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# STUDEBAKER Spotlight



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## Next Meeting:

**Thursday, August 18th - 7:30 p.m.  
Marjorie Post Park Community Room**

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER



First let me say it was great to see Frank Sammon at the meeting Thursday night at our July Meeting last week. While still recovering from his hospital stay, he managed to get to the meeting with the Treasury report. I applaud the dedication and commitment Frank and Cathy have displayed all these years. Thank you so much and speedy recovery.

On another note, it was my pleasure to host the meeting in June just before our Father's Day Reunion Sunday. It was a pleasure to see all that came and talk some shop. The current project in the shop is a 1963 Hawk GT which is painted and ready for assembly.

The Studebaker National Meet this last week in June was great place to see some unique Studebakers as reported by Tom Portesy. Held in Rhode Island this year, the show experienced good weather but fell short of attendance. The show was still a great place for some of the finest Studebakers in the U.S.

Our Picnic will be on the 11<sup>th</sup> of September which is a Sunday and will be held at Belmont State Park in West Babylon. This is a great day for a nice relaxing Picnic. The past few years have been great and it gives us a chance to know each of our spouses and

## MEETING INFORMATION

**Third Thursday of every month**

**7:30 p.m.**

**Community Room**

**Marjorie Post Park**

**Massapequa**

**New members welcome!**

families. Save the date if you can and bring your favorite Studebaker.

I hope to see you at the next meeting in August and hope everyone has a safe and fun summer.

Kevin J. Healion  
President, LI Studebaker Drivers Club

## **JULY MEETING RECAP**



Our meeting opened at 7:58 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

### **JUNE MEETING RECAP:**

Treasurer Frank Sammon read the May meeting recap for Roger Price, who was away. This was accepted by Bob Andreocci, and seconded by Lanning Baron.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Our treasurer, Frank Sammon, reviewed all checking account expenses and income since our last meeting.

**Checking expenses** included the newsletter, car show expenses including soda/water, coffee, and a registration refund. Frank noted that there are still some outstanding car show expenses. Lanning Baron asked whether he should request a return of the security check or let it ride until next year. Frank noted that the bookkeeping is cleaner if the check is returned, so Lanning will request a return of the security deposit.

**Checking income** included car show sponsors, membership dues, car show registrations, refreshments, 50/50, and bank interest. The only activity in our **savings account** was interest. For further information, please contact Frank.

As part of his report, Frank also mentioned that two new members have joined the group: Frank McManus, who was a member many years ago, and Jon Rand, who was signed up as a member by Victor Clausen.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted by Tom Portesy, and seconded by Lanning Baron.

### **REUNION SUNDAY:**

A discussion was held regarding the car show date, since we were bumped from our usual June date. The concern was that the same may happen

next year. Since the attendance was lower than normal with the Father's Day show date, it was decided not to have that for the show date next year. Lanning Baron suggested looking for a May date instead if we cannot get the date we normally have. He suggested the weekend after Mother's Day. Those in attendance agreed that only some days in May will work, as both Mother's Day and Memorial Day weekend need to be avoided.

The result of the discussion was that we will look into other date possibilities.

Kevin will send out "Thank You" notes to the Sponsors and trophies to those who won but left the show before the awards were presented. Kevin also suggested sending trophies to those sponsors who sponsored a class that had no entrants. The group agreed that this was a great idea.

### **WARWICK, R.I.:**

Tom Portesy discussed the International Meet in Warwick, which he and several others attended. He indicated that the cars that were at the show were excellent, and the weather was great. Attendance was a bit lower than usual, but geography plays a part in that. Tom explained that International meets generally draw cars from a 300-500 mile radius; when the show is on a coast, part of that radius is missing, so the draw area is smaller.

Tom also noted that there was a fee for shoppers to get into the indoor swap meet, and it was \$55.00 the day of the show (\$45, plus a late fee if not done at registration). Vendors could get in due to their vendor registration. Tom thought that this aspect would be a subject of much further discussion.

Next year's International Meet will be in South Bend.

### **CAR STUFF:**

- The Sayville Car show will be held on August 7<sup>th</sup> this year.
- Kevin Healion went with Charlie Peifer to Charlie's place upstate to pick up Charlie's 1964 GT Hawk. They brought the car back to Kevin's shop to be worked on. Kevin said that they'd had quite a time getting the car moving initially, but after that there were no real issues with getting it to Long Island, parkways notwithstanding!
- James Melvin is selling his 1921 Studebaker Light 6 that was Ward Melvin's car.

- Tom Portesy told a story about a 1948 Studebaker convertible that had been in a garage since 1966. Steve from Steve's Collision got a call regarding the car, as it needed restoration and the new owner had sold the house and needed to get rid of the car. Steve gave him a ballpark figure on what the car could go for, and wound up picking it up very reasonably.

### **CHAPTER PICNIC:**

Kevin reminded everyone that the Chapter Picnic will be held on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at Belmont Lake State Park. VP Tom Portesy suggested that we send a flyer for the picnic to those who came to our show. He also said we need to remember to have the flyers ready before the show, so they can be handed out at the show in the future.

Frank Sammon agreed to send out the flyers.

### **50/50:**

The 50/50 was won by Maria Scaduto.

Our meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
C. Sammon (for R. Price)

### **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**



We welcome the following new members to the chapter. We hope you enjoy being a member of the club!

- Frank McManus
- Jon Rand

### **CHAPTER BARBECUE**



The Chapter will be holding its annual picnic at Belmont Lake State Park on Sunday, September 11<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 3rd to give him a headcount. Be advised that there is an \$8.00 parking fee at Belmont Lake State Park.

