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Next Meeting:

**Thursday, June 19th at 7:30 p.m.
Marjorie Post Park Community
Room**

MAY MEETING RECAP



Our meeting opened with the salute to the Flag at 8:17 P.M. I read the April meeting recap. It was accepted by Bob Andreocci, and seconded by Mike Neumar.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Frank Sammon summarized all income and expenses for April. Checking expenses included a donation the Alzheimer's Association plus the cost of the club newsletter. Checking income consisted of bank interest. There was no activity in our savings account.

Frank's report was accepted by Tom Portesy, and seconded by Joe Rodriguez.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

REUNION SUNDAY:

President Kevin Healion reported that a decision was made to award plaques to all winners of the various classes of Studebaker. A brass plate will be

MEETING INFORMATION

Third Thursday of every month

7:30 p.m.

Community Room

Marjorie Post Park

Massapequa

New members welcome!

on the plaques with the SDC logo on the top. It will look like a custom trophy.

Assorted trophies will be awarded to the orphan cars, plus Best of Show. A 26 inch trophy will be for the Best of Show.

Kevin told us that virtually all the awards are paid for. Trophy sponsors are encouraged to supply their business cards to be placed on the trophy table.

GOODY BAGS:

Our goody bags are again supplied by Hagerty Insurance. Hagerty has also supplied ball point pens and literature. Mothers car products has supplied fillers for the goody bags.

Voting ballots will be provided in each bag.

REFRESHMENTS:

- We will have coffee and donuts for early arrivals on the morning of the show.
- Sal Palmeri will bring bottled water and soda.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Application forms will be provided to those who wish to join our club.
- Bob Andreocci will bring the “We Invented Cool” banner.
- V.P. Tom Portesy will be bringing the P.A. system and the 50/50 tickets.
- The Corvair club has advised us that they will attend our show.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Saturday, May 17th (Armed Forces Day) Car show at the N Y State Veterans Home in Stony Brook.

Old Westbury Gardens show is on June 1st.

The organizers of the September “Cruisin’ For A Cure” car show for prostate cancer are requesting our support.

Bob Andreocci reported that the “Garage” page in each Friday’s Newsday is looking for vintage car owners to submit articles to them about our cars and how we got them. All we have to do is send them an article about our car and provide them with some photos.

Cathy still needs articles for the Spotlight. Please help her out.

50/50 was won by Nino, who donated his winnings back to the club treasury.

Our meeting adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

Roger Price, Recording Secretary

TECH TIPS



Note from the Editor:

I have had this article and rebuttal for a while and hesitated to put them in the Spotlight as the discussion may generate some controversy. However, with a newsletter short on content and a deadline already past, I decided to use it. I have included both positions, and each reader can determine his/her own position on the topic.

Concerned about the zinc reduction in some of the newer oils? Don't be!

I am absolutely not concerned about the low zinc content in the more recent multi-grade engine oil formulations. Any more recent API formulations after the SH grades of engine oil have low zinc.

I became aware of the reformulation of multi-grades a couple of years ago. Investigated the subject. Found it didn't apply to me and MY Studebakers for 3 reasons.

1) The metallurgy in the cam shaft of all Studebaker V8s since 1952 has been a particularly hard piece of steel. Harder than any other car made, except, maybe, the Volvo. As you know, few people drive Studebakers more than does my family. We have had NO problems. We accumulate between 25,000 and 30,000 miles annually on our three Studebakers, including racing. No cam shaft lobe or lifter wear.

However ...

2) As a precaution, I have recently switched to the 15W-40 multi-grade manufactured for servicing diesel engines. Because combustion is different in diesels than in spark plug engines, the oil is formulated with different additives. There appears to be sufficient amounts of zinc in the 15W-40 formulations, to eliminate any concerns about low zinc damage.

3) Most of the Studebaker drivers that will concern themselves with the low zinc content of the post SH series (as opposed to the C series which is a rating for diesels) of oil, don't accumulate enough engine mileage to concern themselves. Kind of like the elimination of lead in our gasolines. Never had a problem with the unleaded formulations of fuel in all these years, either.

This whole low zinc issue is a scam perpetrated by the low life drivers of Studebaker six cylinder powered cars. All Studebaker 6s are disposable and should be regarded as such.

Article courtesy of Dan Dobbins, WMWM

The following is from Bob Palma:

Here are four reasons why **I strongly disagree** with Dan Dobbin's opinion *and do not feel that opinion should be circulated*:

1. The information he cites about 15W-40 multigrade oil for diesel engines is obsolete. What he says in his Item #2 was true as recently as maybe three years ago, but things changed dramatically around January 1, 2009 (maybe it was 2008; time flies and I have lost track!), when new Federal, low-sulfur emissions standards went into effect for over-the-road diesel engines. At that time, commercial, diesel-rated oils were reformulated for lower emissions, and that required dropping the percentage of ZDDP in those oils to levels inadequate for older, flat-tappet camshaft engines.

Oils with the new, top rating of **CJ** are to be avoided unless one wants to add a ZDDP supplement. You can still find an occasional older stock of diesel oil with a rating **no higher than CI-4 / CI-4 Plus**, and those are perfectly good to buy and use as is with no supplement. But if the rating also includes **CJ** in

any form, the oil should not be used without ZDDP additive. An easy rhyme to remember all this is simply, "**Stay away from CJ.**"

(Personally, I still have about five gallons of old-formula Shell Rotella that I am gradually using up. Then, I will switch to Valvoline VR-1 Racing Oil because it has enough ZDDP in its present formula and is available locally, often on sale.)

2. It is entirely possible that a person with an older, standard-performance six or V-8 that does not drive it hard might, I say **might**, get by without wiping out cams and lifters on the low-ZDDP formula oils, but as Ted Harbit says, and **I couldn't agree more**, "**why take the chance?**" The results are so expensive and disastrous if a camshaft and/or lifters are wiped off due to low ZDDP that it is simply foolhardy to not use oil with enough ZDDP and/or add a supplement to a low-ZDDP, "modern-car" oil.

3. My opinion about modern oils not having sufficient ZDDP has been substantiated by many tests in the aftermarket camshaft industry, an industry plagued with flat-tappet cam/lifter wipeouts / wipeoffs several years ago until all this was figured out. The extensive, 2009 report I cited from *Corvette Enthusiast* magazine several months ago in *The Co-Operator* was especially well-documented.

4. My opinion is that those of us in responsible positions within the hobby, as club **advisors**, for Pete's sake, need to err on the safe side when tendering advice. I think it is irresponsible counsel to say, "**Well, this might be OK,**" when, in fact, we should give those who trust us, the **best** advice we can.

I think that should sufficiently clarify my position on the matter!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **LI Chapter SDC Reunion Sunday and Orphan Car Show.** Sunday, June 22, 2014 at Marjorie Post Park in Massapequa. 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Rain Date: June 29, 2014. Flyers will be available shortly. Contact Kevin or Tom for more information

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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