

# STUDEBAKER Spotlight



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## Next Meeting:

Thursday, September 18th at 7:30  
p.m.

Marjorie Post Community Room

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER



September 11, 2014

Is there anything better than a picnic on beautiful day, near a lake with lots shade, food and plenty of friends to spend the time with? Well .....yeah, Studebakers! Ok an Oldsmobile too!

I know attending functions can be difficult for some and I even have trouble at times. I have to say, though, every time I attended an event, I had a great time. This year's picnic was one of those times. We got a chance to relax, kick back and get to know each other a little better. The conversations were not just about cars but about the new changes that are going on in our family's lives.

It's not just a car club. I would like to think we are building so much more. During our meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month, attending club members talk car stuff and while being engrossed in the subject, there is little room for the personal life. The Picnics, Sunday Cruises, Christmas parties and the occasional Breakfast outings that we attend with our other half is when the Club takes on a new meaning.

By attending these events, true friendships are built that endure the test of time. There are members

## MEETING INFORMATION

Third Thursday of every month

7:30 p.m.

Community Room

Marjorie Post Park

Massapequa

New members welcome!

who have devoted over 30 years of service to the club and I applaud them and their spouses for their support and making those friendships possible. People like Tom Portesy, Frank and Cathy Sammon, Kurt Larsen, Roger Price, Bob Andreocci, Charlie Lanza, and Sal Palmeri have made the club so inviting. For the newer members, come to a picnic or a Breakfast outing and you'll see what I am talking about.

This year I decided to bring my mother to the picnic. She would have been sitting home alone otherwise. Mom was very enthusiastic when she found out it was at Belmont Lake State Park and even more so after meeting you all who attended. She felt right at home and that says a lot about our little group.

It is my pleasure to be associated with this fine group of gentlemen and their spouses and I consider them my friends.

And if anyone got sick from mine or Mitch's cooking, well.....too bad!

Kevin J. Healion, Club President

## **AUGUST MEETING RECAP**



The meeting opened at 8:20 with the Pledge of Allegiance. In Roger's absence, President Kevin Healion read the minutes of the July meeting. They were accepted by Mike Neumar and seconded by Sal Palmeri.

### **TREASURERS REPORT**

Frank reviewed expenses which covered Reunion Sunday, meeting refreshments, and the Spotlight newsletter. Income included 50/50, refreshments, and checking account interest. Reunion Sunday income was also reviewed. Two vendor tables, 50/50 proceeds, three new members who signed up, fifteen sponsors, show registrations, refreshments, and a donation from Atlantic Chrysler all well covered costs of the show and more. The report was accepted by Bob Andreocci and seconded by Tony Defesi.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Our second Breakfast was held at the Garage Eatery in Islandia on August 16th. Unfortunately, the

turnout was lower for this event than for our initial Dust-off Run this year, with only three members being able to make it. A good time was still reported.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

We had a discussion about possible changes our next Reunion Sunday. With the growth of the show over the past years, Tony suggested that we move further east in the parking lot, possibly setting up the entry stands further towards the entrance to the parking lot. Kevin commented about possible town restrictions, however, we don't know if that is the case. It will be pursued at the next reservation we make with the town. Kevin also suggested the possibility of more award categories and the idea of "older orphans" and "newer orphans." As more nameplates have disappeared (such as Pontiac, Oldsmobile, and Mercury), we are seeing more 60's and '70's type muscle cars. In order to encourage continued participation, we may want to consider changing and updating with the times. This is a discussion that is sure to continue.

Kevin and Frank both again appealed for input to our newsletter editor, Cathy Sammon, who works hard to put an issue out every month. Any stories, history, items of interest, "looking for parts," or for sale items are welcome.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Long Island Chapter Barbeque- Belmont Lake State Park September 7
- Cruisin' For A Cure prostate cancer benefit- Hicksville Sears September 14
- Smithtown Heritage Fair- September 21

### **WELFARE**

We all extended our best wishes for a speedy recovery to our Vice President, Tom Portesy, who has been under the weather. Get well soon, Tom. We missed you at the meeting.

The 50/50 was won by Janet Hannigan

The meeting concluded at 9:25

## **2014 CHAPTER PICNIC**

Our Long Island Chapter of the Studebaker Drivers Club had its Annual club picnic at Belmont Lake State Park on September 7, 2014. Many members arrived in their beautiful Studebakers. Everyone enjoyed good food and good friendship. We had a great turnout, with over 20 folks attending.



. President Kevin Healion was the chef du jour and did an excellent job of barbecuing the hot dogs and hamburgers. He even had dual barbecues going for a while! The weather cooperated too. It was outstanding.

This was a great way to celebrate an early "Drive Your Studebaker Day." A few photos from the event are provided here. You can see the rest on the Chapter website, located at: [www.longisland-sdc.com](http://www.longisland-sdc.com).  
Roger



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Smithtown Country Heritage Fair Show:** Sunday, September 21st, at Historic district, Village of the Branch, Middle Country Road, Smithtown. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (631) 265-6768 for information

# LONG ISLAND CHAPTER STUDEBAKER DRIVERS CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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|----------------|-----------------------------|
| NAME: _____    | Birthday (Mo/Day): _____    |
| SPOUSE: _____  | Birthday (Mo/Day): _____    |
| ADDRESS: _____ | Anniversary (Mo/Day): _____ |
| PHONE: _____   | CELL: _____                 |
| E-MAIL: _____  |                             |

**STUDEBAKERS OWNED:**

| YEAR | MODEL | BODY STYLE |
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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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