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The Plaque is Back!!!!!

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Inside This Issue:

Past Events President's Message Details on Cars in the Park Ruthven Report on Napanee Meet And More... Roger's Rambling Road Trip Cruising in this area Treasurer's Report The Commemorative Plaque is back Social Media Welcome New Members

Upcoming Meetings: All are subject to current Covid guidelines, closures, and Hamilton SDC policies.

September ONTARIO, 11th, Hamilton, Hamilton Chapter to celebrate International Drive Your Studebaker Day by hosting a fish fry at John & Brenda Sawyers. The chapter subsidizes each meal for \$10 for members. Each member will then pay \$12 per person. Check our website for complete information. Contact: Peter Downey 905-627-2141, email: PresidentHamiltonsdc@gmail.com. Website: www.thehamiltonchaptersdc.ca. Crossroads Zone.

October ONTARIO, 16th, Hamilton, Hamilton Chapter to host its monthly meeting. Check our website for complete information. Contact: Peter Downey 905-627-2141, email: PresidentHamiltonsdc@gmail.com. Website: www.thehamiltonchaptersdc.ca. Crossroads Zone.

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Note:

When submitting an article, please use Word or RTF. Pictures should be in either Pdf or JPEG format.

Meet Our New & Returning Members

Eric & Sarah Harnett







Letter from the President

By: Peter Downey



Hello friends.

Well, here we are the last few days of a pretty good summer. Lots of opportunities to get your Studebaker out for a drive.

GOOD NEWS, the plaque is back where it belongs. Joan and I saw it on August 26th back where it is supposed to be, and Steve and Kathy Porter also have seen it. Roly has sent an email to Councillor Nann thanking her for speeding up the much delayed return.

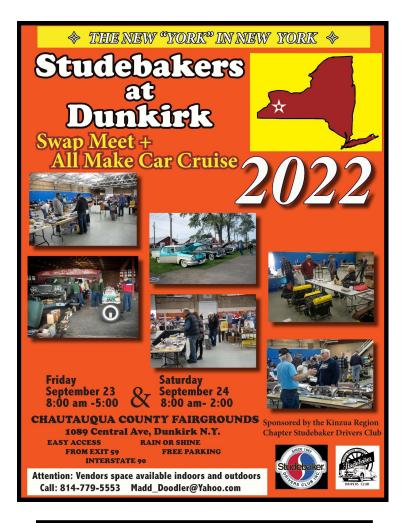
Over the course of the summer months locating a venue for our meetings was challenging. Some restaurants never called back, most others were not open Mondays, thereby limiting the choice of suitable locations. Going forward its evident we need to get more creative, and have more eyes looking out for good meeting places. More on this throughout the year. However, if you have any suggestions please let your executive know.

Looking ahead, the Dunkirk Swap meet takes place September 23rd and 24th. It has been a couple of years since we were able to visit our friends in the Kinzua chapter and Steve Grant and his team organize an excellent swap meet which gets better every year, so if you are able to please support them. The annual event at Ruthven returns this year on Thanksgiving Day. We return to the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum for our regular monthly meeting in October. The museum has indicated that they will supply a microphone and speaker for our meetings.

Your executive will be meeting in the next few weeks to look at scheduling for the balance of 2022 and for 2023. Stay tuned for some news regarding our Christmas Dinner.

If anyone has an idea for a speaker at a future meeting, please let the executive know.

As always, keep the photos and stories coming, this is your newsletter and we look forward to receiving them Happy Studebakering!



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.



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Treasurer's Report Roly Lusted

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July 1, 2022					Opening Bank Balance	\$	3,256.18
			DEPOSIT	WITHDRAWALS			
DATE	TRANSACTION TYPE	DETAILS	AMOUNT	AMOUNT		В	ALANCE
July 11, 2022	Deposit	Membership Fee	\$20.00			\$	3,276.18
July 29, 2022	Withdrawal	Bank Fees		4.00		\$	3,272.18
Total Deposits and Withdraws			\$20.00	4.00			
Bank Closing					Bank Closing		
July 31, 2022					Balance	\$	3,272.18
					Cash on Hand	\$	12.15
					Total	\$	3,284.33
Penny Sale 8	Silent Auction	\$ 733.00					

