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Next Meeting:

Thursday, November 18th at 7:30 p.m.

Marjorie Post Park Community Room

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The new club banner provided by National really gets the message out about Studebaker! For those who did not get to see it at the last meeting, the photo below shows what it looks like.



MEETING INFORMATION

Third Thursday of every month

7:30 p.m.

Community Room

Marjorie Post Park

Massapequa

New members welcome!

Bet this will attract some new attention! What do you think?

Howard Naval, President, LI Chapter

OCTOBER MEETING RECAP



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

I read the minutes from the September meeting (written so ably in my absence by President Howard Naval). The minutes were accepted by Ward Melvin, and seconded by Tom Portesy.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Frank Sammon reviewed all expenses and income since the September meeting and gave our checking and savings account balances. Accepted by Mike Neumar and seconded by Tom Portesy.

UP COMING EVENTS:

Howie mentioned the October 24th car show at the Cradle of Aviation Museum.

On November 6 & 7 there is a car show at Belmont Race Track.

On November 14th, the East End Olds Club and the Historical Truck Club will sponsor their annual car show to benefit needy families. Bring an unwrapped toy or food for admission. The show is at Bald Hill.

Ward invited everyone to attend the annual tree lighting ceremony at the Smithtown Library on Sunday, December 5th at 4 P.M. Hot chocolate will be served.

I took the opportunity to thank members of our Stude club who attended the Smithtown Heritage Country Fair in September. Those who came had a terrific time.

Howie exhibited the new National Club Banner that says "We Invented Cool," which was distributed to all SDC chapters. October is SDC recruiting month.

Frank Sammon asked the club's permission to send out copies of the "Spotlight" to potential members on Long Island. Permission was granted by those in attendance, so Frank will be sending out the Spotlight in the hope of attracting new members to our chapter.

We have 25 paid-up members in our chapter. There was a good discussion about retaining existing members and recruiting new members to our club in view of the difficult economy.

HOLIDAY BRUNCH:

All in attendance voted to use Molly Malone's in Bay Shore again for our annual holiday brunch. As it did last year, our club will subsidize the cost to our members. Members will pay just \$10 per person.

SHUTDOWN RUN:

On Saturday, 11/6/10 we will cruise out east to the Martha Clara Vineyards. Along the way, we will drive to a former Studebaker dealership building, on Roanoke Ave., Riverhead, to have a photo shoot with our cars in front of the building. We will meet at 10 A.M. at John Harvard's Restaurant in Lake Grove (by Smith Haven Mall) on Route 347. Following the winery visit, we will go to the Modern Snack Bar in Aquebogue (east of Riverhead) to eat.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Tom Portesy announced that he would be going to Reedsville on November 19th. Anyone who has Studebaker stuff to sell, please bring it to Tom at our November 18th meeting.

Our November meeting is our election night. Anyone who would like to run for office or who would like to nominate someone, please come to the meeting to express your wishes. There will also be a raffle at the November meeting to win a gift certificate for a turkey.

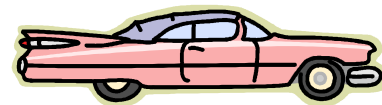
A reminder to all members: 2011 dues are due in January.

50/50 was won by Charlie Peifer.

Our meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

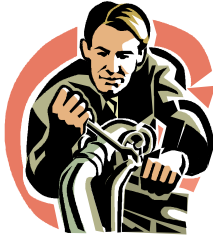
Respectfully Submitted
Roger Price, Recording Secretary

CAR HUMOR



- How do they get the deer to cross at that yellow road sign?
-- George Carlin

TECH TIPS



Leak Down Test By Dennis Haynes

Taken from the SDC Website, Bob Johnstone's website

We already use a compression test to determine an engine's condition. The problem with this test is that there are too many variables. It can only be used to check engine condition by comparing cylinders to EACH other or a past norm. Variables such as cam profile, engine cranking speed, etc. will affect the readings.

A leak down tester uses air from a compressor and measures the rate at which it leaks through the engine. This is done with the engine not running and the beauty of this is that it can find the source of the leakage by listening for the escaped air. Internal leakage is found by air bubbles in the cooling system. Tools needed are a leak down tester, and an air compressor. The tester is available for about \$60.00. The compressor should be at least 2 hp and deliver 90psi.

Procedure:

Remove spark plugs. Set the engine to TDC #1. Calibrate test gauge per the instructions. Lock engine so it cannot turn. Connect hose to spark plug hole. Connect pressurized gauge to hose connection. Read leakage. If looking for coolant leaks and nothing obvious shows up, bypass gauge and connect shop air direct to cylinder. Open radiator cap before this. If coolant sprays out, you have a head problem. Do the same test on the rest of the cylinders. Remember to set TDC of EACH piston for compression stroke. This test is also great for air-cooled head leaks and valve problems. Note that all engines will have some leakage past the rings. Always do full pressure test when you suspect a problem. Make sure engine is SECURED with full pressure test. If on a stand, it will spin violently. With gauge connected, you can rock crankshaft to see if leakage changes. If so, this

is a sign that the ring lands are wearing. New engines will also do this until the rings are seated.

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CLASSIFIEDS

For Sale: 1961 Hawk. Contact Thomas Basti at (631) 266-1414 for details. The story on the car is as follows:

We have been a Studebaker family since January 1949, when my father purchased a '48 Commander. In 1955, my sister bought a '55 Speedster. I bought a '56 President Classic, and a '57 Hawk. In 1961, my sister purchased a new Hawk in a Studebaker promotion getting a brass plaque with her name and Hawk No. 0878 was made expressly for Marie Basti.

This car was always garaged. It has not been used for the past 20 years. We had it transported to our garage in East Northport, NY, and before I started it, I replaced the fuel pump and rebuilt the carburetor. Then I gave up when the head gaskets blew out. (It was almost expected) At this stage of my life, I am not up to putting any more work into the car.

Other than the blow out, this car is in very good condition, and doesn't look its 49 years or 99,070 miles. It has to be seen to be appreciated!

UPCOMING EVENTS



- **Holiday Brunch.** Sunday, December 5th 2010. The Holiday Brunch will be held at Molly Malone's in Bay Shore again this year, starting around 11:00 a.m.

**WISHING EVERYONE A VERY
HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**



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, North Great River, NY 11722-3430.

DUES: Join January – June \$15.00; July – December \$10.00

NOTE: YOU MUST BE A MEMBER OF THE SDC TO JOIN A LOCAL CHAPTER.



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