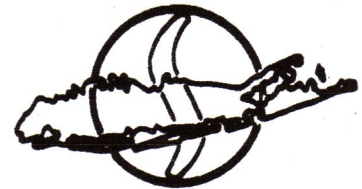


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# STUDEBAKER Spotlight



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## Next Meeting:

**Thursday, March 17th at 7:30 p.m.  
Marjorie Post Park Community Room**

## FROM THE EDITOR

With the print deadline looming and Carl having computer problems preventing him from generating his article, I opted to put out some information that I have regarding Chapter news and activity. With the grace of the electronic gizmo gods, let's hope that Carl's connection is restored by next month so that you can hear his news directly.

With respect to the creation of the Chapter's website, we have started the ball rolling by sending our initial payment to the web designers. The next step will be a planning meeting, where we will discuss what we want to have on the site, how we think it should look, and what links there will be. In preparation for the site, a few things have been done. Frank Sammon generated a short blurb that appears later in this issue about how Long Island was the actual birthplace of the SDC; I created an application form that will be turned into an on-line application for prospective members to use; we looked again at a rough mockup of a webpage that was generated last year when we were first contacted by the web designers we are now engaged with. Look for more news, and anticipate more discussion on the website in the weeks to come.

With barely three months to go until the Reunion Sunday show, no doubt there is a lot of planning work going on getting ready for that.

Also included with this issue is the flyer for the Long Island Museum's grand reopening on March 20<sup>th</sup>. Since they're highlighting Studebakers from our club as being on display, I hope we have a

## MEETING INFORMATION

**Third Thursday of every month**

**7:30 p.m.**

**Community Room**

**Marjorie Post Park**

**Massapequa**

**New members welcome!**

lot of members who are planning to attend with their vehicle.

Please remember that I am always in need of new articles from members to keep the newsletter a viable communication vehicle for the chapter.

Cathy Sammon, Editor

## FEBRUARY MEETING RECAP



Our meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag at 8:10 P.M.

I read the recap from the January meeting. This recap was done, in my absence, by Lanning Baron. The recap was accepted by Tom Portesy and seconded by Charlie Lanza.

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

Frank Sammon reviewed all expenses, including "Spotlight" and refreshment expenses, plus income since our last meeting. He also reported on both the checking and savings balances.

President Carl Carilli opened up the business portion of the meeting with a discussion about starting our own website. Newsletter editor, Cathy Sammon, referred Carl to a fellow in California who specializes in setting up websites for all kinds of organizations, including antique car clubs. The cost of producing the site would be a one-time set up cost of \$389, plus a monthly maintenance charge of \$10. The gentleman would do a mockup for our approval, plus we would be able to make corrections or changes. Tom Portesy proposed that the membership vote on this issue and it was seconded by Bob Andreocci. We had a unanimous vote to proceed with the website after we decided our treasury could handle it. Additionally, we need to have a club webmaster. One of the points made was to include the SDC slogan, "We Invented Cool" to the website to attract potential members.

I spoke about the show to be held at the Long Island Museum on Sunday, March 20th from noon to 4 P.M. It is entitled "Centuries of Progress, America's World's Fairs, 1853-1982. They have requested that we bring our Studebakers to the show.

We will be treated to a screening of Studebaker Commercials from the '30s to the '50s, courtesy of the Studebaker National Museum. We will also have a tour of their Studebaker carriages by Curator, Joshua Ruff. So, let's get our Studes out of the garages and get them running. This looks like it'll be a nice way to show off our cars to the public.

Bob Andreocci brought a few mock-ups of flyers for our Reunion Sunday to be held on June 12th. We had a good discussion and picked one that showed our chapter logo.

**DUES ARE DUE!!!**

I told the story about how I obtained my '59 Lark, which I have owned for 20 years.

50/50 was won by Seth Purdy.

Our meeting adjourned at 9:08 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Roger Price, Recording Secretary

## SOME CHAPTER HISTORY



Written by Frank Sammon

The Studebaker Drivers Club (SDC) - the largest single-marque auto club in existence, with chapters throughout the world - has its roots on Long Island. The SDC, which is now an international organization, originated on Long Island, having been incorporated on December 24, 1962 in Mineola, New York. The club was established as an organization dedicated to, among other things, encouraging the acquisition, preservation, restoration, and maintenance of the Studebaker automobile. The club's original incorporation papers list its principal location as 30 Chicago Avenue, Bellmore, NY, the address of the club's founder - Harry Barnes.

The original incorporation identified the territory of the club as "principally the United States of America and Canada, and elsewhere in the world to which the membership or interest in the organization might extend." Due to rapid growth of the

organization, a resolution was adopted on December 23, 1967 to provide for individual groups or regions to be accepted as Chapters of the Studebaker Drivers Club, with individual chapter by-laws and name, and dues, newsletter and services provided by the National organization.

A group of Long Island Studebaker owners who began meeting in 1969 applied to the then national organization for recognition as the Long Island Chapter on June 20, 1971. The Long Island Chapter received its official charter on August 24, 1972, and has been in continuous operation ever since.

## TECH TIP



### Crankshaft and Engine Bearings Installation Guide

Re-printed from "Wheels & Deals" – May 2008

1. Check all connecting rod housing bored for taper, roundness, and size by using a bore gauge or inside micrometer. Check for parallelism between the large and small ends of the rod. Check conditions of bolts and threads.
2. Check main bearing bores for alignment, taper, roundness, and size. Check condition of bolts and threads.
3. Make sure that engine block and crankshaft are clean by checking oil passageways for hidden dirt and debris. Hot water and detergent works best for cleaning.
4. While installing both connecting rod bearings and main bearings, check for proper oil clearance with **Plastigage®** (Part #MPG-1, .001" - .003"; #MPR-1 .002" - .006"; #MPB-1, .004" - .009"; #MPY-1, .009" - .020").
5. With the engine block upside down, install the upper main halves making sure bearing back and bores are clean and dry.
6. Check oil hole alignment to insure proper oil flow.
7. Lubricate all bearing and seal lip surfaces using **Clevite 77® Bearing Guard** (Part #2800B2 – 9 oz. Bottle and #2800B5 – 1 1/3 oz Package) Use

**Clevite® Cam Guard** (Part 3CL 400), EP rated lubricant on camshaft and lifter faces.

8. Place the crankshaft squarely into the main bearings and assemble lower main bearings and caps. Check to insure proper position.
9. Pry crankshaft toward the front of the engine to align thrust faces. Torque main bearing bolts to proper OE specifications. Rotate crankshaft by hand to see that it turns freely.
10. Assemble the connecting rod and piston assembly to the crankshaft by using **Clevite 77® Bolt Boots** (Part #2800B1) to protect crankshaft journals and cylinder walls. Make sure caps match correct rods, and torque bolts to proper specification.
11. With the crankshaft forced all the way forward in the block, check end clearance between the crankshaft thrust face and the bearing flange to the OE specification. Use a feeler gauge for proper thickness.
12. Prime engine oiling system before starting engine to assure operation of oil pump and lubricating system immediately upon start-up.

(From Beach Cities Inland Empire Chapter Sparkplug, July 2010)

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT



To date we have the following breakdown on the membership roster that we have been using for the last few years. **Please renew now to retain your membership in the club!**

Paid members:	18
Honorary members:	5
Unpaid members:	39

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **LI Chapter SDC Reunion Sunday Car Show.** Sunday, June 12, 2011 at Marjorie Post Park in Massapequa.

# 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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