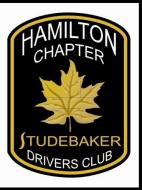


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April 1, 2023					Opening Bank Balance	\$	3,100.89
			DEPOSIT	WITHDRAWALS			
DATE	TRANSACTION TYPE	DETAILS	AMOUNT	AMOUNT		В	ALANCE
April 24, 2023	Withdrawal	Cash Sponsorship Badenoch		\$100.00	paid with cash on hand by Steve Porter		
Aprol 24, 2023	Deposit	50/50	\$40.00				
April 24, 2023	Deposit	Membership	\$405.00				3545.89
April 30, 2023	Withdrawal			4.00			3541.89
Total Deposits and Withdraws			\$445.00	4.00			
Bank Closing Apr. 30, 2023					Bank Closing Balance	\$	3,541.89
					Cash on Hand	\$	5.00
					Total	\$	3,546.89

Treasurer's Report Sue Lusted

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The Bullet Tin

Studebaker Friends Remembered

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Remembering Roly Lusted 1939 to 2023

It is with sadness we must report that on, April 6th, the Hamilton Chapter lost their good friend and fellow Hamilton chapter member Roly Lusted to a short illness.

Roly was raised in Hamilton, Ontario, close to the Studebaker factory. He used to pass the factory on his way to Robert Land School each day.

He always had a soft spot for Studebakers. Back in the 1960s, in his early 20s then, he would look out the window at the Otis Elevator factory and admire the sleek cars being made in the Studebaker plant next door. At that time, the first real Studebaker that caught his eye was the '62 Gran Turismo Hawk. He admired the gleaming black car with the bright red interior. He and his coworkers thought that it looked like a Thunderbird.

Roly's first car was a 1948 Studebaker which he purchased from Clark Brother Motors in Hamilton at the corner of Main Street and Ottawa Street.



He always had a fondness for anything with wheels. It ran the gamut from motorcycles, Corvettes and then back to Studebakers. Roly has been a member of the SDC and the Avanti club for 25 years. Members who follow the Studebaker Addicts page will know him or they will remember him from swap meets or Internationals that Roly frequented for years. He always had a story or an anecdote to relate. His knowledge of all things automotive was encyclopedic.

Roly had flawlessly restored a number Studebakers over

Roly and his award-winning 1964 Avanti R1.

the years. However, his main love was his

award-winning 1964 Avanti R1 which he has owned ever since he got into the Studebaker world.

Roly was a past president and current treasurer of the Hamilton club. While Roly was president, he was the driving force in speeding



The '61 Hawk - First in Class at Cobble Beach Concours.

up the installation of the Commemorative plaque which was installed at the corner of Mars Ave and Wentworth St. in Hamilton on IDYSD in 2016. The site of the factory has become an industrial park and the main street is called Studebaker Way.



The commemorative plaque at the corner of Mars Avenue and Wentworth Street in Hamilton. For a better view of the plaque, go to:

http://www.thehamiltonchaptersdc.ca/Studebaker%20Plaque%20FINAL.jpg.

Roly's keen sense of humour and wit will be sorely missed by all who knew him. Roly will be lovingly remembered by his wife Susan, his three daughters Carol, Susan, and Joanne.

Submitted by Hamilton Chapter SDC.

Letter from the President

By: Peter Downey



Hello friends.

Spring at last, and we have had as usual it seems a mix of all 4 seasons so far this spring! However, the Studebakers are making their appearance from their long winter's hibernation,

and they all look ready for the road.

This year our Club co sponsored financially the annual Badenoch Swap meet held April 22nd. While the weather was not the best there was all things considered a good turnout of members and many parts were available.

Our next meeting in May will be the last one at the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum until the next scheduled meeting there in October. As you all know, it is becoming more difficult to hold our meetings at the Museum, given the accessibility restrictions and the ambient background noise having a detrimental effect on out ability to hear what is going on even with our PA system I think we all agree the venue is pretty special however, sadly the issues we are facing make it less likely that we will want to continue meeting there. Nothing has yet been decided, however, your executive is looking at some options. Our ask of each of you is to put forward any locations you are aware of that might be suitable for holding our meetings.

