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Next Meeting:

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

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



I know I'm a little late, but I wish all members of our cherished Stude club a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Sheila and I were away when our January meeting took place. During that time, I was elected your esteemed president. I hope that I will do an adequate job. I'm sure if I don't, I'll be reminded of that fact.

What I'd like our members to think about is a date for our Annual Reunion Sunday. Let's get a date and lock it in with the necessary insurance form. We'll discuss this at our February meeting.

I'd also like to discuss a dust-off run.

I know you all are full of great ideas for club events. I also know that I've been accused of being full of it too. (a little humor there.)

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at our next meeting.

See you down the road.

MEETING INFORMATION

Third Thursday of every month

7:30 p.m.

Community Room

Marjorie Post Park

Massapequa

New members welcome!

Rog

JANUARY MEETING RECAP



The Meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Four officers and nine members were in attendance at the meeting.

There were no meeting minutes to be read, as there was no December meeting.

Frank Sammon presented the Treasurer's Report for the month of October. This included checking expenses and income, plus the savings report. Frank also provided a year-end Treasurer's Report. Frank's report was accepted by John Warnock, and seconded by Howard Naval.

Old Business

We had a discussion regarding the annual Studebaker and Orphan Car Show, and several places were suggested as possible venues to hold the show. Jerry Trapani discussed the possibility of holding the show at the Islip Town Hall. The dates being targeted for the show are either September 8th or September 15th.

Also discussed was having copies of the Spotlight made for our show sponsors.

Election of Officers

Kevin Healion discussed vacancies on the Board. Lanning Baron volunteered to serve as Secretary, and Roger Price had indicated that we would be willing to serve as President. Members present voted in new officers for the following positions:

- President: Roger Price
- Secretary: Lanning Baron

Vice President Tom Portesy agreed to serve in an acting capacity until a new person can be found to take on the office.

Frank Sammon agreed to stay on as Treasurer, and Cathy Sammon will also continue as Newsletter editor.

New Business

Kevin discussed a schedule of opportunities for activities/cruises for the club, including a Dust-off get together. A decision was made to have our Dust-off run to the Garage Eatery on April 13th.

Kevin also discussed hosting the March meeting at his shop in Deer Park, and those present approved the suggestion. Kevin also discussed a number of the projects that he has underway at his shop right now.

Kevin noted that the President's Council meeting date is coming up in February, and that the club can register our car show date there.

Jerry Trapani discussed a possible cruise to the Food and Fun Deli on Wellwood Avenue in Lindenhurst.

Frank Sammon reminded members that dues for 2019 are now due.

Dates for several events were also mentioned, including the Westbury Show the first weekend in June, and the Sagamore Hill Show in August. The Swap Meet in Allentown the weekend of January 19th and 20th.

50/50 was won by John Warnock (after 10 years of trying!). He gave half of the winnings back to the club.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lanning Baron, Secretary

WINTER STORAGE Some tips by Dave Evans



Winter is a great time to finish (or start) that project on your vintage car you were putting off because you were too busy driving and enjoying the car when the weather was warmer. Wouldn't it be

great if we all had enough time to tackle that unfinished job on the car, be it the interior - such as pulling out the seats to replace the tattered rug and painting the floor with POR15, taking the dash apart to finally fix the faulty gauge, overhauling the brake system to make next year's driving adventures less frightening. It WOULD BE nice, but many of us only have enough room to store our vintage vehicles, and maybe enough space to work on one (at a time).

This article deals with winter storage for your vehicle(s). It is by no means the Holy Grail, but based more on personal experience of the author and a few close friends. Any suggestions post printing are always appreciated. I will attempt to break down the various systems and outline steps/procedures used to put the car in hibernation.

Fuel System

There are two schools of thought here. One says to run the tank dry and the other to treat gasoline in the tank with an available stabilizer before you put the car away. I prefer the second choice, as I don't really know what lurks at the bottom of the fuel tank. It is best to pour in the stabilizer while the car is running to get it through the entire fuel system, not just to treat the fuel in the tank. Instructions for adding the product are usually a ratio -- typically one once for every 8-12 gallons. Most standard size cars have 14-20 gallon tanks and even if you use too much it will not cause any harm. An added benefit is when starting the car after its' winter nap you won't have the hassle of bringing fuel to the vehicle. I would also lubricate any accelerator/choke/hand throttle linkages before storage, and this might be a good time to change the fuel filter and those old rubber fuel lines, since we know how much damage ethanol causes to these parts.

