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Next Meeting:

Thursday, August 15th - 7:30 p.m.
**Marjorie Post Park Community
Room**

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Greetings!

Just a reminder that we have only one meeting left to get ready for our **September 15th Reunion Sunday and Orphan Car Show**. It's incumbent upon us to make sure that we get enough sponsors for our show trophies. President Emeritus, Kevin Healion, has graciously agreed to handle the trophies and put the appropriate labels on each trophy.

Please try to obtain items to be inserted in our goody bags. We have past issues of antique car magazines to insert into the bags, but it would be nice to offer other items too.

Try to attend various cruise nights to hand out flyers to owners of orphan cars. In the past orphan cars have outnumbered Studebakers at our show, and that's ok. The more, the merrier.

V.P. Tom Portesy assures us that plans are moving forward for our annual BBQ which will be on **Sunday, Sept. 8th** at Belmont Lake State Park in North Babylon, off the Southern State Parkway, Exit 38. It starts at 9:00 A.M.

I'm looking forward to our August 15 meeting to finalize our car show plans. The success of the show depends on all of our members, as it has in the past.

See you down the road,

Rog

MEETING INFORMATION

Third Thursday of every month

7:30 p.m.

Community Room

Marjorie Post Park

Massapequa

New members welcome!

JULY MEETING RECAP



The Meeting was called to order at 8:04 and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. There were three officers and 16 members present. Roger Price read the minutes of the last meeting, which were accepted by Charlie Lanza, seconded by Meredith Jaffe.

Frank Sammon read the Treasurer's Report, and it was accepted by Tom Portesy, seconded by Kurt Larsen. Frank also thanked the club for its donation to the Polk County Animal Control in memory of his brother Kevin.

Roger brought up the plans for the Chapter Barbecue at Belmont Lake State Park. There was a discussion of what items members would bring and what the club would provide. Tom Portesy noted that he would like to get a rough headcount by the August meeting so that he can plan the food purchases.

Reunion Sunday was discussed. Several sponsor checks were brought to the meeting, and Roger noted that we need as many as possible to help make the show a success. Roger noted that we still need trinkets to fill up the goodie bags. Tom Portesy indicated that we should have more publicity if possible. He was wondering whether anyone had a contact for News 12. He also asked everyone to attend shows and cruise-ins and to distribute our flyer to any orphan cars that are there.

The Northeast Zone meet was discussed, and Roger asked whether anyone was planning to attend it. Frank Sammon noted that, while he is unable to attend due to a prior commitment, the activities look quite good. He noted that he had sent a check to the Central New York Chapter on behalf of our chapter to support the show.

Car stuff: Kevin Healion noted that the '38 he picked up has been stripped and it does not have too much rust or rot.

Victor Clausen brought up the Sayville Summerfest to be held on August 11. This is always a good event to attend, and he suggested that members get together to drive to it so that the cars can be lined up together.

Victor also noted that the Corvair Club will be meeting the same night as the Studebaker Club in August, due to getting bumped from their regular meeting night. They will be having pizza and soda, and he invited our club to join them in that.

Roger noted that we may be getting a new member – he had some discussion with the new owner of a '58 Packard.

Bob Heinson provided a Studebaker Oil filter to the club that anyone making a donation could take.

Several very early members of the Long Island Chapter were in attendance at the meeting: Frank Mc Manus, Paul Schubert, and Mark Schubert. They were in the area visiting, and were able to attend the meeting and renew old acquaintances.

The 50/50 was won by Dave Evans, who donated the winnings to the club.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00.

Cathy Sammon, for Lanning Baron

TECH TIPS



Summertime Blues – Keeping it Cool

Spring is here and summer is on its way. After our vehicles storage/slumber, what is the best way to assure the best performance/reliability from our vehicles? An article like this sometimes puts the “purists” against the ‘modifiers.’ It’s up to the owners to decide what changes fit their individual needs. I have fitted an electric fan to some of my cars – anyone who owns a 1939 Buick or almost any V8 flathead Ford can attest to those models tendency to run hot on any day over 85 degrees.