Vice President & Membership Steve Porter

Currently, we have 69 members. Eric Harnett and George Christie have rejoined. Membership to the SDC is a requirement for

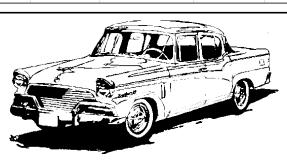
membership to our chapter. For membership only, it is \$12 in US funds. This is



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

at this link. Membership Information (thehamiltonchaptersdc.ca)







Birthdays:

September 1st John Ernst

> 2nd Shelcon Rier 4th, Roseina McEown 30th Gord Galbraith

October 3rd Bill Harris

> 8th Kathy Porter 15th Joanne Holman 21st Gary Brucculeri 23th Carol Leppan 30th Kirby Oglesby

Anniversaries

7th Linda & Gary Brucculeri September

20th Kathy & Steve Porter

25th Lorraine & Paul Cronkwright

4th, Thelma & Stu Chapman October

6th Dennis & Sandy Kennedy 11th Jim & Barb Anderson

Roger and Dreena's Rambling Road Tour July 10, 2022

by Roger Hill & Dreena Galagher

Roger and Dreena's Ramblin' Tour

In the midst of days of heat and threatening weather, a wonderful day appeared! Still sort of warm but not threatening rain - and good day for a tour!

Roger's Ramblin' Studebaker Tour of '2022

Paved roads chosen, goody bags (thanks to Dreena Gallagher and Sanra Cruzo) beside us and country vistas and tree-lined curves ahead of us, we began on time! There were 12 cars at first, but the Gibson's custom Avanti had an abortive infliction, necessitating a return home, unfortunately. And unfortunately we didn't have a "bad luck" prize to offer them. Studebakers are good luck charms in themselves don'tcha know!

Well, the bumpy Hamilton-Wentworth roads gave way to the streams and winding roads of Brant



County. Soon we spent the mid-point break under umbrella shades with french fries and ice-cream treats at "Maggies's Place" food truck in St. George. Trekking north from there to the Region of Waterloo, the feature stop was at the Ontario Steam Heritage Museum (7192 Gore Road, Puslinch) where we spent a highly informed time with owner Mr. Fischer, who is a true historian, relating how

the steam traction engines, in-floor industrial steam power plants, and steam-powered electrical generators he has on display were key to the past and so influential to the making of our modern world. It was a time well spent.

But then, something else really important: FOOD! Just a concession north of the museum is "The Danish Place", a hidden gem of a restaurant on Concession 1 (#7150) where we all had a nice, bright, glassed room to eat in together (and we could even see our beautiful Studes). The inevitable very (too) long Studebaker Trivia Quiz,



yup - by Roger, was answered/ painfullyexplained, and was won by Steve Porter and Stu Chapman. The rest of you need to "brush up"! (That's right - Studebaker had a 289 engine well BEFORE Ford!).

Our tour was graced by the presence of a Studebaker of another kind!

Jackie Studebaker Hayes (yes, a member of the Studebaker family) and her wonderful husband Glenn were in attendance! They are from Florida and were here visiting Roger and Dreena after they attended the Studebaker Family National Association gathering just outside of Dayton Ohio at the end of June.

It was a splendid day with splendid friends - and I know not everyone could attend. But, if you could



make the NEXT Studebaker tour (and IF it doesn't rain, of course) that would be the only thing that could possibly make it even better than this one!

















Ontario Chapter's 50th Anniversary

The Ontario Chapter celebrated their 50th anniversary by hosting a meet in Napanee on July 29th and 30th. The venue was perfect, with the host hotel being within walking distance. There were lots of restaurants nearby some within walking distance.

The weather proved to be perfect, not too humid or hot. Hamilton members in attendance were, Roly & Sue Lusted, Bob & Janice Barrick, Dennis & Sandy Kennedy, Kathy & Steve Porter, Bob & Joanne Easton, George & Fran Christie.

Friday night there was a welcome at the local Legion. Saturday morning, all the cars were parked on the show site by Division. There were some very nice cars on display. Judging was done by participants.