Our annual auction will be held later in the summer, either June or July, when we have a better location to hold it. We are waiting for confirmation that we can hold the fish fry in August this year as September is packed with Studebaker events already. More to come on this.

The most recent issue of Turning Wheels has a wonderful remembrance of our friend Roly Lusted, page4. His passing is a great loss to us all. He was a resource we could count on for all things Studebaker and he did a lot of things for the Club that not many of us knew about. There is no question he will be greatly missed. The executive is working on a suitable memorial for Roly. The Roland Lusted Award will be fully laid out to everyone at our next meeting. The first recipient will be announced at our October meeting.

Happy Studebakering!

Be safe.

Peter Downey, President

Vice President & Membership Steve Porter



Membership to the SDC is a requirement for membership to our chapter.

For membership only, it is \$12 in US funds. This is

membership only and no magazine.

Applications for both our chapter and the Studebaker Drivers Club can be found at the end of this newsletter and at this link.

SDC Membership link.

https://studebakerdriversclub.com/?page_id=24654

Hamilton SDC membership link: Www.thehamiltonchaptersdc.ca

P.S. our chapter dues are due. Still just \$20. Bring your payment to the meeting on May 28, 2023.

Social Media: Susan Lusted

Social media for our chapter is our website, and our Facebook page. Our website is up to date. We do maintain a very active Facebook page. It has lots of visits as monitored each week.

Our website page is located at www.thehamiltonchaptersdc.ca. It does contain pictures of members' cars. If yours is not there, please submit a picture in jpg format and we will display it.

The Barrick's 51 Commander

Sometimes it's extra good to go to cruise nights!

At the end of last summer, a fella came up to us at the Casablanca Cruise to inform us of a Studebaker in a barn over in the Smithville area that the owner was looking to sell the car because the barn was going to be coming down soon to make way for some development. He really didn't know much about the car just that it only had two doors and was early '50s so that got my attention, he said it wasn't in too bad of condition but was really dirty so he couldn't really tell too much.

He gave me a bit of an idea where to find this place and said if the gate was opened the owner was there, if closed he wasn't. So, when I got home that night, I google earthed the area and after a bit of looking around the area I figured out the location. The next day I drove over to Smithville and low and behold found the place and saw the barn in the distance ...but the gate was closed!

I decided to leave a note on the gate explaining who I was and my phone number. I stuck the note in behind the lock and headed for home. Well, a couple of weeks went by and I kind of forgot about the car but one day I got a call from this gentleman who asked if I was the guy who left a note on his gate! Oh, wow he found my note!!

We talked and lined up a day and time for me to come check the car out.

When I got over there and walked through the door and saw that it was a starlight coup and also saw the V8 emblem on the trunk my interest went up a couple of notches for sure. Then I opened the door to check the VIN plate and low and behold it was built in Hamilton bonus!

Well, we spent a few hours checking out the car, the owner explained how he ended up with the car and why he was selling it. He definitely isn't a Studebaker guy but does appreciate old cars, so we got along just fine, in fact I've made a new friend.

There wasn't a lot rust on the car but the paint was not good, there was a lot of fading and some paint bubbling up near the trunk where the rear body is joined to the main body, this joint was leaded at the factory and I suspect that moisture had got in there and separated the filler from the body.

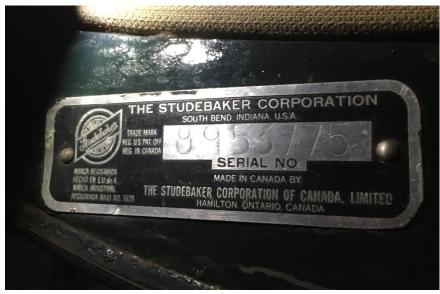
Both sides had this problem, but it wasn't that big an issue that I thought I could handle myself. The other thing was that mice had gotten into the insides, and I knew that if I got this car, I'd be doing the interior but I could probably get away without spending the big dollars on a paint job just make a good driver for local cruising. I set up a date with the owner to come over and try and get the car running, he had had the cars brakes worked on and the car had been safety checked earlier that year and was licensed so that was a good sign.

