

# STUDEBAKER Spotlight



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## **NO DECEMBER MEETING!**

### Next Meeting:

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



*Happy Holidays to All!  
And a Happy New Year!*



## PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Our final meeting for this calendar year, in November, was a very good one. We had a good turnout of members, and even a guest appearance by our Newsletter Editor, Cathy Sammon. There was a lot of participation from all in the discussions. Topics ranged from club participation to finding ways to expand the club membership. We spent a lot of time discussing ways to get more active participation in our club events.

Our next formal meeting will be in January, with our annual brunch in December at Captain Bill's taking the place of this month's meeting as usual. The brunch is always a great time and a chance to relax with members and their spouses, and maybe

## MEETING INFORMATION

**Third Thursday of every month**

**7:30 p.m.**

**Community Room**

**Marjorie Post Park**

**Massapequa**

**New members welcome!**

walk away with some nice Studebaker memorabilia from the raffles.

I hope everyone enjoyed some juicy turkey and apple pie for Thanksgiving. I look forward to seeing all members with their significant others at the brunch, and look forward to the start of next year and another year of great Studebaker events.

Happy Holidays to all, and wishing everyone a very Happy New Year!

Kevin J Healion, President  
Studebakers Drivers Club, Long Island Chapter

## **NOVEMBER MEETING RECAP**



Our meeting opened with the Salute to the Flag at 7:57 P.M.

### **OCTOBER MEETING RECAP:**

Recording secretary Roger Price read the meeting recap from our October meeting. This was accepted by Tom Portesy, and seconded by Lanning Baron.

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

Treasurer Frank Sammon reviewed all expenses and income from September and October, 2017.

#### **CHECKING EXPENSES:**

Newsletter and meeting refreshments from September and October, plus September picnic expenses.

#### **CHECKING INCOME:**

Meeting refreshments and 50/50 income, Holiday party reservations, Bank interest.

Frank also reported our current checking and savings balances.

There was no activity in our saving account.

Frank's report was accepted by Tom Portesy, and seconded by Carl Carilli.

As in the past, if any member would like more specific treasury info, please contact either Frank or Roger.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

President Kevin Healion asked members to bring items for our raffle table at our Holiday Brunch. Kevin indicated that he has some stuff to bring, as does Frank. Carl is donating a showroom GT Hawk banner.

President Kevin Healion took time out to thank all the current officers for their dedication and hard work for the club.

If any member would like to nominate someone or nominate themselves for any office, you may do so at the brunch. After a vote, all 2018 officers will be announced.

### **2018 REUNION SUNDAY AND ORPHAN CAR MEET:**

We're still narrowing down possible venues for our next meet. Carl found out that the Cradle of Aviation Museum will charge the club a fee of \$250, plus they will split our fee for each participant, i.e. 60% to the club and 40% to the museum.

Heckscher Park in Huntington charges the club \$200 to have our show.

One thing, for sure, is the club must make a profit that allows us to do other things during the year. As an example, profits allow the club to subsidize the Holiday Brunch. In addition, it allows us to pay for our annual summer picnic.

One way to raise more money is to sell advertising to help our treasury.

We had a good discussion concerning the date for our 2018 show. Most of the members in attendance voted to have our show in late May. Kevin said that he will investigate the possibilities. We voted to authorize Kevin to choose an acceptable May or early June date. September is also a possibility, depending upon availability of venues.

### **2018 CLUB MEETINGS:**

Lanning reported that we are all set for our monthly meeting at Marjorie Post Park. There will be no charge for our meetings.

### **CLUB PICNIC:**

Should we look for a new venue for our annual club picnic? Lanning suggested that we look into using a town park. One such possibility is Syosset

Woodbury Park. Lanning is familiar with that park since it's very close to the police precinct where he worked.

### **MONTHLY MEETINGS:**

Carl mentioned that the Olds Club has a buffet at every monthly meeting. By doing that, they usually have a great turnout for their meetings.

It was suggested, and a decision was made that we should have pizza at our January meeting to see how that works out.

Carl asked if everyone in our club gets our newsletter via email. We should use email to remind everyone about the next meeting. Cathy replied that we get our digital newsletter approximately one week before our meeting, and that's the reminder. Cathy can easily put the reminder in the email message that sends the Newsletter, so people can see it before opening the newsletter attachment.

The turkey raffle was won by Charlie Peifer.

Our meeting adjourned at 9:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Roger Price, Recording Secretary

### **TECH TIPS**

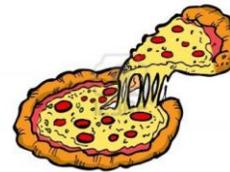


By Evan Severson. Reprinted from "The New Prairie Bulletin" SDC Saskatchewan Chapter, Jan/Feb 2011 and April 2011 BCIEC Sparkplug

When tinkering with my '65 6-cyl., I had a problem with the choke not working, hard starting, poor gas mileage. I removed the auto choke assembly from the manifold and found the spring working when "hot" and "cold," but the metal bracket that goes around the spring and works the rod up to the carb was sticking. This was carefully removed with much prying and co-cursing, only to find the shaft had 40 years of crud on it. A little WD-40 and a small piece of Scotch Brite pad and the shaft

was clean like new. After re-assembly of the spring and cage housing, the mechanism works like new. Also, I now have a choke that sets when I depress the pedal once and the car starts right away. Now that the cold weather is here it might be something to check if the choke is sticking. Just think of all that summer driving you do and the choke is partly stuck on. Maybe that's why your gas mileage is not as good as it should be or was in the summer. I had not really given this a good check out, but as the cold weather came it did get harder to start, and when the car did warm up, it still ran poorly.

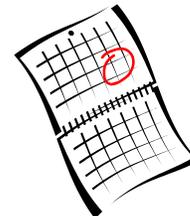
### **IF YOU FEED THEM, WILL THEY COME?**



As noted in Roger's recap of the November meeting, a suggestion was made to have pizza at our January meeting to see whether we get increased attendance when we provide food rather than just coffee and doughnuts. It would be great to get some member feedback on this idea, or any other suggestions for increasing participation at chapter meetings and events.

If you like the idea of pizza, let us know by sending a message to the chapter e-mail: [longisland.sdc@gmail.com](mailto:longisland.sdc@gmail.com), January's meeting will be our first with this new change, so let us know what you think of it, and whether it will have any impact on your attendance. Thanks for your feedback!

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**



- **Long Island Chapter Christmas Brunch.** **Sunday, December 10, 2017:** from 11:30 to 2:30 at Captain Bill's Restaurant, 122 Ocean Avenue, Bay Shore. Cost to Member/Spouse is \$20 each. Must be active, paid-up member to pay member price. Any additional family members are welcome, but will pay full price.

# 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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