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NO DECEMBER MEETING!

Next Meeting:

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



Happy Holidays to All!

And a Happy New Year!

NOVEMBER MEETING RECAP



Our meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag at 8:05 P.M.

We had a moment of silence for Andy Purdy.

I read the October meeting recap which was prepared by V.P. Lanning Baron, in my absence. Accepted by Ward Melvin, and seconded by Mike Neumar.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Frank Sammon reviewed all checking expenses, including newsletter expenses, meeting refreshments, & the Holiday Brunch deposit. Income

MEETING INFORMATION

Third Thursday of every month

7:30 p.m.

Community Room

Marjorie Post Park

Massapequa

New members welcome!

was posted from members' deposits for the Holiday Brunch, meeting refreshments, 50/50, dues received for 2012 and savings account interest. There was no savings account activity. Frank's report was accepted by Mike Neumar, and seconded by Kevin Healion.

We had a guest this evening. His name is Gary Brandow. He's from Bellmore. A number of our members were absent because they were attending the Reedsville Swap Meet.

We're all looking forward to our annual Holiday Brunch, on December 4th starting at 11:00 A.M. at Molly Malone's in Bay Shore. All our members are encouraged to send in their checks to Frank Sammon. The charge is \$10 per person. Our club will pick up the balance. Sal Palmeri will bring the poinsettias.

Our picnic at Belmont State Park was a great success, thanks to Tom Portesy. It was put together in very short order due to two rain-outs.

I invited our members to attend the VCR-sponsored indoor flea market at the Brush Barn in Smithtown on Sunday, 2/12/12 at 9 A.M.- 3 P.M.

Frank Sammon told us that he was visited by Richard Lentinello, of Hemmings Classic Car magazine, to photograph Frank's Studebaker Scotsman. He told Frank that an article about Frank's car should be in the magazine in about 4 months. Nice going Frank!

At our Holiday Brunch, we will discuss our slate of officer nominations for 2012. V.P. Lanning Baron felt that it would be a good time to enlist nominations, since we usually have a good turnout of members at the brunch.

We have a show committee to plan our next Studebaker Reunion and Orphan Car Sunday on June 10, 2012. The show committee will consist of Kevin Healion, Howard Naval, Bob Andreocci, and Tom Portesy. We will start planning early in the year. As we did last year, we will invite the Corvair Club and the Verrazano Chapter of SDC. We will ask the Corvair Club to provide their own awards for their members.

Speaking of awards, we had a constructive discussion about which items we should provide as awards for each class of Studebakers at the show. We will need to address whether we will provide trophies, clocks, or plaques. As usual, we will need to get sponsors to pay for the awards.

We also discussed the desirability of getting together with the Verrazano Chapter to do a cooperative run or meet.

50/50 was won by Frank Sammon.

There was a motion to adjourn at 9:15 P.M. by Ward Melvin, and seconded by Sal Palmeri.

Respectfully Submitted,
Roger Price, Recording Secretary

IN MEMORIAM – ANDY PURDY

Long-time Long Island Chapter member Andy Purdy passed away on November 6, 2011. He will be sorely missed by the club. Andy's brother Seth provided a few memories in his honor.

Andy's 1961 Studebaker Hawk marked its 50th birthday this past April. As many of the club members know, we both purchased the same red automobiles within two weeks of each other. He, at one point sold his to a Grumman employee who used to commute to Grumman in Bethpage. I think he sold it for \$50. When the car was about to be given away my brother bought it back for \$50. The engine was taken out and restored by his step son. The exterior was repainted and a great deal of the chrome, including both the front and rear bumpers were replaced. I don't recall how long he was a member of the club. I do know he enjoyed attending the meetings and participating in the events whenever possible. Just a week or two before his passing he started the car and was planning to have it inspected, but he was not able to complete that task.

2011 HOLIDAY BRUNCH

The Long Island Chapter's final event of 2011 was our Holiday Brunch at Molly Malone's on Sunday, December 4th. We had a great turnout of 37 people who all enjoyed a chance to visit, catch up, and partake of the wide selection of delicious food. The mild weather no doubt accounted for the high number of folks who came in their vintage vehicles: Kevin Healion - 87 Avanti, Kurt Larsen - 56 Truck, Howie Naval - 51 Commander, Mike Neumar - 49 Hudson Hornet, Charlie Peifer - 62 GT Hawk, Roger Price - 59 Lark, Tony Psaris - 63 Avanti R1, and Frank Sammon - 63 Lark.



Lanny Baron took care of a bit of Chapter business by reminding the members that Election of Officers will take place at the January meeting, and soliciting members for anyone who would like to be elected to the position of President, as Carl's relocation to Georgia will prevent him from completing his term.

We had a raffle for some donated prizes as well as the beautiful poinsettias that decorated the tables. Laura Healion won a battery charge/jump starter, Mike Neumar won a \$30.00 Stop & Shop gift certificate, Joe Rodriguez won a painting of a 55 Speedster, and Peter Lee won a photo of a bullet nose. The winners of the poinsettias were Grace Baron, Deborah Rodriguez, Carol Neumar, Donna Cisario, Tony Psaris, and Charlie Peifer. Joe Rodriguez also won the 50/50. (It must not have been Tom Portesy's night!)



Allan Rubinstein once again entertained the crowd with his magic show, performing a number of astounding and amazing tricks that kept everyone guessing, "How'd he do that?" He selected quite a few folks from the audience to assist in the tricks, and really put on a great show. Everyone joined in the

fun, and Tom Portesy noted that one of the mind reading tricks required ESP – Extra Studebaker Power! Many thanks to Allan for providing memorable entertainment for everyone's enjoyment!



There are many more photos from the brunch on the website in the photo gallery. Check out www.longisland-SDC.com to view the pictures and see any upcoming events.

A HOLIDAY POEME by PETER LEE

How I love to drive my Studebaker,
I'll do it 'till I meet my maker.
Crusin' in the Hamptons,
Groovin' with Peter Frampton,
Life is good, and I'm no faker.

When I'm driving in the Sky Hawk,
Even jaded people from Noo Yawk
Will stop, and gawk, and drool.
Because, as everyone knows,
Studebaker invented cool!

So to all my Stude-buddies
From Long Island and the USA,
Have a wonderful holiday,
and don't forget to get out there and
DRIVE YOUR STUDIE TODAY!

NOTE: The Corvair Club has invited members to join in their Holiday party on 1/22/2012 at Braccos in Freeport. \$30.00 per person, with Games, raffles, and prizes. Contact cathysunden@yahoo.com 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: 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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