This is usually not a problem if the car is moving, say above 15 mph, but in slow or stop-and-go traffic, these models tend to overheat. This leads to vapor lock, which leads to sitting on the side of the road with the hood up until the engine cools down, hoping you didn’t drain the battery too much when you try to restart it. Two of my cars have electric fans wired to the ignition switch, so if the engine is running, then the fan is on. Both of these cars have alternators, so

the electrical output at low rpm is not a problem. Alternators will charge at idle speed; generators will not. One of my cars, the 1939 Buick, has the fan on a separate switch. I'm thinking of wiring it to run whenever the engine is running (just for the summer so I never have to remember to turn it on). Six-volt electric fans are available in different diameters and draw very little power. I also have an electric fuel pump in the same car to combat vapor lock. Most of the time these two additions have worked, although running the car for 20 plus minutes at idle (like on a movie set waiting for the signal to drive down the street at 5 mph) and then shutting the engine off will result in heat soak and a 10-20 minute wait to restart.

Fuel pumps should be mounted as close to the gas tank as possible, as most of them are the "pusher type." Pumps are sold in 6-volt and 12-volt both in positive and negative ground. Most pre-1955 American cars are positive ground, like Nash/AMC/Studebaker/Ford/Chrysler products. All 6-volt GM cars are negative ground EXCEPT CADILLAC. Does anybody know why? (I don't). Electric fuel pumps can also be used to prime the fuel system after the car has been sitting unused for a long time. Modern fuels containing ethanol seem to evaporate from the carburetor rather quickly, and using the electric pump for a few seconds before and while starting the engine can reduce the load on both the battery and the starter.

Electric fans can be mounted in front of the radiator "pusher type." Electric fuel pumps can be, and should be, mounted on the frame close to the gas tank. If done this way, neither modification can be seen easily when you open the hood. So both the "purists" and the "modifiers" should be happy.

Alternators. Alternators are now available in both 6- and 12-volt and in either positive or negative ground. Since alternators are generally half the size of generators, once you open the hood the modification becomes obvious. There is, however, a company that makes alternators that look just like your old generator. I believe the company is called Power Gen, but they are 2-3 times more expensive than a conventional-looking alternator. I put a 12-volt alternator on my 1954 Nash.

The car was already converted to 12 volts when I bought it, and since the Nash generator is used to drive the water pump, I could not just get rid of the generator. So what to do? Fortunately, the 1954 Ambassador (6-cylinder Jet Fire engine) has two pulleys mounted on the front of the crank shaft...

My guess is that the second pulley is for the optional AC system, or even power steering, which I believe, both became available around that time. (Any corrections to my memory are gladly accepted) So me and my buddy Mark Hecht fabricated a bracket/mounted system off the upper part of the engine. We then went to the auto parts store and bought a fan belt (actually three different sizes, since we didn't know which one would fit best). We then disconnected the wires between the generator and the voltage regulator and ran one wire from the new alternator to the battery. This set-up eliminated the old voltage regulator, since that is all built into the alternator. The result is faster cranking speed/brighter lights, etc. The only downside at this time is that the "no charge" indicator light is lit up. I will probably replace it with an under-dash volt meter (if I ever get time). Not only are alternators sold in 6-volt/12-volt positive/negative ground, but they are also available in various width front pulleys to accommodate wider drive belts used on older cars. Also, by eliminating the voltage regulator there is one less part to malfunction, and who remembers the correct way to polarize one of these anyway?

Next installment: Seat belts/turn signals/voltage inverters/radial tires. Thank you.

