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# STUDEBAKER Spotlight



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## Next Meeting:

**Thursday, March 21st at 7:30 p.m.  
Marjorie Post Park Community Room**

## FEBRUARY MEETING RECAP



Our meeting opened at 8:03 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. I read the Recap from our January meeting. This was accepted by Tom Portesy, and seconded by Randy Lessner.

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Frank Sammon reviewed all expenses and income since our January meeting. The expenses included newsletter and meeting refreshments. Income included dues, 50/50, and interest on our account. Frank also gave our account balance. The Treasurer's Report was accepted by Tom Portesy, and seconded by Randy Lessner.

OLD BUSINESS: None

### NEW BUSINESS:

President Carilli gave a report from the car council meeting, which he and Kevin Healion attended. He reported that the hot topic, apart from car club events, was the one-time state antique car registration that gets presented each year. A petition was circulated at our meeting for our members to

## MEETING INFORMATION

**Third Thursday of every month**

**7:30 p.m.**

**Community Room**

**Marjorie Post Park**

**Massapequa**

**New members welcome!**

sign. The thinking is that, if our state representatives receive enough signatures, they may support it.

Carl Carilli showed a number of flyers from other clubs who have scheduled events on the same day as our Reunion Sunday. We agreed that those events really won't conflict with our show.

Automat was at the council meeting and said that they were willing to donate prizes for our Reunion Sunday. These are probably fillers for our goody bags. I volunteered to contact Automat to see what they're willing to donate.

Our SDC Reunion and Orphan Car Sunday has been officially changed to Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> with a rain date of June 30<sup>th</sup>. Thanks go to Lanning Baron for arranging the Special Events Permit with the Town of Oyster Bay. I obtained the necessary insurance forms from SDC National. Lanning also locked in our monthly meeting dates at Marjorie Post Park.

Carl told us of a gentleman who is developing a museum for auto restoration. He is willing to teach antique auto people how to restore their cars. The gentleman worked for the famous George Barris for 50 years. They are an accredited school, affiliated with BOCES. The website is autoseum.org, listing all kinds of courses.

Kevin discussed the acquisition of his '53 Studebaker Starlight Coupe (his article in our last Spotlight) He said that the body is in excellent condition with absolutely no rust. The previous owner had dreams of making a hot rod out of the car, but never got to that point. Kevin is restoring the car to its original condition. The seats are the original ones. They were dirty, but Kevin managed to clean them up. The tires are the original wide whitewalls, and still hold air. All the rubber windshield gaskets are like new.

### **YORK SWAP MEET:**

Tom Portesy will have a table there, and will represent the Long Island Region. A few other Long Island members indicated that they will also attend.

President Carl Carilli has made a momentous decision to hold on to his beautiful '62 GT Hawk. We all felt that it was the best decision he could make.

Our Dust-off run will be on April 20<sup>th</sup> and will be to the Garage Eatery in Islandia. More info will follow.

### **CAR STUFF:**

Tom's Studillac has come a long way toward its restoration. The exterior will be purple and the interior will be purple and white. The fenders have already been painted. Tom has promised to bring photos to future meetings.

June 2<sup>nd</sup> is the date of the Old Westbury Gardens Show, sponsored the Greater New York Region AACA. They are observing the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Avanti. All Avantis and Studebakers are invited to come.

50/50 was won by Frank Sammon.

Our meeting adjourned at 9:05 P.M.

Roger Price, Recording Secretary

## **MEMBERSHIP AND DUES**



All members are reminded that this is a new membership year and dues for the year are now due. Dues are currently \$15.00 for the year. For new members joining after June, the dues are \$10.00

To date we have the following stats on paid-up members.

**Please renew now to retain your membership in the club!**

Paid members:	23
Honorary members:	5

## **A NOTE ON ANTIFREEZE**

Off the AACA forum: Extended Life Antifreeze

Information was just published in the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Club Newsletter concerning the use of "extended life" antifreeze in cars over 10 years old.

In a nutshell -- don't do it! Under NO CIRCUMSTANCES should an "Extended Life"

antifreeze, which utilizes Organic Additive Technology (OAT, H-OAT, or N-OAT) as one of its chemicals, ever be used in our cars over 10 years old. It attacks the gaskets and gasket cements in our cars, causing major leaks and forcing ultra-expensive repairs.

The "Silver Ghost Association" Rolls Royce people have documented massive cooling system failures apparently caused by this antifreeze product. Antifreeze that can be used safely in our cars uses older-fashioned Inorganic Additive Technology (IAT) additive. You cannot tell by the color of the antifreeze if it's safe to use. Also, the product may be labeled "Safe for Older Cars"-- meaning 10 years old at most – “the over 10 years old covers most of the Hawkeye’s cars!!”

Brands to be AVOIDED are all Prestone lines and Zerex's G-05 in the Gold-color container. Avoid any "extended-life" antifreeze. None of us wants to pull and rebuild our cars' engines.

Acceptable brands are Peak, Peak's HD Product "Sierra," and Zerex Original Green in the WHITE container. If any of the OAT, H-OAT, or N-OAT products are in your car the cooling system should promptly be drained--radiator and block-- the system flushed thoroughly, and IAT antifreeze installed.

## TECH TIPS

By Jeff “The Freightliner Man” Jessup  
From Utah Chapter of the VMCCA, Feb 2011  
Reprinted from BCIEC Sparkplug, Nov 2011



### Repair tips I have learned over the years:

1. Check the part and make sure it's correct and not damaged before you tear vehicle apart.
2. It's easier to transfer batteries than to keep them all charged.
3. Never leave a project (to answer the phone, etc.) until you have tightened that last bolt/fuel line.
4. I often separate parts using baggies, mark bolt locations using a cardboard template and use sharpies to indicate which end goes up or out.

5. It is also helpful to take notes if you're working on something that may be torn down for a while.
6. Cover the work area with a shop towel if you are at risk of a retainer, nut, or clip taking off.
7. Trust your intuition – if you suspect it will break if you pull any harder, you are usually right. Patience pays off.
8. Soaking seized parts overnight, working a bolt towards tighten every few turns will usually yield results.
9. A positive attitude usually helps.
10. A break also helps if you are getting frustrated.
11. Remember, there is always the exception. So read the instructions first!

## DID YOU KNOW



- In 1929 the first notably successful front-wheel drive car was produced by Cord
- In 1930, Studebaker introduced “free-wheeling,” enabling the driver to shift gears without using the clutch.
- In 1937, Studebaker introduced windshield wipers
- In 1939, Packard introduces air-conditioning.
- In 1946, Studebaker pioneered self-adjusting brakes.
- In 1948, tubeless tires were introduced by Goodrich.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **LI Chapter SDC Reunion Sunday Car Show.** **NOTE CHANGE IN DATE!** **Sunday, June 23, 2013** at Marjorie Post Park in Massapequa. 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Rain Date: June 30, 2013.
- **Dust-off Run to Garage Eatery: Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013. 9:00 a.m.** Garage Eatery is on Bridge Road in Islandia. See the flyer in this issue or on the website for directions. Contact F. Sammon at (631) 348-7681 if you plan to attend.

# LONG ISLAND CHAPTER STUDEBAKER DRIVERS CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

<b>NAME:</b> _____	<b>Birthday (Mo/Day):</b> _____
<b>SPOUSE:</b> _____	<b>Birthday (Mo/Day):</b> _____
<b>ADDRESS:</b> _____	<b>Anniversary (Mo/Day):</b> _____
<b>PHONE:</b> _____	<b>CELL:</b> _____
<b>E-MAIL:</b> _____	

**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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