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Next Meeting:

**Thursday, April 20th - 7:30 p.m.
Marjorie Post Park Community Room**

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Hope everyone is doing well and enjoying the change from winter to spring.

We have many Studebaker events coming up this season and it would be great if we can support our neighboring Chapters.

Our thoughts and good wishes go out to the Verrazano Chapter for their loss of Joe Lipton. We hope to see them this season at our show and reciprocate as well with their show. As a group, we should see if we can join them this season.

Our show will be in six weeks May 21st and the time will be upon us faster than we think. In addition, we are still looking for trophy sponsors, so please use your business contacts or local auto part stores, repair shops that you frequent.

Also, if you see some free items for the show bags that we distribute or something to raffle at the table that is Auto related let me know. We could use all we can get.

Thank you all and have a great spring. See you all at the next meeting April 20th!

Kevin J Healion, President
Long Island Chapter Studebaker Club

MEETING INFORMATION

Third Thursday of every month

7:30 p.m.

Community Room

Marjorie Post Park

Massapequa

New members welcome!



MARCH MEETING RECAP



In lieu of our regularly scheduled March meeting, we opted to have a nice dinner at Carney's Pub in Amityville. Approximately 20 members attended and had a great time.

It's always a pleasure to get together with fellow club members. We missed those who couldn't make it.

We did discuss a couple of very important issues concerning our annual Stude Reunion and Orphan Car Show this coming May 21st. Of paramount importance is the need to recruit sponsors for trophies at the meet.

We still have our April meeting to finalize our plans.

Up for consideration:

- In the future, will we change the venues for our monthly meetings and our annual car show? The Town of Oyster Bay is now charging a substantial fee for running a show on their property.
- What will we charge for attendees to show their cars?
- Should we team up with another car club to run the show?
- How about increasing our dues?

We need to address our monetary issues. They were so brilliantly shown to us by Treasurer Frank Sammon. In summary, we need to balance our books.

Until our next meeting, we ask our members to consider checking out possible venues for our future events.

The Long Island Region of the Studebaker Drivers Club extends our deepest condolences to the Verrazano Chapter, and to the family of Joe Lipton.

Respectfully submitted,
Roger Price, Recording Secretary

MY STUDEBAKER STORY

By Roger Price

Studebaker

WHY STUDEBAKER?

I would imagine that each of us has been asked why we chose Studebaker as our favorite make of automobile. I know I've been asked that many times, because there are so many other makes of cars that were more popular.

My first memory of Studebaker was when I was a child. My dad owned a maroon 1939 Studebaker Commander. I loved riding in that car. The seats were comfortable like living room sofas, and the car was sooooo quiet. I'm amazed that I remember so much of that car even though I was very young.

It was perfectly logical that Dad owned a Studebaker. All his adult life he owned only cars that were built by so-called "independent" makers. He couldn't see himself driving a General Motors car, or even a Ford.

Have you ever heard of a DeVaux? Dad had one of them. How about a Jordan Playboy? A Rickenbacker? He had each of these.

Mom and Dad went on their honeymoon to Niagara Falls in June of 1929. We had a family joke concerning Dad's auto choices. It seems that whatever make of car Dad bought, the company would end up going out of business. Why is that?

After the Studebaker had such a successful run, Dad bought a beautiful 1950 Nash Ambassador Custom in two-tone green. That was the car in which I took my driving test. I passed the test!

My very first car was a 1940 Studebaker Champion business coupe. It got me around, but I left a smoke screen behind me everywhere I went. It was quite an oil burner. I couldn't afford to give it a ring job.

At the same time, our family also owned a beautiful '51 Studebaker Commander State convertible in powder blue with a tan convertible top. That was the first year of the Stude V-8 engine. I got to drive that car often, since I was going to St. John's University. I needed a reliable car to get myself to the new St. John's campus in Jamaica every day during my senior year. Prior to that, I took the LIRR to Brooklyn to attend my classes.

My current Studebaker, as everyone knows, is my '59 Lark VI Regal Hardtop. I've owned that car for over 25 years, and really enjoy driving it. I bought that car from fellow L.I. Chapter member, Bill Reich.

I'm sure that all of our club members have their own Studebaker stories.

As I've said many times, Studebaker owners are a very special breed. I guess that could explain why the national club has around 12,000 members. If you look at clubs affiliated with other makes of autos, their memberships don't even come close!

STUDES TO BE FEATURED



Studebaker is a featured marque at the 2017 Hemmings Concours d'Elegance

This year Studebaker will share the featured marque role along with wood bodied station wagons, Buick Rivieras, MG's and others in Lake George September 15-17, along with their usual other classic classes.

Showing your car is by invite only (you need to send a picture and write up) and even if you are just a spectator it sounds as if it will be a most interesting event and beautiful surrounding.

