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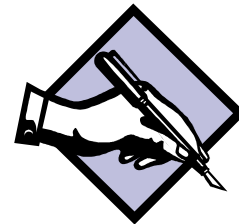
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Next Meeting:

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

JULY MEETING RECAP



After a little glitch with our intended location not being open on the weekend, the July meeting was held at Panera Bread in Farmingdale. We could not have our usual meeting place in Massapequa due to scheduling conflicts. There was a good turnout at the meeting, as evidenced by the photo below:



Since President Carl Carilli could not make this meeting, V.P. Lanning Baron officiated. There was a discussion about upcoming car events. They're listed as follows:

MEETING INFORMATION

Third Thursday of every month

7:30 p.m.

Community Room

Marjorie Post Park

Massapequa

New members welcome!

- Hallockville Truck show with the Long Island Antique Power Association on Saturday, July 16th and Sunday, July 17th.
- Also on the 16th, there's a car show at Steve's Collision in Port Jefferson Station. Steve is a big supporter of our Reunion Sunday.
- The Vanderbilt Cup Region, AACA will sponsor a car show, open to all, at the Vanderbilt Museum in Centerport on August 21st. More info will follow.
- The Smithtown Heritage Country Fair will be held on Sunday, September 18th. All those who arrive in their vintage autos will be admitted free.

Our next Long Island Chapter meeting will be at the usual spot at Marjorie Post Park on August 18th.

We reviewed our Reunion Sunday Show and all agreed that it was our most successful show to date. There were 60 Studebakers and orphan cars present. We received excellent feedback from the attendees. I commented that, even though we are a relatively small club, we seem to work well together to create a very meaningful event. Thanks go to all those who participated.

At our last meeting, Tom Portesy mentioned that we should have a club picnic. This led to a constructive discussion meant to set the date and location of the picnic. Lanning said that he'd check out the Bethpage State Park. We decided on Saturday, September 24th as the date. More information will follow in the Spotlight and our website.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Frank Sammon reviewed all expenses and income since our last meeting. Expenses included the cost of printing our newsletter, new ink cartridge for the printer, June meeting refreshments, some promotional items for the car show, car show awards, and refreshments.

Income included car show registration charges and sale of car show refreshments. We also received income from the 50/50, plus \$30 from 2 vendors and day-of-show registrations.

Gross income from the show was \$962.00

Savings Account: Frank withdrew \$180 from the account to provide change at the car show, but it wasn't needed. He then deposited that money back into the savings account. The treasurer's report was

accepted by Tom Portesy, and seconded by Lanning Baron.

With that, our meeting was closed. The cars that came to the meeting at Panera Bread really looked nice in that parking lot! As usual, we got a few comments and reminiscences from people passing by the location.

Respectfully submitted,
Roger Price, Recording Secretary



SHOW SPONSOR THANK YOU

The following name was inadvertently left out of our list of sponsors that provided the donations of trophies for our Reunion Sunday awards. Sponsors are very important supporters of our annual show. Thanks also go out to:

- **SECUR-ALL Agency Incorporated,
Plainview, NY**

TECH TIPS



Keeping Up With Antifreeze/Coolant Changes

By Richard Cheek

(Reprinted from BCIEC Sparkplug, August 2010)

I read an article in the august 2010 issue of *Popular Mechanics* magazine that pointed out that conventional green-colored antifreeze has been quietly dropped by virtually all car manufacturers and replaced by many different types with many colors.

The article went on to say that you shouldn't use anything but the original type and furthermore that the types when mixed will cause problems. The green coolant (probably the type that most of us use in our Studebakers) is good for two to three years and up to 30,000 miles. This type antifreeze contains silicates, phosphates, and borates as corrosion inhibitors to keep the solution alkaline. As long as the solution remains alkaline, corrosion is controlled and the system is protected. Over time, the corrosion inhibitors will be depleted and the corrosion protection is lost; therefore, green antifreeze should be regularly changed as mentioned.

The article also states that you shouldn't drain your cooling system and fill it with a different antifreeze since there's always residual fluid in the block – as much as 40 percent of the total coolant capacity – and mixing types is not good.

If green antifreeze becomes scarce and/or expensive, one option for cars not subject to freezing weather is to use distilled water mixed with appropriate water pump lubricants and anti-rust additives. There may be other options to keeping our Studebakers properly protected.

Since it's nearly impossible now to find motor oil with zinc that our Studebaker engines need, many of us have started to use zinc additives. ZDDPlus is becoming popular with Studebaker folks and can be ordered from some Studebaker vendors. So now I guess we have to add antifreeze to the list of fluids we have to be careful about when maintaining our Studebakers.

I wonder what's next, transmission fluids and/or differential lubricants?

WEBSITE NEWS

I hope that all members are visiting the website frequently and finding that it has up-to-date news and information. I am trying to keep it active, and if there is anything that you think should be on there that isn't, please contact me. Remember that paid-up members can log on to the site to post to the forums and see other members-only information.

I do have good news: I tried searches on both Yahoo and Google with various combinations of SDC, Studebaker, Long Island Studebaker, etc., and on most of the searches, our webpage was returned in the first page of search results! That's progress. I thank all those who have visited regularly to help get our activity up where we can be found more easily.

The website can be a powerful tool for developing more interest and activity for the club, so let's keep it up to date with any chapter related news and events. Just send me the information that needs to be there, and I'll get it up there. Keep the link in your "favorites" so you can visit more often: www.longisland-sdc.com.

Cathy Sammon, Webmaster

MOVIE CAR FOR SALE

Chapter newsletter editors recently received an e-mail from a representative for cinematographer Ellen Kuras, who recently shot the film "Blow," which included a 1952 Studebaker truck that was the family car of the main character played by Johnny Depp. (She found us through our websites!). The car, pictured below, is currently for sale. Anyone who is interested can contact Michelle Ngo at (917) 566-9176 or ngoellenk@gmail.com.



LONG ISLAND CHAPTER STUDEBAKER DRIVERS CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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STUDEBAKERS OWNED:

YEAR	MODEL	BODY STYLE

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