
STUDEBAKER Spotlight



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Next Meeting:

**Thursday, August 15th at 7:30 p.m.
Marjorie Post Park Community Room**

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Hello to all,

August is here, and it is a great month to get to some of the best car shows; hopefully, with your beautiful Studebaker. But if that is not to be right now, I encourage you to go anyway, and enjoy the vast range of incredible cars out there...including Studebakers! If you happen upon one, I suggest you approach the owner and let him or her know about our club. A chat about our unique cars, an invitation to our next meeting...all good things to do.

On another note: I have noticed that attendance at our meetings has been light. I respectfully encourage those of you who have not been to a meeting in awhile to come to our next one. Many things are happening that would benefit from our members' input, and, quite frankly, I have been told that our recent meetings have been "good," "interesting," and "productive." So, "come on down."

You will be pleased.

That's it for now...

I hope you are enjoying your car...and I thank you for being a member of our great club.

MEETING INFORMATION

Third Thursday of every month

7:30 p.m.

Community Room

Marjorie Post Park

Massapequa

New members welcome!

Carl Carilli

JULY MEETING RECAP



Our meeting opened with the salute to the Flag at 8:10 P.M. I read the recap of our June meeting. The recap was accepted by Hy Pupkin, and seconded by Bob Andreocci.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Frank Sammon reviewed all expenses and income since our last meeting.

Expenses included newsletter, car show coffee, ice, soda, water and cost of trophies. Bob Andreocci inquired about the cost of the trophies, but Kevin Healion wasn't at the meeting to answer the question.

Income included money from meeting refreshments, 50/50, car show registrations, car show 50/50, club dues, sponsor fees for trophies, and vendor fees.

The treasurer's report was accepted by Tom Portesy, and seconded by Hy Pupkin.

After the treasurer's report, we had a discussion about having a uniform policy concerning what to charge vendors and trophy sponsors. We will follow up on this issue.

NEW BUSINESS:

We had an interesting discussion concerning what an orphan car actually is. This came up because President Carilli met a couple of gentlemen who own '55 Chevys. They were wondering why we invite the Corvair Club to our Reunion Sunday. Carl brought this issue up so that we can come up with a cohesive policy on this. There were numerous opinions expressed. My own feeling is that we should keep this car show open only to Studebakers and real orphans, meaning car companies which are no longer in business.

This is the only L.I. car show all year that is exclusive to Studebakers and orphans. The thought was, since the Corvairs have come to our show for years, they should be grandfathered in.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- August 4th: Sayville Summerfest. Meet at 6:30 A.M. in the Flea Market parking lot at Broadway

and Sunrise Highway, southwest corner. Our cars will convoy at 7 A.M. into Sayville to get good parking spots.

- August 18th: Car show at the Vanderbilt Museum in Centerport, sponsored by the Vanderbilt Cup Region, AACA. Arrive at 9
- September 8th: Sagamore Hill Car Show, 9:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. For 1948 and earlier vehicles.
- October 6th: Cradle of Aviation Car Show in Garden City. Open to all cars and trucks. 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. Donation is \$15. L.I. Sound Classic Car Club Free entrance to the air museum
- September 21st: The Verrazano Chapter of SDC has invited us to join them for dinner at a restaurant in Staten Island, near the Verrazano Bridge. It's an Italian buffet from 7 P.M. to 11 P.M. Look for more information in the Spotlight.

CLUB PICNIC:

We will have our annual club picnic on Sunday, September 8th at the Belmont Lake State Park. Try to arrive by 10 A.M. to get a good parking spot for your Studebaker. At our August meeting, we will ask members what they plan to bring to the picnic.

HOLIDAY BRUNCH:

Our members in attendance seemed to agree that we should book Molly Malone's for our holiday brunch. More information will follow.

50/50 was won by Frank Sammon, who donated his winnings back to our treasury.

