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Next Meeting:

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

Happy New Year!

Hope everyone is ready for another great year with plenty of events or outings where we can show off our Studebakers. Last year we had some great events, and I hope to see even more activity in 2012.

One of our first orders of business at the January 19th meeting should be to get our slate of officers lined up for the year. Let me know if there is a spot you are interested in. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone soon.

For anyone interested, the Allentown Downtown Fairgrounds indoor swap meet will be held the weekend of January 20-22, 2012. It starts at noon and I am planning to attend. Call if you want more information or would like to go.

Also, please remember that annual dues are required at the beginning of the year, so please send them off to Frank as soon as possible.

Lanning Baron, Vice President

OUR TRIP TO ALLENTOWN

By Kurt Larsen

On Thursday evening 11/15/11, the Manhattan Studebaker Club, thanks to member Bill Mayer, traveled to Allentown PA for a private showing of an incredible auto collection. Several car loads of Studebaker fans met for an early dinner and prepared for a fantastic evening. The long distance award goes to Gary Hallgren, who drove his "better than new" 1956 Studebaker Transtar ½ ton truck down from Massachusetts.

MEETING INFORMATION

Third Thursday of every month

7:30 p.m.

Community Room

Marjorie Post Park

Massapequa

New members welcome!

Warehoused in a 5000-plus square foot brightly lit building is a display of more than 50 expertly restored American cars, mostly from the 1930's and forties. All cars are ready to roll and have trickle chargers attached to keep their batteries happy. They are fueled with hi-octane leaded racing fuel, which, according to manager Keith Flickenger, does not deteriorate like modern unleaded.



The collection belongs to Nicola Bulgari, current head of the famous international jewelry and watch making enterprise. The firm dates back to 1905, when Nicola's grandfather opened a shop in Rome. Nicola has a penchant for old American cars, especially Buicks, although Caddys, Packards, and a 36 Pierce Arrow showcase the collection, which also includes a couple of 30's era Studebakers. A bunch of old American cars reside in Rome at Nicola's home. Turns out that after WW2 almost all available cars in Italy were American because we bombed all the Italian auto factories. Bulgari has photos of his cars driving past the Vatican where the bystanders look with wonder at these classics.



According to Keith, Bulgari makes frequent trips to the USA and spends his time driving his cars around the US. When in Allentown, Nicola constructed an apartment above his cars that runs the

width of his building. The wall facing the collection is glass allowing every room a view of the cars. Fortunately, the bathroom remains private.

Keith hosted a narrated tour of the collection explaining the history and background of each car. We thought that the evening was over but then Keith took us to the restoration building to see his work in progress. All unavailable parts are manufactured by Keith and his staff of mechanics, and the shop includes a separate upholstery and paint area. Keith and his crew can restore about 2 cars per year and there is a four-year wait for any new acquisitions. Keith frequently travels the country whenever he hears of a car that might fit into Nicola's collection.

We returned to NY and as a tribute to Nicola and his American ways, stopped for a White Castle nightcap. It was a great way to spend a Thursday evening!



TECH TIPS



Installing New Door Glass in the Window Channel

By Jerry Kaiser

(Reprinted from March/April 2010 issue of The Copperstarlight, June Kaiser, editor, and Beach Cities Inland Empire Sparkplug, June 2010)

The door glass is secured in the channel with window setting tape but since the setting tape is difficult to find, fast setting urethane is a great replacement. First, remove the channel and any remaining glass. Clean the glass channel of any glass fragments and old setting tape with a wire wheel of blade screwdriver. Clip off a couple pieces of the old setting tape about ¼ inch wide. Use this to shim the glass and center the glass in the channel. Fill the channel about half full of urethane, put shims on each end of the glass and push the glass into the channel and let set until dry. Once dry, use a razor blade to cut off any excess urethane. The urethane is sold by the tube and fits in a standard caulking gun, and can be found in most auto parts stores. This procedure can be used for vent window glass as well.

OPEN LETTER TO NYS CHAPTERS

As we begin the New Year, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all the Chapter members in New York the very best. Let's hope that by April 1 we will be close to getting our cars back on the road. It will be our responsibility to show all of the car people in our area that, as Studebaker owners, "We invented cool" and maybe even recruit some new Studebakers.

I would like to propose that our Chapter activities for the coming year continue to include some interesting road trips because we are members of the Studebaker DRIVERS Club. By having our cars out in public view, we can generate more interest in SDC and our local Chapters. It would be my pleasure to assist in any way that I can to help you promote your Chapter and its activities. Please drop me a line, so I can follow your events and if possible, I will try to attend. First there is a little matter of rebuilding the suspension and getting new tires for my GT Hawk.

Let's hear your ideas for other types of events this year. I am already aware of the following ideas:

As you may or may not know, our Governor, Andrew Cuomo, has an interest in old cars (I believe he has a Corvette and a GTO). So the idea is to request "A Studebaker Lunch with the Governor" to be held in the State Capitol. We could drive our Studebakers to Albany for lunch. WOW!!! This idea

comes from Joe Lipton of the Verrazano Chapter in Staten Island. Details to follow.

An idea I have and submit to you, is to hold a New York State Meet at Watkins Glen, sometime in the future. The site would be centrally located within our state. Hopefully that would prompt representative attendance from all our Chapters.

Now let's hear some ideas from the other New York Chapters. I will also be testing the waters about creating a Chapter in the middle of the State, maybe the Syracuse area. If anybody has any history regarding that area, feel free to share it with me.

One final thought, as you may have read in Turning Wheels or on the Studebaker Forum, nominations have been submitted for elected positions in the Northeast Zone for Regional Managers. Check with Turning Wheels in the next month or so, to acquaint yourself with the voting procedures.

In closing, feel free to share this correspondence with all of your Chapter members, either in your next newsletter or at your next meeting.

Peter Bishop, NYS Regional Manager

CLASSIFIEDS

- **FOR SALE:** 1955 Studebaker Commander. V8 3 speed standard with overdrive. Original condition. Contact Ralph Langenbach for price - (516) 674-3064.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **LI Chapter SDC Reunion Sunday Car Show.** Sunday, June 10, 2012 at Marjorie Post Park in Massapequa. 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Rain Date: June 24, 2012.

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: 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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