Battery

The battery should be disconnected and terminals coated (I think white lube should be fine). If possible, hook up a trickle and charger/maintainer on over the period of storage. Many of the newer ones are available in 6/12 volt applications and some like the Schumacher's automatically adjust to the battery's appropriate voltage. Earlier models would default to 12 volts automatically if the electrical supply was disrupted, sometimes resulting in an overcharged battery. NEVER store a battery on a bare concrete floor because it will drain out quickly. If you do

remove the battery from the car, this would be a good time to clean/ treat the battery tray and surrounding area. I have had good experience with a product called "battery mat." It is sold in sheets (usually yellow) and can be cut to size to fill in the battery tray. It seems to do a good job of absorbing any excess acid.

Tires

I think there are different methods depending on whether the tires are bias ply or radials. It has been my observation that bias ply tires tend to "flat spot" on the bottom after long period of storage. One method used to combat this is to overinflate the tires to pressure in the 50-55lb. range. I don't know if this helps, so any feedback would be appreciated. I believe it is probably best to take the weight off the tires by raising the vehicle. Sometimes we end up placing the car on dollies (like go-jaks) and pushing it against the garage wall to maximize storage, so raising the car and/or removing the tires is not practical. I personally have not had the same issue with radial tires after long storage. Maybe it has something to do with the radial steel belts as opposed to the fabric in the bias ply tires. Regardless of the tire type, it is a good idea to treat the tires with some type of protectant/dressing before putting the car away.

P.S. Don't forget about the spare. Many develop slow leaks, probably caused by a lack of use. It is also a good time to check the jack and related hardware.

Cooling System

Check all belts for proper tension and hose clamps. Hose clamps should be tight. Antifreeze testers are inexpensive and easy to use. Using longer life antifreeze is a convenience, but don't forget to flush out every few years if you can. Top off the radiator. On some cars it may be advisable to add a can of water pump lubricant before winter storage.

Body

Lubricate all hinges, door and trunk locks, hood release, seat tracks, heater control cables etc. with appropriate lubricant. I like to use white lube in a spray can. It can reach inside the door posts to lubricate the hinges. Also, this is a good time to check/clean out body drains, typically found at the

bottom of doors and the cowl on some cars. Some old timers (I know I'm becoming one, as my children constantly remind me) used to wax the bumpers/chrome/pot metal trim and leave the wax on during winter storage. I have never done this myself. Has anyone else?

Interior

Clean/vacuum and you will thank yourself when spring comes. Clean all the glass inside and out. Mice/rodents have been known to eat seats and headliners and camp out in heater boxes and ducts etc...These are a few methods to deal with these creatures: 1. Purchase an electric gizmo that you plug in and it sends out a sound frequency that supposedly repels rodents. 2. You can go old school camphor AKA moth balls, which usually leaves your car smelling like Grandma's clothes closet. 3. You can spread mouse/rodent poison around the garage (careful around children and pets) or 4. All of the above. My suggestion is to do all of the above BUT substitute Irish Spring -- yes the bath soap -- for moth balls. I have placed 2 bars inside a car. Do not put the soap directly on the upholstery but on small plastic plates. Every so often (4 weeks) scrape off a little to get the "fresh smell" back. Mice do not like this at all. This has worked for me with the added advantage of a pleasant scent as opposed to "Grandma's closet." This year I will also place some Irish Spring soap in the trunk of the car and under the hood. Also, mice have been known to chew on fabric (cotton?) coated wiring used in many of our older vehicles, which can be dangerous. So it's best to keep them as far away as possible. P.S. Store the car with the sun visors the "down" position. When they are up they provide the mice with a nice platform to stand on and start chewing the headliner.

Other Notables

Some owners like to change the oil and filter, if applicable, before putting the car away and then again after taking it out of storage. Others feel this is overkill and just do a single oil change.

Some owners will also drill a very small hole (1/16th) in the low spot of the muffler to let any condensation drip out, as opposed to letting it sit in the low spot and rusting at the muffler. I think this depends on whether the car will be run during storage or not. Make a note of any registrations/inspections due as you might not see the car for several months

(take a picture with your cell phone). Some owners will pull out the spark plugs and pour a little oil, marvel mystery type product, down the spark plug holes. If you then want to spin the motor slowly to rotate everything and spread out the oil, I suggest using a remote starter switch to bump the motor slowly. I have heard horror stories of people spinning the motor with all of the plugs out. I imagine it would spin a lot faster with no compression and the globs of oil flying across the garage and landing perfectly on the white convertible top of your 57 T-Bird! OUCH!