Saturday night, there was a banquet at the Strathcona centre also within walking distance. A number of our members won trophies for their vehicles. Congratulations to the Worrons for taking overall first with their impeccable 1927 Commander EWE. Trophies were awarded to Kathy & Steve Porter, Bob & Janice Barrick, Roly & Sue Lusted, Gord & Fanny Linkletter and George & Fran Christie.



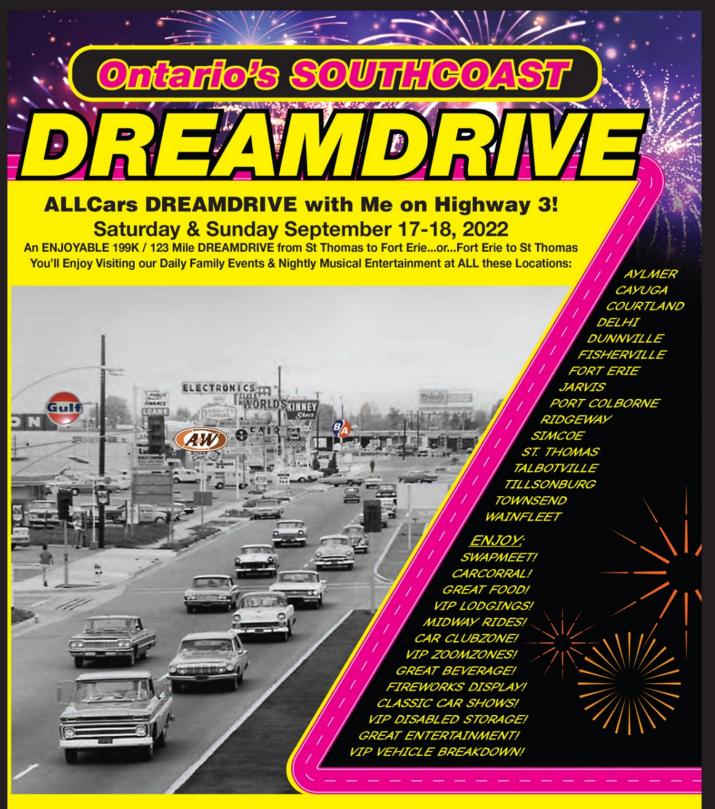






In all, it was a great meet, well planned and a lot of fun. Thanks to the Ontario Chapter and all of its members for a great meet.

Respectfully Submitted By: Susan Lusted



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WORKING SAFELY UNDER YOUR CAR

by Malcolm Berry

Now that summer has arrived, it gives us time to get some of those car projects completed that we've been putting off

doing.

Jacking up cars safely is top on my list. Make sure you have good quality jack stands. I prefer the ones rated at six tons. They are sturdy and have a big enough base to be stable. I bought mine at a Sears Hardware Store.

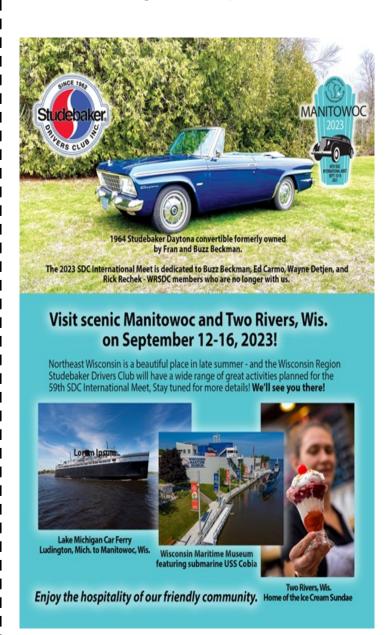
If you are going to have your car on jack stands for an extended period of time such as major repairs or cleaning the chassis, you might consider making some risers. I made mine from 2 x 8 boards 23 inches long with 2 x 4 spacers between the 2 x 8's. The risers will elevate the car 9". The top 2 x 8 needs a 2 x 4 at each end to keep the car from rolling off. The enclosed picture shows how they are used.

When your car is safely jacked up either on stands or risers, check the tires, hoses and any other kind of leaks such as oil, brake fluids or antifreeze. You can complete the necessary repairs safely.

Note***I'm always looking for ideas for upcoming articles for the Tech Tip. If you have any, email them to me Susan Lusted.