So, the next week we headed back over and within a hour we had the car just purring and we drove it around the back roads of Smithville. A deal was made and within a few days we loaded it up and brought it home.

We spent most of the winter working on the car, fixing the two bad spots up on the body and also took most of the chrome off and polishing the paint as best we can. The car will never be a concours car but only a driver.

Many hours spent bringing the paint back to life, it came up not too badjust don't look too close.





We have had some of the interior finished up but still waiting to get the car in for a new headliner, hard to get things done but it's coming along.

New tires are next on the list of things to do. Hopefully the car will be out and about this summer. Keep on Studebakering



To the left and below, see the fender repairs needed.





The front hood waiting to be buffed





Check out the new door panels. Pretty neat. !!







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63 LARK > Wagonaire

From the Advanced Thinking of







Birthdays:

May 11 Della Mullett

May 12 Jim Anderson

May 13 Susan Lusted

May 18 Barry Leppan

June 6 Margaret Ernst

June 19 Roy McGowen

June 23 Jim Cumisky

June 24 Steve Tournay

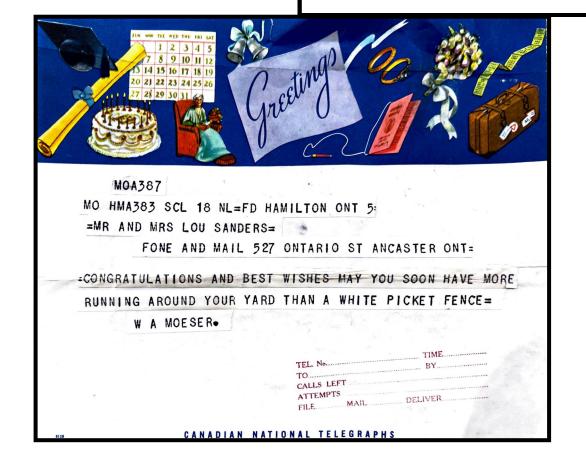
ANNIVERSARIES

May 11 Della & Kevin Mullett

May 16 Donna & George Graham

June 12 Marlene & George Wingfield

June 25 Joan & Peter Downey



Mifflin County Swap Meet By John Koshty







John and Ingrid travelled to the meet and as you can see from the pictures, attendance was sparse. It was somewhat better on the Saturday of the meet. It is scheduled for next year and the date has been set.

April 2024

PENNSYLVANIA, 26th & 27th, Reedsville, the Mifflin County Studebaker Swap Meet, at the Mifflin County Youth Park, 110 Logan St. Vendor space, 7 x 10, \$40 and tables, \$5 each. Event is open to Orphan Cars. Contact: Garth & Tammy Corkins, PO. Box 1288, Lewistown, PA. 17044. Info: 717-437-0143. Email: corkinsswap@gmail.com. Atlantic Zone.



A GUARD IS AGAIN ON DUTY AT STUDEBAKER

By, and thanks to Dan Kuhl

Studebaker was flush with cash in 1928. The As stated in numerous previous articles, company had just come out with the Erskine, a brand new "World Car", purchased the Pierce Arrow line of cars, opened a new car proving ground just outside of South Bend, and with new building construction completed a new guard house at Gate One into the factory complex. The auto business was looking good for Albert Erskine, President of Studebaker.

As part of this beehive frenzy of activity were two signature entrances to Studebaker complexes, the entrance to the Proving Ground with its beautiful Studebaker wheel adornments on top of the brick entrance fence posts and the brick guard house and gate at the entrance to the factory complex on Sample Street in South Bend.

The guard house served the factory from 1928 until just after the factory closed its doors on December 9, 1963. The melancholy photo taken of Gate One on that last day has some interesting aspects: the flag at half-mast for John F. Kennedy who was assassinated weeks before and the operating archaic running light in the grill of a Lark leaving the factory on that snowy winter day (see 1963 Photo).

The guard house was eventually torn down with the adjacent factory building in 2008. All 3,863 bricks and miscellaneous construction materials from the 1928 construction were placed in storage in another Studebaker building to await its fate. In the spring of 2022 the guard house was reconstructed at its new home in the 600 block of South Lafayette near Building 84. \$25.000 has been spent on the project with an additional \$30,000 needed for addition of the original gate to the guard house location.

