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# STUDEBAKER Spotlight



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## JULY MEETING RECAP

Our meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag at 8:05 P.M.

### JUNE MEETING RECAP:

Secretary Roger Price read the June meeting recap prepared by Howard Naval in Roger's absence. Many thanks to Howard! The recap was accepted by Mike Neumar, and seconded by Lanning Baron.

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Frank Sammon reviewed all expenses and income from both the May and June meetings. Expenses for both months included newsletter and refreshments. In addition, Frank withdrew \$600 for car show expenses. It will be redeposited after our show has ended (June expenses). Our refundable \$150 to the Town of Oyster Bay is still in effect until the show is over. This is to cover any cleanup expenses by the town. In the past, we have always cleaned up after our show, and this year should be no exception. The town will then refund our money.

### INCOME:

May checking income included refreshments, 50/50 donated back to the treasury by Mitch, 6 car show registrations, car show sponsors and bank interest.

## MEETING INFORMATION

Third Thursday of every month

7:30 p.m.

Community Room

Marjorie Post Park

Massapequa

New members welcome!

June checking income included 4 car show registrations and bank interest to the checking account.

There was no activity in our savings account other than a small amount of interest.

If any of our members wish to see specific activity in our checking account, please contact either Frank Sammon or Roger Price. Treasurer's Report was accepted by Tom, and seconded by Randy.

### **REUNION SUNDAY:**

Since our Reunion Sunday was canceled due to inclement weather, President Kevin Healion mentioned that we will utilize our rain date of Sunday, September 13, 2015. There is still time to recruit more sponsors for our show.

Kevin suggested that each one of us take a bunch of revised car show flyers to distribute at various cruise nights to orphan car owners.

### **CLUB PICNIC:**

V.P. Tom Portesy mentioned that he has started buying supplies for our picnic on September 19<sup>th</sup>. On that date, Tom will arrive very early at Belmont Lake State Park to try and save some parking spaces for our Studes.

We decided that we should invite any and all orphan car supporters of our show to attend our picnic.

Tom would like to know how many people expect to attend the picnic, so that he can purchase the correct amount of food. Please include any relatives and friends we are bringing to the picnic.

### **STUDEBAKER PARTS:**

If any of our members wish to sell Stude parts, or are looking for parts, please let Cathy know so that she can put the requests in our newsletter.

Cathy indicated that there has been a problem with Optimum in sending out club emails. We will now be able to send club emails via Gmail.

### **NEW MEMBERS:**

Peter Bishop is our SDC regional representative. He sends Cathy a list of new SDC members who may live in our area. We can use these lists to possibly recruit new members to the Long Island Region. Cathy will send these possible recruits a copy of the Spotlight newsletter.

V.P. Tom Portesy visited member Henry Malin in Georgia to help Henry put his Golden Hawk back

together. Tom was a big help fitting many of those difficult parts.

### **UPCOMING CAR SHOWS:**

Tom told us that the Sayville car show has been changed to Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup>.

Kevin has informed all of our Reunion Sunday sponsors of the new September 13 car show date.

The Port Jefferson Hill Climb on August 23, is fully subscribed. However, if anyone wishes to see the Hill Climb, it's free for spectators.

The Smithtown Heritage Country Fair is Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. It is celebrating the town's 350<sup>th</sup> birthday. Many of our members commented about how much fun the event is. Bring your Stude. It's free with a vintage car.

Member Neil O'Hara came to the meeting to express his sadness on the passing of fellow member and friend, Ward Melvin. He mentioned that, at a Studebaker Club Meeting, he was sweating profusely. Ward told him to lie down on one of the tables, and he examined Neil. Ward said that Neil was experiencing a heart attack. Appropriate action was taken and Ward saved Neil's life. Neil told us that he will never forget Ward's kindness. Ward was a Smithtown Fire Department EMT for many years, and was up to date on life saving measures.

### **CAR STUFF:**

Carl Carilli's GT Hawk has traveled from Hawaii to Seattle, Washington. I should say Carl's former GT Hawk. The new owner is thrilled with the car. He has included Carl in many events involving the car.

Carl is now representing the '62 Lark Hardtop that was presented at our May meeting. So far, it hasn't been sold.

Tom is still waiting for the chrome work to be completed for his '54 Starlight.

Members in attendance were treated to a presentation on the red Consulier GTP 900 parked in the lot, owned by Terry Dunne. Terry and her daughter Crystal drove the car to the meeting and gave a brief description of the car and its history. Terry indicated that the car is one of two known remaining examples of this car.

50/50 was won by Randy, who in turn, donated it back to the club.

Our meeting adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Roger Price, Recording Secretary

## GUEST PRESENTATION CONSULIER GTP 900



Terry Dunne and her daughter Crystal attended the July chapter meeting, and arrived in this Consulier GTP 900. The car was willed to Terry by racing icon John Fitch. The car a Consulier GTP (Grand Touring Prototype), one of only two known to remain, was conceived in 1985. It is 900 Kg, powered by a Chrysler 2.2 L Turbo II engine that produces 190 horsepower.

The chassis is fiberglass-and-foam monocoque, the first carbon fiber and Kevlar-bodied vehicle ever to go into production, with NO structural metal in the body. It features full instrumentation and Recaro seats.

The Consulier GTP competed most successfully in many races for the next 6 years, before being banned by the sanctioning body, IMSA, in 1991. Creator Warren Mosler was so confident of the performance of the Consulier that he offered a \$25,000 bounty to anyone who could pilot a street-legal production car around any US track faster than the Consulier GTP. He later upped the bounty to \$100,000.