59th Studebaker International Meet September 12-16, 2023





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WAS STUDEBAKER ALWAYS AHEAD OF ITS TIME? By Dan Kuhl

The most often posed question to me by people from the car hobby who are not Studebaker followers is, "why did Studebaker go out of business?" The short answer is auto manufacturing was not profitable when compared to the massive diversification program that began at the Studebaker Corporation in the 1950's.

After learning about the unit body Sterkenberg prototype being unveiled to the public at the Chicago Worlds's Fair in 1933, my detailed answer began to take shape. This concept of unit body construction would be adopted by all American automobile manufacturers by the end of the 1960's. Today there are even unit body pickups being made. My contention is further substantiated by Studebaker's reluctance to stamp (press) in house entire bodies and the fact that the largest body stamping (roof) used by Studebaker in 1936 was made by Edward G. Budd of Philadelphia. Studebaker would continue a relationship with Budd until 1966 when car production ceased. Even Studebaker's rising star the Avanti had its body manufactured away from South Bend at Molded Fiberglass in Ashtabula, OH. A failed attempt to make Avanti bodies in South Bend occurred in January 1963, after which Molded Fiberglass continued to provide bodies.

Historically, Studebaker manufactured all body parts in house until 1913. They employed the same methods used in their carriage manufacturing, a metal skin over a wooden frame. It was at this time that Edward G. Budd began promoting all steel body construction after realizing the methods used to manufacture their first auto body for an open car, consisted of 1200 parts. Only the Dodge brothers bought into this new concept and purchased many steel bodies from Budd. At this time the Philadelphia firm believed so strongly in its new method that patents for the process were released to the industry as a whole.

Motor Magazine stated in 1936 that the Studebaker body manufactured by Budd was made from only four metal panels. With the advantages of simplicity, greater strength, and less weight the new technology permitted Budd to ship nests of panels to South Bend rather than bulky whole bodies that were more costly to ship.

By 1951 Studebaker had set its course, using the old style body on frame automobile construction. Assembly required 870 different stampings to complete an automobile. In a 1951 issue of *Spotlight*, 935 auto bodies were produced daily using this soon to vanish antiquated method.

In 1955 when Budd was making bodies for the new Ford Thunderbird, Murray, Budd's last competitor, dropped out of the auto body business. Budd was now the sole provider in a shrinking business where most manufacturers were gearing up for their own unibody manufacturing. It would be too costly for Studebaker's small annual production to tool up to make their own unit steel bodies while on the other hand it was very costly to ship body panels from Budd's Philadelphia facility.

With the uptick in cash in 1959 after the success of the Lark and following many years of bad luck, future business plans had to be made by the power-brokers in New York. As in 1935, should Studebaker continue in a failing car manufacturing business? In 1935 it was in the best interest of the shareholders to stay in the car business. In 1959 the corporate powers chose to diversify, even though for appearance purposes it looked like Studebaker cars would continue to be the main focus. The Avanti had no effect on what was already in the cards by 1962.

It is my opinion, in this particular case, Studebaker was not ahead of its time as a competitive auto manufacturer, but did have many firsts in innovation and styling that came to fruition in the cars we so dearly love. With these in mind, Studebaker was often labeled ahead of its time and rightfully so.

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VEHICLES FOR SALE



Look no Rust free body , no issues with floor or frame and underside. Has its original 245 engine , which runs like a top, 3 spd OD and has only 33,000 miles . Has some headliner issues and an amateur interior job. Chrome needs replating . This car is an excellent car for a restoration and currently licensed and insured asking \$9,000 ... price reduced to \$7500 ! For a viewing appointment call Neale at : 519-448-1484

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Bill Ozzard 250-276-4421

bsozzard@gmail.com

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ter@lampmanconsulting.ca or 905-



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Two front fenders for a 49 Studebaker

• Email: Dan Calder dan.calder@icloud.com

• **Phone: 905-984-0268**. Fenders are

very straight solidAsking: \$500

Other fender looks to be NOS

For Sale: \$9.00 each. I have 2 air filters Jim Anderson



Email: andersonjimbarb@icloud.com

Phone 905-627-3437

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WANTED

1964 Daytona Hardtop Contact: Barry Leppan

Email: <u>studee64@cogeco.ca</u>

Phone: 905-632-7569