The ideal storage would be one where you can run the car, use the brakes, shift the cars through the gears, even if it's just up and down the driveway. Sometimes, we must "bury" the car for the winter and do not have that option. Remember to check all fluids and not to run a car in a space without adequate ventilation.

Thanks and Happy New Year!

Dave Evans

P.S. Anybody use synthetic motor oil in a pre-1970 car? If so, would you like to share your experience?
Dave Evans

NOTES FROM NE ZONE DIRECTOR



I am tired of snow shoveling so I thought I would drop a line to all of you.

In last February's notes I talked about The Great Race, sponsored by Hemmings, Hargerty Insurance and Coker Tire, coming to our Northeast Zone. There were five Studebaker participants including John Corey from the Mohawk Chapter. John will be chronicling his adventures in an upcoming Turning Wheels article.

This year I would like to preview the 2019 edition of the Northeast Zone Meet for you. Our friends in the New England area, Nutmeg Chapter, Ocean Bay Chapter and the Trispokes Chapter have carried the load of hosting the Zone Meet for quite a few years and so it was time for New York to step up to the

plate. We are still in the early planning stages but I can share some of the details. It will be hosted by the CNY Chapter, in Syracuse, New York from Thursday, August 15 (arrival, registration date) through Sunday, August 18 (going home). Anticipated activities include a Cruise Night, Motor Coach tour to historic Utica NY, Friday night BBQ, Car Show with some guest Orphan Cars, and finally an awards Banquet with guest speaker. The Host Hotel will be the Sleep Inn & Suites Airport, East Syracuse with a Zone Meet rate of \$110. The, soon to be released, registration form will have all the details. Advertisements will also appear in Turning Wheels and on Facebook.

We are in the process of developing a responsible budget for the event to make it as cost effective as possible. Once you have the opportunity to help us, please consider sponsoring a trophy or two or just have your Chapter send in a Zone Meet Sponsorship for \$100.

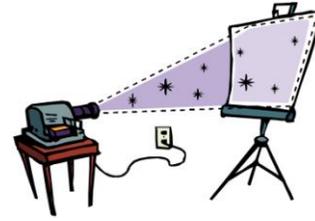
The SDC International Meet will be held this year in Mansfield, Ohio during the second week of September. The location should make it easily accessible; however there will not be a Host Hotel so check for details on the SDC website. The final day will be Saturday, September 14, 2019 which is also "Drive your Studebaker Day". How fitting to see our cars on the Show Field!

A new initiative you have been reading about is SDC membership recruitment and retention. This follows the chain of command from our Zone Coordinator, Steve Grant, down through the Regional Managers, straight into our Chapters. The primary intent is to grow SDC and ultimately the Chapters by using direct communications which welcome new folks and reach out to the souls we have lost. The February issue of Turning Wheels has more details. For the Northeast Zone our membership levels went from 811 recorded members in December, 2018 down to 799 members in January, 2019 as calculated by Cornerstone Registrations. Let's not look in the rear view mirror to see what fell off but look through the windshield to the great ride ahead.

Well, I hear my shovel calling me, so remember "you can't get the smiles without doing the miles!"

Peter Bishop, Director
Northeast Zone, SDC

SPECIAL MEETING PRESENTATION



For the February meeting, I am delighted to announce that Jerry and Rita Trapani have volunteered to present an exhibition and slide show on their visits to Car museums throughout the nation.

The presentation includes an assortment of interesting photos of car and truck museums they've visited around the country such as the Broadmoor and Forney in Colorado, the Crawford in Cleveland, the Studebaker, the Auburn, Duesenburg, Cord plus the Carl Casper collections in Indiana. Cadillac shows in Maryland and the 2017 Cadillac Grand National will also be on the playbill. For any car guy/gal this will be fun!

BLAST FROM THE PAST

A few more in our continuing listing of the former Burma Shave signs that were enjoyed by many a driver in bygone days:

DON'T LOSE YOUR HEAD TO GAIN A
MINUTE
YOU NEED YOUR HEAD
YOUR BRAINS ARE IN IT
BURMA SHAVE

AROUND THE CURVE
LICKITY SPLIT
IT'S A BEAUTIFUL CAR
WASN'T IT?
BURMA SHAVE

UPCOMING EVENTS



- **Dust-off Cruise to Garage Eatery.**
Saturday, April 13, 2019.

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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