Car and Driver took up the challenge at Lime Rock. The 2.2 Liter Twin Turbo-powered car outraced the Porsche Turbo, Calloway Twin Turbo Corvette, and ZR1 Corvette. After the race, the Consulier was given a 300 pound weight penalty, and

then banned from the IMSA Series. To date, No one has claimed the bounty. Martin Short, owner of the other known Consulier, continues to race his in Europe.

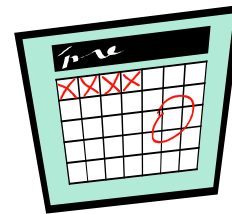
## CHAPTER BARBECUE



The Chapter will be holding its annual picnic at Belmont Lake State Park on Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. This is a great chance to get together, show off our Studebakers, enjoy and relax with some good food. We've had a great time every year at this event, and the Chapter provides the hot dogs, hamburgers, condiments, and beverages. Attendees are asked to bring a salad or dessert to share.

This year's event will start at 9. Family and friends are welcome, as this is a chance to just sit and socialize, and maybe play a round or two of horseshoes. See the flyer and be sure to let us know if you plan to attend. Tom will need to know how much of everything to get, so if you're planning to attend, you must contact him at (631) 698-8834 no later than Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> to give him a headcount. Be advised that there is an \$8.00 parking fee at Belmont Lake State Park.

## UPCOMING EVENTS



- **LI Chapter SDC Reunion Sunday and Orphan Car Show.** Sunday, September 13, 2015 at Marjorie Post Park in Massapequa. 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. This is the Rain Date, so let's hope for good weather! Flyer available on the website ([www.longisland-sdc.com](http://www.longisland-sdc.com)). Contact Kevin Healion or Bob Andreocci for more information.
- **LI Chapter Barbecue.** To be held on Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at Belmont Lake State Park, starting at 9 a.m. See the flyer on the website.

# REUNION SUNDAY

## STUDEBAKER AND ORPHAN CAR SHOW



**At MARJORIE POST PARK MASSAPEQUA**

**Unqua Rd**

**Between Sunrise Hwy & Merrick Rd**

**2015**

**September 13<sup>th</sup> 9:00am-3:00pm**

**LAST CHANCE**

**RAIN or SHINE**

**1<sup>st</sup> place awards for Studebaker classes**

**1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> place awards for orphan makes**

**Also Specialty Trophies**

**FOR INFO CONTACT: BOB: 631 834 6785 [randreoc@optonline.net](mailto:randreoc@optonline.net)**

**OR**

**ROGER: 631 724 1382 [raprice22@aim.com](mailto:raprice22@aim.com)**



**Car registration application**

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Make \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_

Print name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

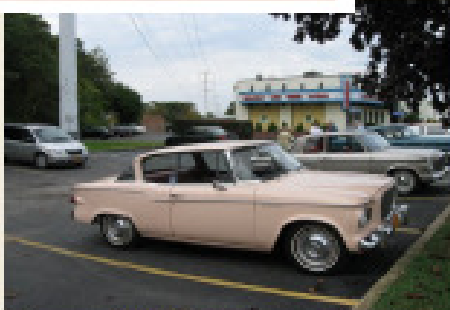
**Registration fee: \$15 BEFORE SHOW; \$20 DAY OF SHOW**

**CHECKS MADE OUT TO: STUDEBAKER DRIVERS CLUB**

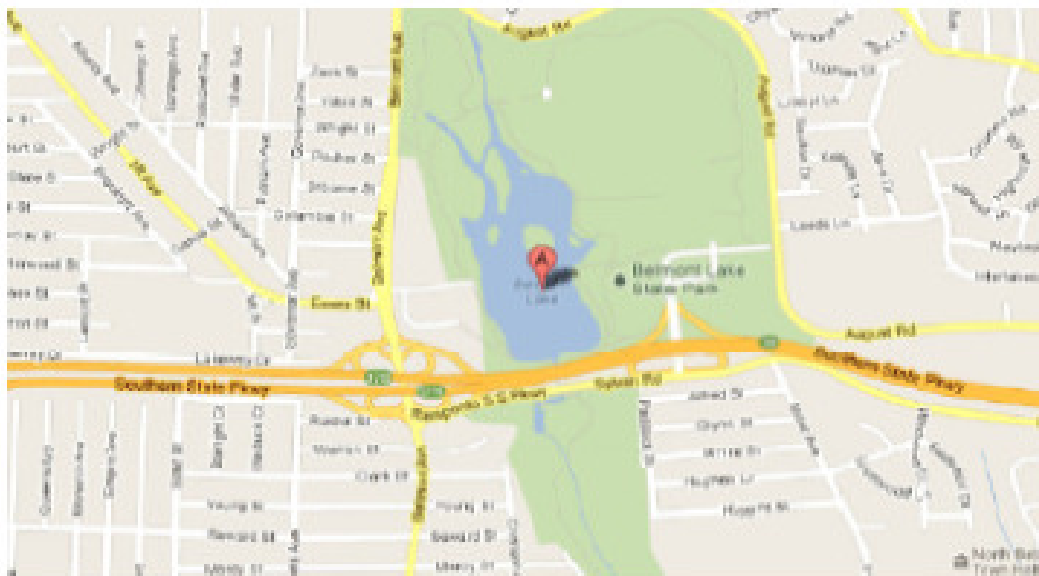
*Send check to: Frank Sammon, 105 Ridge Ave., North Great River, NY 11722*



# September 19th Chapter Barbecue



**Belmont Lake State Park**  
**Exit 38 Southern State Parkway**  
**Saturday, September 19th, 9:00 a.m.**  
**Bring your car out – any condition!**  
**Bring the whole family too!**  
**RSVP: Tom P by 9/12/15 (631) 698-8834**



# LONG ISLAND CHAPTER STUDEBAKER DRIVERS CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

**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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