Dave Evans

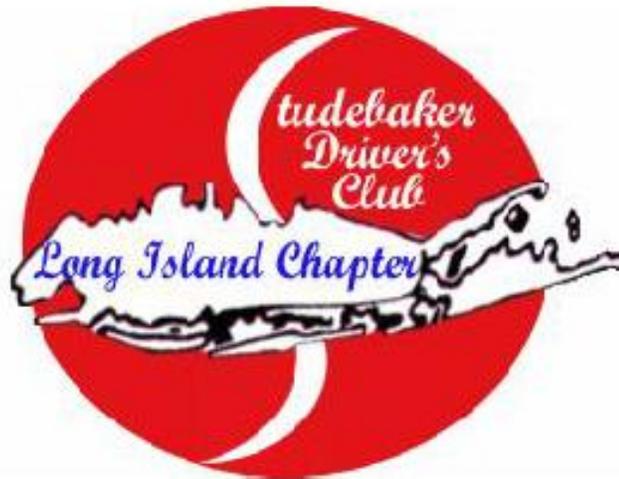
UPCOMING EVENTS



- **Northeast Zone Meet.** August 15-17, Syracuse, NY. Meet Sponsored by the Tri-Spokes Chapter. Pre-registration through July 15th, 2019.
- **Chapter Barbecue. Sunday, September 8th** at Belmont Lake State Park. 9 to 3. Chapter supplies hamburgers, hot dogs and condiments. Members bring salads/sides. Contact Tom Portesy at (631) 698-8384
- **Reunion Sunday and Orphan Car Show. Sunday, September 15,** 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at **Heckscher Park** in Huntington Village. For information contact Bob (631) 834-6785, or Roger (631) 724-1382. raprice22@aim.com.
- **Chapter Holiday Brunch. Sunday, December 8th,** at Captain Bill's Restaurant in Bay Shore.

Orphan Car Show

STUDEBAKER AND ORPHAN CAR SHOW



**HECKSCHER PARK, HUNTINGTON, NEW YORK
MAIN STREET AND PRIME AVENUE
2019**

SUNDAY September 15th 2019 9:00am-2:00pm

**1st place awards for Studebaker classes
1st, 2nd & 3rd place awards for orphan makes
*Also Specialty Trophies***

Registration fee: \$20 by August 31st \$25 DAY OF SHOW

CONTACT: BOB: 631 834 6785, or ROGER: 631 724 1382 raprice22@alm.com

Year:

Make:

Model:

Name (Print):

Address:

Phone #:

Email (REQUIRED):

CHECKS MADE OUT TO: STUDEBAKER DRIVERS CLUB

Send check to: Frank Sammon, 105 Ridge Ave., North Great River, NY 11722

2019 Northeast Zone Meet - Syracuse, NY - August 15-17

Registration Form

Pre-Register through July 15th, 2019 by mail to: Julie Huther 25 Kellogg St. Clinton, NY 13323.
You will get a confirmation by mail and/or email.

Name _____ Spouse/Significant other _____
Others in your party _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone (Home) _____ (Cell) _____ Email _____

Some questions to help us plan for your stay...

When do you plan to arrive? Thu _____ Fri _____ Sat _____ Other _____

Will you be bringing a vehicle to the show? Yes _____ No _____ Type of vehicle(s) _____

Convention T-Shirt: \$10.00 Specify number of each size needed...

S; M; L; XL; XXL; XXXL

\$ _____

Thursday, August 15th, 2019: FREE Welcome Reception in the lobby and Registration all day
6:00 PM - Join us for a fun filled evening as we travel together to the Bella Domani car club Cruise-in nearby.

Friday, August 16th, 2019; Registration Continues throughout day.

8:30. AM-4:30PM - Deluxe Motor Coach from hotel to Utica NY, including: *Stop 1:* a once in a lifetime opportunity to visit a private unique car collection featuring over 60 cars, *Stop 2:* A walk through tour of Utica's historic restored Union Station, *Stop 3:* Lunch on your own on historic Varick St. *Stop 4:* Tour of the vintage West End Brewery-Home of Shultz and Dooley, wear closed-toe footwear and a warm sweater, Retire to the 1888 Tavern for 2 included beverages. \$50.00 per person \$ _____

OR Transportation to Turning Stone Casino, drop off at around 9AM and pickup at approximately 4:00PM

\$ 25.00 per person \$ _____

6:00PM Barbecue Picnic at Vic & Connie Oliver's House, 6833 Loucks Rd. East Syracuse NY: <1 mile from hotel). Bring your car! ! Catered by Rodfathers' Catering Service \$20.00 per person \$ _____

Saturday, August 17th, 2019 10:0 AM-4:00PM Studebaker and Orphan Car Show, Studebaker is the featured make this year. We will have our own area for show parking. Studebakers will be judged separately. Must have a fire extinguisher visible at your car. \$10.00 per car. \$ _____

6:00PM-9PM Studebaker Drivers Club Banquet & Buffet; Award Presentation and Speaker. Sleep Inn (Host hotel) \$ 25.00 per person \$ _____

Total Participation Fees: (add highlighted amounts) Make all checks payable to CNY Studebaker Club

\$ _____

Room registration must be made directly with the hotel - Sleep Inn Suites (airport) 6344 E. Molloy Road E. Syracuse, NY Telephone # 315-433-8585. Register by May 24th. Mention Studebaker Drivers Club for rate of \$110.00 per night plus tax. Breakfast is included.

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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