### **TECH TIPS**



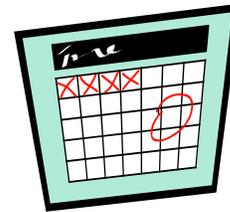
#### **Spark Plug Wires**

by Malcolm Barry. Reprinted from "The New Prairie Bulletin," Nov 2010, and the May 2011 BCIEC Sparkplug

Something that is overlooked in the maintenance of your Studebaker is spark plug wires. If they haven't been replaced for some time (or maybe never), the rubber insulation will develop cracks and allow the spark to jump to a metal part on the engine rather than going across the spark plug gap as it should. This causes the engine to misfire. In other words, your Studebaker will not run properly.

If there is any question as to how old the wires are, replace them. Also it's best to replace them especially if you've changed to a higher output ignition.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**



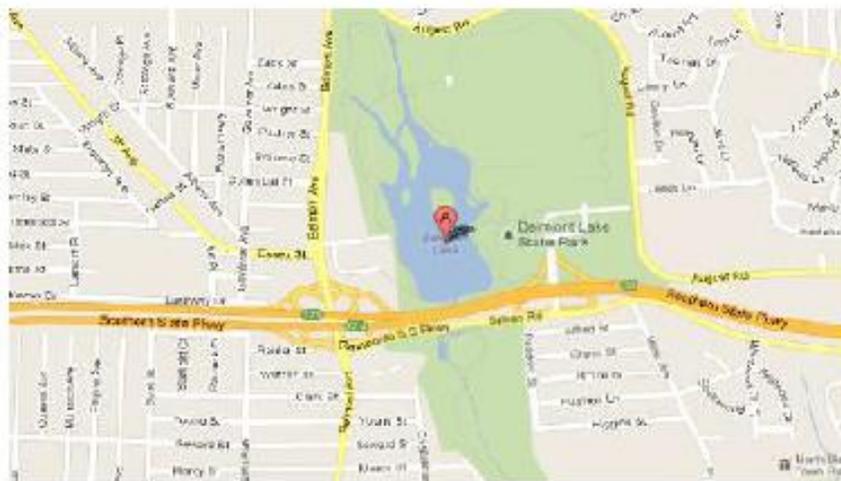
- **LI Chapter Barbecue.** To be held on Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at Belmont Lake State Park, starting at 9 a.m. See the flyer on the website.



## September 11th Chapter Barbecue Belmont Lake State Park

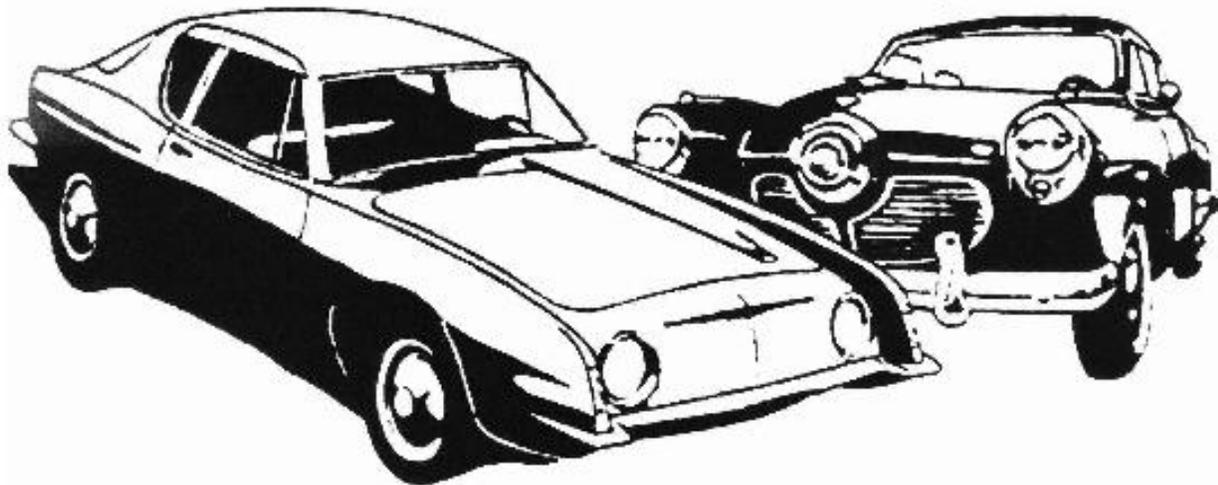


**ALL REUNION SUNDAY CARS INVITED!**  
**Exit 38 Southern State Parkway**  
**Sunday, September 11th, 9:00 a.m.**  
**Bring your car out – any condition!**  
**Bring a Salad/side: Club provides the rest!**  
**Contact Tom: (631) 698-8834 by Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>!**



# STUDEBAKERS

at **DUNKIRK, NY**



## *Studebaker Swap Meet* *September 16 & 17 2016*

Studebaker cars and parts at the Chautqua County Fairgrounds  
1089 Central Ave, Dunkirk NY  
Easy Access from exit 59 on Interstate 90

Friday Sept 16:

Swap Meet 8 AM - 5 PM

(vendor set up available Thursday 1 PM - 5 PM)

Saturday Sept 17th

Swap Meet 8 AM - 2 PM

Vendor Spaces \$40 (10' x 10') Tables \$10 each. Plenty of room for indoor vendors. Outdoor vending spaces available. Free parking. Plenty of lodging and food nearby.

For reservations and information contact Steve Grant 8581 Fredonia Stockton Rd. Fredonia NY 14063. email [madd\\_doodler@yahoo.com](mailto:madd_doodler@yahoo.com) or call 814-779-5553

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# 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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