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# STUDEBAKER Spotlight



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## JULY MEETING RECAP

Our meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance at 8 P.M.

I read the meeting recap from our June meeting. The recap was accepted by Mike Neumar, and seconded by Tom Portesy.

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

Frank Sammon gave us a rundown of all June expenses. These included income and disbursements from our Reunion Sunday show and meeting expenses. Car show expenses included refreshments, trophies, purchases for our goodie bags, soda, water and ice, etc.

Income included pre-registrations and day of show registrations, income from refreshment purchases, vendor tables, 50/50, income from trophy sponsors, donation from Seth Purdy, and sign-ups of 5 new members. For a full explanation of all costs and income, please contact Frank Sammon or Roger Price.

There was no activity in our savings account.

## MEETING INFORMATION

**Third Thursday of every month**

**7:30 p.m.**

**Community Room**

**Marjorie Post Park**

**Massapequa**

**New members welcome!**

## INTERNATIONAL MEET REPORT

By Roger Price

President Carl Carilli commented that many people told him that they loved our show because of the uniqueness of all the cars.

### NEW BUSINESS:

NOTE: The date of our club picnic, at Belmont Lake State Park, has been changed to September 22, 2012. People are requested to arrive at 11 A.M. For people who arrive early, Tom will have coffee and doughnuts in the morning. Our club will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, rolls, beans and soft drinks and water. We will need a final count at our September meeting, so that Tom can purchase the appropriate amount of food.

Frank suggested that we make our reservation at Molly Malone's as soon as possible in order to lock in the date of December 2<sup>nd</sup>. As in the past two years, members and their spouses or significant others will pay \$10 per person. Any additional people would have to pay \$25 each. This proposal was passed by a unanimous vote. Our club will pick up the balance of the brunch cost, plus tax and tips.

The Sayville show will be on August 5<sup>th</sup>. Members are requested to arrive in Sayville at 6:30 – 7:00 A.M. at the corner of Broadway Ave. and Sunrise Highway. Plan to stay until 4 P.M.

We will have a breakfast meeting at the Garage Eatery in Islandia at 9 A.M on August 18<sup>th</sup>.

### NEW MEMBER:

Randy Lessner. Actually, Randy is an old member who became new again. Welcome!!!

### GOOD & WELFARE:

We acknowledged the passing of long time member, Ralph Langenbach. Ralph passed away on March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Our club will make a contribution, in Ralph's name, to the Lustgarten Foundation for Pancreatic Cancer Research. I volunteered to make the contribution.

Lanning Baron spoke about the Macungie Show, Flea Market and Craft Show.

50/50 was won by Tom Portesy. Tom, don't spend it all in one place!

Our meeting adjourned at 9:05 P.M.

Sheila & I just returned from the 48<sup>th</sup> annual Studebaker Drivers Club International Meet in South Bend. It was truly an international meet. We were informed that there were SDC members visiting from 14 nations. A large contingent came from Australia, some 50 people.

At the welcome reception, at the Doubletree Inn, we ate cupcakes and ice cream. The cupcakes were decorated with various Studebaker logos. They were very colorful.

On Tuesday, July 31<sup>st</sup>, we attended a couple of very interesting seminars at the Studebaker National Museum. One seminar included five men who were former Stude employees. I was most interested in Virgil Exner, Jr. He was a Studebaker stylist who worked for Raymond Loewy. I asked him what it was like working for Loewy and after a brief pause; he said that Loewy never designed anything. He was a businessman and an idea man. He did hire some very accomplished designers who did all the work. Virgil's father, of course, was the famous designer, also named Virgil Exner. Virgil Exner was employed by the Chrysler Corporation and was responsible for the "Forward Look" designs of the '50s.

The other seminar was the Cooperator Session, one of my favorites.

Of course, since we were at the museum, we took in some of the special exhibits, in particular, the restored '47 Studebaker Woody. We've been reading about this car in *Turning Wheels* for some time now. The restoration is incredible! It's amazing that the car was once a rusted hulk found in the weeds at the old Studebaker test track.

One of our favorite parts of the meet was the Studebaker band concert on Wednesday evening. The band was composed of SDC members from all over the country. They only had about 1 ½ hours to practice together, but they performed for an hour. FANTASTIC!!!

The concert was followed by a very interesting auction of Stude stuff. All the proceeds go to a scholarship fund.

Respectfully submitted  
Roger Price, Recording Secretary

Thursday was the Concours Event at the Fairgrounds. I managed to look at the cars on exhibit and go to the flea market buildings. Unfortunately, I didn't find any needed parts for our Lark. We did see Tony Psaris at the Concours. Actually, it was Tony who spotted us. I understand that Joe Lipton, of the Verrazano Chapter, was there too.

That night was the Dinner & Family Fun Night. We were entertained by a bluegrass band.

Following the Concours, all the cars drove in a procession back to downtown South Bend and parked on Michigan Street for all to see. The street was closed off to general traffic for most of the day.

Friday evening was the Awards Banquet. The keynote speaker was Jim Donnelly, Senior Editor of Hemmings Magazines. His baby is Hemmings Classic Cars.

We ate very well on this trip. Of course we dined at Tippecanoe Place a couple of times. It's a terrific restaurant. It was the home of Clement Studebaker. We ate in the Drawing Room one day and the Library on our 48<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

On Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, we started the long drive home. We took 2 days for the trip in each direction. It was almost 800 miles each way. Of course, we went modern because we wanted the luxury of air conditioning. The Stude had a good rest at home!

A few photos from the week can be found below. The remaining photos from the International meet will be added to the website.

Studebaker Logo Cupcakes



Studebaker "Woody"



Concours



Downtown on Michigan Street



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Breakfast meeting at The Garage. Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.
- Chapter picnic at Belmont Lake State Park. Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11:00 a.m.

Drive your Studebakers to both events. Let's show them off!

# 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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