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# STUDEBAKER Spotlight



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## Next Meeting:

Thursday, June 17th at 7:30 p.m.

Marjorie Post Park Community Room

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

It seems the great motor oil debate still continues. There has been more chatter on this topic than I have seen on just about anything else, and I have to admit, it had me paranoid from the first I heard of it. I went right out and looked for all the old formula CI rated 15W-40 Rotella still on the shelves of local auto stores and bought it like I was buying food to wait out a nuclear blast in one of those old fallout shelters!

You have all heard the reformulation of motor oils mandated has removed the ZDDP additive essential to proper lubrication in flat tappet camshaft engines. Verrazano Chapter member Anthony Varriano recently reminded me of this by pointing out some info in the Studebaker Co-Operator column of Turning Wheels. No need to panic, there are still some suitable oils and additives around which are okay to use. The article Tony sent identified Exxon Mobil Delvac MX 15W40. STP Oil Treatment is also said to be a good additive with proper levels, but there is no hard data on that.

The latest Co-Operator had some additional in-depth info on this whole topic, but in general, two products from MotorHead Oil: Hi-Z Classic 15W-40 and an additive called Z Boost that can be used to supplement any other motor oil. It also reported some info from a member of Indiana Chapter CCCA that a product called Classic Car Motor Oil 15W-40 is also now available. If you are interested, it's probably best to Google it or refer to the latest issue of Turning Wheels.

## MEETING INFORMATION

Third Thursday of every month

7:30 p.m.

Community Room

Marjorie Post Park

Massapequa

New members welcome!

Howard Naval  
President, LI Chapter

## MAY MEETING RECAP



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

I read the April meeting recap. This was approved by Tom Portesy, and seconded by Charlie Lanza.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Frank Sammon reviewed all expenses since the April meeting, and gave the checking account balance. He then reported all income from dues, Reunion Sunday registration fees, etc. There was no activity concerning our saving account. The treasurer's report was accepted by John Warnock, and seconded by Charlie Lanza.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Our visit to the Automat Upholstery Shop in Bethpage on June 5 is all set. It's located on Hazel St., off South Oyster Bay Rd, Bethpage. Arrive at 9 A.M. Coffee and doughnuts will be served.

President Howie Naval reviewed various flyers for car shows and cruise nights that are coming up. Our most important discussion concerned our upcoming Reunion Sunday and Orphan Car Show On June 13th.

Howie indicated that there were flyers, on our club table, to be distributed at various car shows and cruise nights.

As of tonight's meeting, we have 21 cars pre-registered. We expect many more, plus those drivers who pay on the day of the show. A number of the pre-registered cars are orphans.

Howie asked any members who have trophies that they don't want to bring them to the meet. Sal Palmeri brought in stuff for the goody bags. We still need trophy sponsors. Ads are ready for "Special Interest Auto" for two issues. Howie mentioned that the judging sheets and windshield cards have been

revised. The town permit for our show has been secured by Dave Evans. We were asked to look for places for us to get free publicity for the show. Every little bit helps.

Sal Palmeri indicated that he will secure various sodas for sale at the meet and Bob Andreocci will make sure that all the signs for the show will be posted. The official hours for the Reunion Sunday are 9 A.M. to 3 P.M.

We were asked to arrive between 7:30 A.M. and 8 A.M. to help setting up.

There was a discussion concerning how to get delinquent members to pay their dues. Cathy Sammon has already let those people know that they were receiving their last "Spotlight" if they don't pay their dues. We have 25 paid-up members as of tonight's meeting.

The club has been planning to create our own website. Cathy has printed up a mock-up of what our home page would look like. The cost of setting up our own website would be \$100/year.

V.P. Carl Carilli told us about a person named Poulos, who has restored and sold a number of Studebakers. To get to his website, enter Studebaker and his name should come up.

Charlie Lanza told us about a good transmission mechanic who knows how to work on all old automatics. His name is Eddie and he works for Tony's Auto Repair Shop in Franklin Square.

