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Next Meeting:

**Thursday, July 19th at 7:30 p.m.
Marjorie Post Park Community Room**

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear members:

I hope all of you are enjoying your cars in the ways that enthusiasts like us, well...do!

The loving care we give our prized-possession is a statement of our dedication to our hobby, for sure. And it is often, I think, also a statement to the world-at-large that these cars mattered, and continue to matter. These fine automobiles are a testimonial to the skills of the innovative and often-struggling people of the Studebaker Corporation. I am reminded of one of the credos of the company: "Always give more than expected". What a great idea then, and now.

On a related note: Many contemporary observers of these cars have never seen one (or more, as during our show) in person. I continue to be delighted to see the look on peoples' faces when they first encounter these vehicles. It is often one of enlightenment...and that is enlightening to see!

Enjoy our great cars, and our great newsletter!

Carl

MEETING INFORMATION

Third Thursday of every month

7:30 p.m.

Community Room

Marjorie Post Park

Massapequa

New members welcome!

JUNE MEETING RECAP



Our meeting opened at 8:10 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. I read the May Meeting

Recap. It was accepted by Bob Andreocci, and seconded by Kurt Larsen.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Frank Sammon gave a review of all expenses and income since our last meeting. At our next meeting, Frank will give a complete run-down of all expenses and income as a result of our Reunion Sunday. There was no activity in our savings account. Frank's report was accepted by Bob Andreocci, and seconded by Howard Naval.

OLD BUSINESS:

All of us agreed that our Studebaker Reunion Sunday and Orphan Car Show was a huge success. Over 60 autos were present. A number of our members heard positive comments from many of the participants. Owners of orphan cars really appreciated the fact that they could attend a show dedicated to all orphan cars. This isn't a reflection on the many beautiful autos made by Ford, Chevy, etc.

We had attendees from a few different clubs. There were a number of Verrazano Chapter members who brought their beautiful cars. In addition, we had VCR and F.R. Porter (AACA) members who came and enjoyed the show.

As in the past, the Corvair Club came out to support the event. Howard Naval described how the trophy awards were distributed. To top it off, the weather was perfect for our show.

NEW BUSINESS:

V.P. Lanning Baron questioned how much our club website was being utilized. He was wondering if the annual cost is justified, or should we use the money elsewhere? In other words, can we afford the website? Frank told us that Cathy gets a report indicating the number of hits on our website.

Lanning proposed that we should vote on whether to keep the website or discard it at our annual Holiday Party at the end of this year. At our meeting, there seemed to be arguments both pro and con about the value of having the website.

UPCOMING SHOWS:

On Sunday, July 8th, there will be a car show at David Lerner Associates in Syosset on Jericho Tpke., just west of Route 135. It is for the benefit of the Autism Society. The show starts at 9 A.M. It was suggested that we arrive early. Lanning told us that David Lerner provides a catered breakfast and lunch.

The Vanderbilt Cup Region (VCR), AACA, is having a car show at the Vanderbilt Museum on Sunday, August 19th. All our cars will be parked on the lawn near the mansion. I distributed fliers for the show at this meeting. We should support this show. Many VCR members come to support our Reunion Sunday every year.

Bob Andreocci suggested that we have a breakfast meeting in lieu of our regular club meeting in August. We agreed that this should take place on Saturday, August 18th, at 9 A.M. at the Garage Eatery in Islandia. Frank Sammon agreed to arrange the event. There was general agreement that our previous breakfast at the Garage Eatery was a lot of fun. Our cars were appreciated by the owner and other customers.

Our club picnic will take place on Sunday, October 7th at Belmont Lake State Park. Sal Palmeri told us that he still has plenty of water and soda left over from the Reunion Sunday.

One of the suggestions for our 2013 Reunion Sunday was that we could collect an additional \$2 from each car that registers. The \$2 will go to a charity of our choice.

50/50 was won by Carl Carilli. Our meeting adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Roger Price, Recording Secretary

FROM THE EDITOR



It's been about a year since we got our website up, and I thought I'd give a report on the information that I see as the website administrator. There are reports I can run about activity on the website, and they indicate what kind of interest the site is generating. The reports show the last two weeks of activity only; below is a summary.

In the timeframe between June 25 and July 11, the following were the top pages in popularity:

Page	Number of views
Home page	249

Forum	182
Gallery	122
Events	51
Newsletters	35
Join Us	31
Contact us	31

In the last week (July 4 – 10) the following was the count of page views and visitors:

Date	Views	Visitors
2012.07.10	94	27
2012.07.09	37	19
2012.07.08	65	33
2012.07.07	46	18
2012.07.06	42	23
2012.07.05	43	15
2012.07.04	72	29

For members who haven't logged on in a while, remember that your user ID is your first initial and your last name (mine is csammon). If you forgot your password, you can click on the "forgot password" link, and the password will be sent to your e-mail address on file.

The website is our link to the outside world and a means for people searching the web to find us and perhaps even to join us. You can always find old newsletters on the site, as well as many photos of our various activities. Members can also exchange ideas and thoughts on the Forum, which is open only to members. The website is www.longisland-sdc.com.

TECH TIPS



When a Horn Has a Mind of Its Own By Perry Knopf

One warm day last spring I went out to lock our 1950 Starlight Coupe. Actually, this was at our zone meet last may. When I closed the door the horn gave a little "beep." When I closed the other door, I heard the same little "beep." It was dark, so it was not a good time to investigate the cause. I disconnected the battery. The next day a connected the batter and it didn't need to have a door closed to honk the horn.

I removed the horn wire from the horn relay and drove home.

There I determined the horn ring push back (sponge) had lost its ability to keep the horn's electrical circuit open. It had been 21 years since it was installed. The international meet was in a few weeks, so I bought a reproduction horn sponge (p/n 520411). Problem solved. This same horn ring push back system is used on 1947 through 1956 Studebaker cars with a horn bar or ring. I'd recommend that you be aware of how it works, and possibly have a spare available, especially if you are not aware of it ever being replaced on your Studebaker.

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IN MEMORIAM RALPH LANGENBACH

Long-time Long Island Chapter member Ralph Langenbach passed away on March 27, 2012. He will be sorely missed by the club. Ralph's wife Lynn provided the following information regarding Ralph and his love of his Studebaker and the Long Island Chapter

I thought I would write to inform you that Ralph passed away on March 27th, after a very courageous 5-month battle with Pancreatic Cancer. In his memory, our son, Michael has adopted his beautiful red 1955 Studebaker.

Ralph so enjoyed the Club and the people he met there. He just always wished he had more time to spend getting involved. I am so grateful that Ralph had the opportunity to share his interest with many of you at the Studebaker Club.

Sincerely,
Lynn Langenbach

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **August Chapter meeting to be held at the Garage Eatery in Islandia.** Saturday, August 18th, 2012, 9:00 a.m. Plenty of space to park your Studebaker!
- **Chapter Picnic at Belmont Lake State Park.** Sunday, October 7th, 2012, 10-4 (weather permitting). Plan to come and spend some time kicking back and trading Studebaker stories.

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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