Our meeting adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

Roger Price, Recording Secretary

PRESS RELEASE

The St Joseph County Parks department issued the following Press Release about the Studebaker Tree Sign:

Historic Studebaker Tree Sign Restoration Effort Launches. Public invited to adopt a letter

Photos available upon request

Contact: Evie Kirkwood, Director, Saint Joseph County Parks, 574-277-4828 or

ekirkwood@sjcparks.org

Todd Zeiger, Indiana Landmarks, 574-232-4534, tzeiger@indianalandmarks.org

Saint Joseph County Parks Foundation announces an effort to preserve and restore the National Register-listed Studebaker tree sign at Bendix Woods County Park. Entering its 75th birthday, the sign, still visible from the air, is showing its age with original trees damaged by storms, and encroachment of overgrowth that threatens to destroy the visibility of the iconic sign. Now, the public can help by adopting a letter or contributing to the cause to help the St. Joseph County Parks Foundation receive a \$9,000 challenge grant from The Jeffris Family Foundation of Wisconsin.

Indiana Landmarks approached the St. Joseph County Parks in 2011 about interest in evaluating the historic sign and developing a short and long range plan for its restoration and long term management. St. Joseph County Parks realized that a long term management plan was needed to maintain the landmark for future generations, says Evie Kirkwood, director of the county parks. The long range approach to stewardship began with a professional study of the site by a forestry team in 2011. An assessment of the trees and the development of a written management plan were funded in part by Indiana Landmarks.

Once funds are secured, work will include removal of dead trees, as well as other trees or shrubs that have begun to grow within the “letters.” Invasive plants will be removed from the understory. Replanting areas of the 13.5-acre sign with shade-tolerant conifers will also occur where needed.

Parks director, Evie Kirkwood notes that the St. Joseph County Parks Foundation will apply for local and regional grants toward the match, however, there are numerous ways for individuals, businesses and clubs to support the efforts. For \$2000, entities can “adopt” one of the letters within the sign. Signage at each letter will acknowledge sponsors. General contributions in any amount can be made as well.

In honor of the tree sign’s 75th anniversary, St. Joseph County Parks will host a “Studebaker Tree Diamond Jubilee,” September 21, at Bendix Woods County Park. Activities will include a Studebaker car show, presentations on the Civilian Conservation Corps and Studebaker history, children’s crafts and games from the 1930s, hayrides and more.

“People understand that historic buildings need maintenance over time but often overlook our historic

landscapes. Landscapes tend to be lost without maintenance. In the case of the Studebaker sign it was important to be proactive to ensure that future generations can visit this special historic place and marvel at the notion of a giant tree sign that spells Studebaker. It is a vital link to the heritage of not only this area but also national aviation history,” said Todd Zeiger, Director, Northern Regional Office of Indiana Landmarks.

Kirkwood acknowledges the Studebaker tree sign is a local landmark that has been the site of weddings and family reunions. Picnic sites and a hiking path are tucked within the trees. Airplane pilots are also familiar with the landmark.

The U.S. Forest Service estimates red and white pines can live 150 years. “From a fly-over in an airplane, or view from on-line maps, the sign is still clearly visible,” says Kirkwood, “and St. Joseph County Parks wants to ensure the sign is still healthy for another 75 years and beyond.”

Historic background

Bendix Woods County Park, located in New Carlisle, St. Joseph County, Indiana, is home to the half-mile long living tree sign that spells out the word STUDEBAKER. The tree sign was planted in the 1930s by members of the Civilian Conservation Corps on what was then known as the Studebaker Proving Ground. The former car manufacturing company designed the sign as a salute to the developing aviation industry. A portion of the Proving Ground became a St. Joseph County Park, when the Bendix Corporation purchased the property and donated roughly 190 acres to the newly formed park board in 1966.

The sign, comprised of 90-foot tall red and white pines, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is celebrating its 75th anniversary in 2013.

For more information about the project or to send contributions contact Evie Kirkwood at 574-277-4828 or via USPS to St. Joseph County Parks Foundation/Studebaker Trees Sign, 50651 Laurel Road, South Bend, IN 46637.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Long Island Chapter Picnic – September 8th**
at Belmont Lake State Park

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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