50/50 was won by yours truly. (about time)

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Price

Recording Secretary, LI chapter

## TECH TIPS



*Twin Traction* is the Studebaker name for what is more commonly called *Posi-traction*, because that is what GM called it. In essence, it is a limited slip differential that was made by Dana and used by several automobile manufacturers. The unit works well and is very sturdy, using steel clutch plates instead of the more common bronze plates used in

other units. This is great for strength and durability ... However, there is a big downside. These units **MUST USE THE CORRECT REAR END LUBRICATE**. First, make sure that the product you use is rated for limited slip differentials. Then ... **AND THIS IS IMPORTANT**, you must add GM Posi Additive. That is available at any GM dealer. This is essential as it contains additives that will allow the steel plates to slip when you go around a corner. Without this additive, the plates will chatter and then deteriorate quickly as they chew themselves up. This will also result in damage to the whole rear end as the metal particles circulate as the car is driven.

This problem often develops when the pinion or axle seals leak and the rear end is topped by either the owner or a garage who doesn't know that the car has a limited slip unit in the first place, and doesn't realize the need for the GM product. Even if they did know it they may still have used the regular rear axle fluid. The only answer is to repair the seals immediately, drain and refill the rear end unit with the additive, so that the additive will not be diluted by adding more hypoid oil. So, if you have one of these cars, be very careful when you take it in for service. While there may be other products that claim to do the job, the GM product is the original one developed for these units and it works for sure.

Use only the GM product and you will enjoy the benefits of *Twin Traction* for many trouble-free years.

Courtesy Gary Russell, Pacific Northwest Region, Packard International – Reprinted from “Big Sky Bulletin,” April 2008 and Beach Cities Inland Empire Chapter “Sparkplug,” December 2009

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If you have ever tried to remove the parking brake cables from the backing plate on an Avanti, I found a solution that works slick. Simply tighten a small worm-drive hose clamp on the clip legs about 1/4” from the inner side of the backing plate. That compresses all four legs of the clip. Pull the cable out until the hose clamp butts up against the backing plate, and maintain tension on it as you loosen the screw on the clamp, and out it comes.

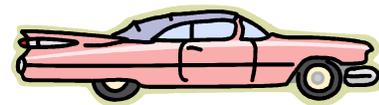
Posted by Gord Richmond on the SDC Forum. Reprinted from the Beach Cities Inland Empire Chapter “Sparkplug.”

## UPCOMING EVENTS



- **Rockville Center Chamber of Commerce Car Show and Street Fair.** Sunday, June 27, 2010. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Free Admission. For information, call 516 766-0666
- **Driving Away Hunger Food Drive. (to support Island Harvest)** Sponsored by East to West Classic Car Club and Professors Diner. Thursday, June 24<sup>th</sup> 5 – 8 p.m. (Rain date July 1<sup>st</sup>). King's Park Shopping Center, Indian Head Road before train tracks. Suggested donation: \$10 - \$20 per classic car in non-perishable, canned food items.
- **Cruise Night – Trip Back in Time.** Sponsored by The Super Cruisers & KC O'Malley's. Every Sunday starting at 2 p.m. (weather permitting). 162 Gardiner's Avenue, Levittown. (516) 513-1883. Cruise on down. Free hot dogs to patrons while supplies last.
- **The Fathers Day Car Show** at the Fireman's Field in Merrick sponsored by 3 Old Cranks has been canceled this year.
- **Cutchogue Lions Club's 40th annual CLASSIC CAR SHOW** charity fund raiser Capital One Bank Operations Center, Main Road (Rt. 25), Mattituck, NY. SUNDAY, JULY 11, 2010 - 9am To 4pm, rain or shine. General Admission \$5 per adult - children under 12 free. Registration prior to July 1 is \$15. Registration on the day of the show is \$20. For info call Lion Bill (631) 765-5117 or email [CutchogueLions@optonline.net](mailto:CutchogueLions@optonline.net).

## CAR HUMOR



- If all the cars in the United States were placed end to end, it would probably be Memorial Day Weekend ...

# 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, North Great River, NY 11722-3430.**

**DUES: Join January – June \$15.00; July – December \$10.00**

**NOTE: YOU MUST BE A MEMBER OF THE SDC TO JOIN A LOCAL CHAPTER.**



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