During the 2022 SDC International Meet its Grand Opening was celebrated.



In November of last year, the final touch was added, a guard standing in the door to the guard house. A donated mannequin dressed in a guard uniform is an impressive addition to the project. His name is "Earl" after Earl Smith, a dedicated project volunteer who passed away in the fall of 2022. It took only 60 years to get the guard house back into service at Studebaker.

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NEWS for May 2023 from Cynthia Sale and Denny Foust

Implementation Team Leaders

Big changes in Studebaker GroupWorks this month!

In February of this year, we reported that the **Studebaker** activity season was fast approaching, and the Studebaker GroupWorks implementation group wanted to see the system in place for our 2023 events and activities season You may have seen an emailed invitation from Group-Works in March and again in April. At that time, we sent out email invites to over 4,000 of our Studebaker Drivers Club members with email addresses We hope you chose, then, to join, but participation in the program is still optional, and you can decline whenever you wish. Over 20% of members receiving the invite have already chosen join **Studebaker GroupWorks**, and are participating in our new communication system. Additional requests to join are coming in daily.

To get things moving in Studebaker GroupWorks, I added as many members' records into the GroupWorks program as possible in mid-March. That included any US-based active member with an email address associated with their membership record and who had not tagged their record as "PRIVATE". We respect your privacy and will not break our promise to you. With over seven thousand active members, roughly one-half of our members do not have an email address on-record with Cornerstone Registration, Inc., our membership registration company. With these criteria, we reduced the import to just over 4 thousand members who were added to the Studebaker *GroupWorks* invitation.,

As we have said, participation in Studebaker GroupWorks, is totally optional. This March 2023 mass import placed members in the system and sent invitations that can be accepted or declined. The member may ignore the emailed invitations, although you will get reminders. You can also use the "decline" option, which removes your record. In any event, the decision is yours.

Because of the required US **Zip code** field in the **Studebaker GroupWorks**, system, this mid-March import included only US-based active SDC members. The Studebaker Drivers Club is an international organization, and to open the program to all members, all non-US-based SDC members will have received an invitation in April with additional instructions on filling in the US Zip Code field required by **Studebaker GroupWorks**.

For those who wish to participate, the link in the emailed invitation takes the member to the initial **Studebaker** *GroupWorks* program where you receive a temporary password. That password is unknown by anyone....<u>only by you</u>. You will be asked in the next step to set a new password (again, only you will know that password) and enter some information as they go through the steps.

Required fields in the system are Birth Year, City, State, and Zip Code. Studebaker Group-Works, requires birth year to verify no minors are using the program. All other fields are not used or needed.

The March 2023 import of members placed them in an initial group with the heading of "A1 Studebaker Drivers Club" group. You can post to that group and receive responses there. In future months, you will be added to the **Zone**, **Region**, and **State** groups as we begin to move forward. You will see those groups to the left of their Studebaker GroupWorks screens when you log in.

Chapter memberships are the next phase of Studebaker GroupWorks. Those records will have to come from your Chapter's membership records. If the Chapter wishes to fill their Studebaker GroupWorks records in the system, they can send a membership list to me at CynthiaSale525@gmail.com. We'll compare your list to our list from Cornerstone Registration to ensure national membership and, thus, eligibility to join. Do you have an email address you use for your chapter activities but you don't have it noted on your national record? Unsure of your membership number? You'll find it on the sheet inside the bag your Turning Wheels came in. You'll need that number and the national password you assigned to your record (don't worry, you can request it here: https://sdc.cornerstonereg.com/Account/Login) to change your information and or add an email address.

Our "How To" video series on the Studebaker Drivers Club YouTube Channel gives you a deeper look at the Studebaker GroupWorks program and much more detail can be seen there. The easy way to find them is to open "YouTube.com" in a browser, and type "Studebaker Drivers Club" in the search bar to find them.

By the time you receive the May issue of Turning Wheels, we hope to be able to put a link on the club website at www.studebakerdriversclub.com which will lead you to these videos and help ease you into registering to be a part of this exciting new communication system.