Even if your ride isn't a Studebaker, if you have a factory-correct, concours-quality pre-1974 collector car or truck, you have an opportunity to participate.

More info is at:

www.hemmings.com/events/concours.

IN MEMORIAM - JOE LIPTON

Those of you that receive Turning Wheels were informed of the untimely passing of Joe, President of the Verrazano Chapter (pictured here second from left with some of his crew at our Reunion Sunday show). Joe was always the "leader of the pack" when he brought his members line of Studes into our show entrance after trekking in from Staten Island, and many times these gents left with trophies in hand.

Joe was an ardent supporter of getting attention to the Studebaker legacy and always seemed to have some publicity event up his sleeve-such as trying to get a Today Show feature for our cars in Rockefeller Center or having the Governor host an event in the Capitol all in honor of Drive Your Studebaker Day (unfortunately, both were not as enthusiastic about the idea as Joe was).

As dedicated as he was a car guy, he was also a dedicated husband, father, and son. The Verrazano Chapter continues on in Joe's spirit. We extend our sympathy to all the club members and his family, and our gratitude for his support to our Chapter.



UPCOMING EVENTS



- **Spring Dust-off Run.** Saturday, April 22nd to "The Garage" Eatery in Islandia. We will be meeting there at 10:30 a.m. A flyer for the event can be found in the Newsletters tab on our website.
- **LI Chapter Reunion Sunday and Orphan Car Show.** Sunday, May 21, 2017 at Marjorie Post Park in Massapequa. 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Rain Date: September **June 4th**. A Flyer is included in this newsletter, and is also available on the Newsletters tab of the Chapter website.

Orphan Car Show

STUDEBAKER AND ORPHAN CAR SHOW



**At MARJORIE POST PARK MASSAPEQUA
Unqua Rd
Between Sunrise Hwy & Merrick Rd
2017**

May 21, 2017 9:00am-2:00pm

RAIN DATE - June 4, 2017

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

FOR INFO CONTACT: BOB: 631 834 6785 randreoc@optonline.net

OR

ROGER: 631 724 1382 raprice22@alm.com

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Car registration application

Year _____ Make _____ Model _____

Print name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

REQUIRED EMAIL _____

Registration fee: \$20 by April 30th \$25 DAY OF SHOW

CHECKS MADE OUT TO: STUDEBAKER DRIVERS CLUB

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



NEWS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SOUTH BEND – The Avanti Owners Association International will be holding their Annual International Meet starting Wednesday May 3rd through Friday May 5th in South Bend, Indiana. This show is in conjunction with 53rd Annual Studebaker Drivers Club Meet and the Antique Studebaker Club International Meet.

There will be over 182 AOAI members and 72 Avanti's ranging from 1963 Studebakers to last Avanti's from 2007 and everything in-between. Some historic Avanti's on display will include "The World's Fastest Studebaker" a 1963 Avanti that ran at over 215 MPH at the Bonneville Salt Flats, the one off 1985 Avanti GT Prototype and 2 of the 3 Avanti AVX's (Avanti Experimental) Prototypes.

There will be several opportunities for the public to get up close and personal with these historic cars.

Concourse judging will be Thursday May 4th from 10 am – 3 pm at the Gillespie Conference Center on US 933 North.

Avanti Cruise to Bonnie Doon Drive-In Mishawaka also Thursday May 4th (arriving at Bonnie Doon around 8:00 pm)

Open Car Show Saturday May 6th from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm at the St. Joseph County 4H Fair Grounds.

CALLING ALL FORMER AVANTI EMPLOYEES

The AOAI will be hosting a gathering for former Studebaker and Avanti Motor employee's on Thursday May 4th from 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm at the Gillespie Conference Center, 53995 US 933 North in South Bend, IN 46637. Employees who work on the Avanti's are encouraged to come, reminisce and get inside some of their handy work.

The Avanti Owners Association International, Inc. is a non-profit organization with 19 worldwide chapters and over 2,000 members, committed to preserving the history of the Avanti automobile produced from 1962 to 2007. Our group strives to promote the research and study of the Avanti and the companies that have produced it over the years. We wish to share our knowledge with others and encourage the acquisition, preservation, restoration, and maintenance of all Avanti's produced by Studebaker and successor companies.



Spring Dustoff Run



**The Garage Eatery
170 Bridge Road, Islandia**

Saturday, April 22nd, 10:30 a.m.

Bring your car out – any condition!

Bring the whole family too!

From the West:

LIE to exit 57

Right at first traffic light (Motor
Parkway)

First left onto Bridge Road
(Suffolk County CU on corner)

Garage is 1/4 mile down on right

From the East:

LIE to Exit 57

Cross Vets Hwy (454)

Left at next light (Motor Parkway)

Cross LIE and South Svc Road

First left onto Bridge Road
(Suffolk County CU on corner)

Garage is 1/4 mile down on right

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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