many years of research and restoration, the true test for any vehicle is to test drive it for the first time.

The Northwest Chapter of the Antique Studebaker Club was having its Zone Meet Tour in Spokane WA. area and was going to the Studebaker Garage in Harrington, WA.

We made arrangements to tuck the wagon inside the garage, hiding it until the tour arrived.

Jerry Gieseke and I bought matching vintage outfits to drive the wagon out of the Studebaker Garage and surprise everyone as we drive it for the first time in many, many years down the main street. Jerry's wife Joan has been so supportive of Jerry helping with this project and was hemming our vintage pants the night before.

It was only fitting to give Jerry the honor of driving the wagon for the 1st time, since he did the majority of the work on it.

The day of its unveiling and drive downtown Harrington went without a hitch!

A great time after recycling a very rare piece of history!

Video of the Event:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a05hCJr7ei0>

Hope you like the video and subscribe to our channel for future videos.

About the Restoration:

<http://forum.studebakerdriversclub.com/showthread.php?48981-Studebaker-Electric-Wagon-Restoration>

We still have to do some side lettering to let people know it's a Studebaker, the volt/amp gage to add and the side lamps, but seeing it in action was amazing!

Thanks to everyone who had a hand in helping with this unique project.

It will bring a lot of new exposure to Studebaker vehicles and provide lots of enjoyment to those who see it for many years to come.

James and Stephanie Bell
Bell's Studebaker Diner & Museum

Before:



After:



UPCOMING EVENTS



- **LI Chapter Barbecue.** To be held on **Sunday, September 10th** at Belmont Lake State Park, starting at 9 a.m. See the flyer on the website.
- **Corvair Club Show.** **October 22, 2017.** Heckscher Park, Huntington.
- **Long Island Chapter Christmas Brunch.** **Sunday, December 10, 2017:** 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 10th Chapter Barbecue Belmont Lake State Park



ALL REUNION SUNDAY CARS INVITED!
Exit 38 Southern State Parkway
Sunday, September 10th, 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 3rd



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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