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## Next Meeting:

Thursday, January 21st - 7:30 p.m.  
Marjorie Post Park Community Room

# Happy New Year!

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER



First off I would like to wish everyone a very healthy and happy new year. This past year has been a privilege and a pleasure to serve as the Studebaker Drivers Club President. I look forward to another year filled with more club events than last year.

This year the 52<sup>nd</sup> Studebaker National Meet will be hosted in the Northeast in Warwick, Rhode Island at the Crowne Plaza. It will be sponsored by the Ocean Bay Chapter with help from the Nutmeg Chapter and the Tri-Spokes Chapter. This show will begin on the 26<sup>th</sup> of June and will run to the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July.

Our Reunion Sunday this year will be held at Marjorie Post Park on June 12<sup>th</sup>, with a rain date June 26<sup>th</sup> 2016. These are the only dates that will work for us and the town of Oyster Bay. If it should happen that we need to use the rain date, I still urge as many as possible from our club to visit the National Meet and show support after our show.

As many of you know, the National Meet is always a fantastic show. I think if we take the ferry out of Orient Point to New London Connecticut it will make the trip a very interesting and fun. On the

## MEETING INFORMATION

Third Thursday of every month

7:30 p.m.

Community Room

Marjorie Post Park

Massapequa

New members welcome!

map it is only 1 inch away! So get your cars ready this winter. We will bring this topic up at our next meeting January 21<sup>st</sup>.

See you soon!

Kevin Healion, President  
Long Island Chapter Studebaker Drivers Club



## FROM OUR NE ZONE DIRECTOR



### Hello 2016!

Before I get too far into the New Year, let's remember all the good stuff from last year.

Congratulations to all of you who:

- Finally started the engine in your Studebaker
- Finally finished the restoration of your Studebaker
- Finally drove your Studebaker to a cruise event
- Finally got "car show" recognition for your Studebaker
- Finally joined your local chapter of the SDC
- Finally went to an International SDC Meet
- Finally made new Studebaker friendships
- And to everybody else who just plain enjoyed their Studebakers.

At the top of my 2016 list will be to attend the 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Studebaker Drivers Club Meet in Warwick, Rhode Island. Jane Ash and her crew are working very hard to make this a most memorable

event. It is being hosted by the Ocean Bay Chapter with assistance from the Nutmeg Chapter and the Tri-Spokes Chapter. I have already registered. Remember, if you register before January 31, 2016 the fee is only \$35.00. After that the fee will be \$45.00. See page 24 of the January issue of Turning Wheels.

This year all of our Chapters can help with the International Meet by sending in a "Sponsorship Commitment". Details are on page 23 of the January issue of Turning Wheels.

Recently, during a snowy night, I decided to review SDC membership levels for the Northeast Zone. I referred to the 2011 Membership Roster and compared the State enrollments to the 2015 Membership Roster. The results were not particularly favorable. The Northeast zone lost 126 members over that five year span. The breakdown is as follows:

#### **Connecticut**

Lost 22

#### **Massachusetts**

Lost 37

#### **Maine**

Lost 13

#### **New York**

Lost 56

#### **Vermont**

Lost 7

#### **Rhode Island**

Lost 2

#### **Newfoundland**

Stayed the same

#### **New Brunswick**

Gained 2

#### **Nova Scotia**

Gained 1

#### **Quebec**

Gained 1

#### **New Hampshire**

Gained 11

#### **Prince Edward Island**

Lost 2

If we are to remain a viable organization, our New Year's Resolution should be to recruit, recruit, recruit.

Another cold, snowy night project was to go through over 50 back issues of Hemming's Classic Car magazines (they have been very good to our Studebakers). Then I found the June 2011 issue that carried an article entitled "2011 Car Club Directory". Therein were listed 62 marquis specific car clubs but only two included the term "driver" in their titles – The National American Motors Drivers and Racers Association and our beloved Studebaker Drivers Club.

The article also included membership numbers with the largest in 2011 being the Model A Ford Club of America citing 16,000 members, The National

Corvette Restorers Society citing 15,800 members and the Studebaker Drivers Club citing 12,800 members. Now these were 2011 statistics and we all know that our membership has dropped off but other clubs have suffered some decline as well. The Oldsmobile Club has lost 500 members, the Walter P. Chrysler Club has lost 500 members and the AACA has lost 5,000 members. With that being said, remember our New Year's resolution should be: recruit, recruit, recruit. With reference to our Club's title we should also drive, drive, drive.

Lastly, may I wish you all the best in life for 2016 and as I have seen on the Forum, "You can't get the smiles if you don't do the miles"

Peter Bishop, Director  
Northeast Zone, SDC

## MEMBERSHIP AND DUES



All members are reminded that now that 2016 has arrived membership dues for the year are now due. Dues are currently \$15.00 for the year. For those that have already paid for 2016, Thank You!

You can use the Membership form on the back of this newsletter to submit your dues, or print a form from the "Join Us" tab on the Chapter's website: [www.longisland-sdc.com](http://www.longisland-sdc.com).

**Please renew now to retain your membership in the club!**

## LINKS FROM LARRY



Continuing my dissemination of Studebaker-related that I received from Larry Swanson, here is an item of interest. As I may have had some of these links for quite a while, I am assuming that they still work. If not, my apologies. For those who receive

the Spotlight in hard copy, you can still get to the information, but you'll have to type the link into your browser, and every character counts, so type carefully!

### #1

Subj: Ayln Edwards article on Barney Vinegar

You never know what is hiding in the bushes. Enjoy very interesting.

Evan Severson

The link to April 3, 2015 article and interview of Barney Vinegar:

<http://driving.ca/studebaker/auto-news/news/88-year-old-classic-car-restorer-still-going-strong>

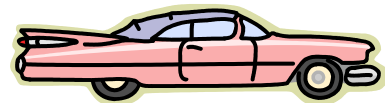
### #2

A Maple Ridge resident buys a couple of Avantis that were covered with blackberry bushes and builds a modified Avanti from the both of them.

The link:

<http://driving.ca/studebaker/auto-news/news/buying-collector-cars-sight-unseen>

## CAR HUMOR



- Why is it that when you're driving and looking for an address you turn down the volume on the radio?
- I drive way too fast to worry about cholesterol.

## UPCOMING EVENTS



**SDC International Meet - June 26 – July 2, 2016 in Warwick, Rhode Island.** A Registration form is included with this newsletter, or you may visit the meet website at [www.sdcmeeet.com](http://www.sdcmeeet.com) to register online.



# 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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