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<u>THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES</u> for the Hamilton Chapter is \$20.00 forwarded to the membership secretary by January 1<sup>st</sup>. This will ensure your continued receipt of the Bullet-Tin. Members of the Hamilton Chapter must also be members in good standing of the Studebaker Drivers Club Inc.

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#### HAMILTON CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

#### **SDC MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

#### LIST YOUR STUDEBAKER VEHICLES

1)			
2)			

FILL OUT AND MAIL TO OUR MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY WITH CHEQUE ENCLOSED. (info above)



#### PRESIDENTS MESSAGE JULY/AUGUST 2018



Hello friends,

Well unlike last summer there has been no shortage of warm sun filled days to encourage us all to drive our Studebakers. There has been no shortage of places to go or people to see this summer.

The Downtown Burlington Car show was a huge success by all accounts. in attendance were 6 Studebakers; Barry and Carol's 64 GT Hawk, Roly and Sue's 62 Lark, Larry and Barb's Avanti, Steve & Kathy Porter's Champion, Steve & Kathy's Commander (under the guidance of Steve Tournay) and my 49 2R5. Lots of people stopped to look and ask questions about all our cars. We had a very good representation of post war Studebakers, and many remarked how good the styling was, and were especially surprised to find out what year the Avanti is. I heard more than one person say it would not look out of place on the road today! Thanks to Barry and Carol for making sure we got the prime parking spots! And to Kevin Leppan for helping guide us to them.

The Studebaker night at Pier 4 Park in Hamilton will have happened by the time you read this no doubt. It is always a great time to showcase our Studebakers and it always amuses me at a cruise night; almost everyone you see had an uncle or some other relative who had a Studebaker. If that was true, we would probably still be able to buy one today!

Summer meeting for July was at THE SHED brewery, 65 Hatt Street in Dundas, a short meeting followed by a tour of the facility and some time for refreshments. They have a static display of a 1949 Hamilton built 2R5 serial number HR 1275. On August 20th we enjoy the hospitality of Paul and Lorraine for our August meeting, and in September our annual corn roast will be at the new home of Wayne and Sharon.

I was asked recently by someone as to how I got interested in Studebakers. And of course, my reason is simple, my Dad worked there and my first memory of a car was his 50 bullet nose. But it would be interesting to hear from other members in the club how they became interested in Studebakers. There are, no doubt, many very interesting stories and reasons out there. We are fortunate as people living in Hamilton and area, of a certain vintage, still able to recall when the factory was in full production and there were so many Studebakers around.

I hope you are all enjoying the summer and your Studebaker, drive safely, and enjoy the scenery and your Studebaker.

Regards, Peter Downey



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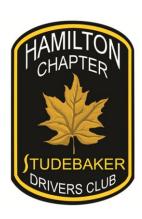
Sue & Roly Lusted, Peter Downey, Tom Shanahan Sr. & Tom Jr. Paul C.

#### JUNE, JULY & AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Jim Cumisky Jan Kus Steve Tournay Cecylia Griggs Barb Anderson Ray Martin Sharon Pearce	June 23 June 24 June 24 July 3 July 5 July20 July 20	Bob Stowell Rosemary Bradley Peter Downey Linda Cuminsky Garnet Bell Robert Allison	July2 July July 1 Aug Aug Aug	26 27 1 14
George & Marlene Wingfi	eld June 12	Larry & Suzanne Eng	n	July 21
Kirby & Carol Oglesby	June 25	Barry & Carol Leppa		July 28
Jim & Rosemary Bradley	July 17	Bob & Joanne Easton		Aug 5

President Peter mentioned a very interesting question in this issues "Presidents Letter" when he asked us about how we first became interested in Studebakers. It would make for a very interesting story indeed. I would encourage you to pen a note about this, long or short, and pictures if they fit the story line. Please email them to me and I will publish them in an up and coming edition of our newsletter. *Paul* 





## ANNUAL MAY SWAP MEET & CAR SHOW AT SOUTH BEND ......by Paul

On Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> Peter Downey in his 64 Daytona, Eric Harnett and his friend Johnathan in Eric's 66 Cruiser and I in the Wagonaire embarked on our annual trip to South Bend to attend the Michiana chapter's swap meet and car show.

The ride down to South Bend was good and we arrived in the late that afternoon at our hotel. The hotel parking lot already had a large array of Studebaker vehicles both in the front and back parking areas.

The meet was again held at the St. Joseph County Fair Grounds with both indoor and outdoor vendors. The car show was well attended and the weather held out. Some of us purchased Studebaker parts and our gang seemed happy with the day's events. Both Friday and Saturday evenings our hotel parking lot was a hive of Studebaker owners sharing stories about both Stude trucks and cars that were on the field. Everyone was talking the Studebaker talk and getting caught up with friends. And of course, we paid our annual visit to the Studebaker National Museum. Below are a few pictures from the weekend. It seems that each year there are more of "some just restored" Studebakers that attend the show and always drawing a crowd of interested onlookers.

#### PHOTOS BELOW BY PAUL













PHOTOS BELOW COURTESY PETER DOWNEY





#### KINZUA CHAPTER VISITS THE NATIONAL WARPLANE MUSEUM IN GENESEO N.Y.

Early on Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup> Lorraine and I headed off in the Wagonaire for a visit with Bob and Denise Stowell in upstate NY which would also include a Saturday tour of the Geneseo Air Museum located in Geneseo, New York. The Kinzua Chapter president, Jack Frank, had asked me earlier in the year if I would organize a tour of the museum knowing that I had flown in their air show for fifteen years and that I knew the people who operate and maintain the museum.

On Saturday morning the weather was nudging towards the good side and the planned tour got underway. The tour guide did a great job telling us about the history of the museum and he had very detailed information on the various aircraft. If we wanted to, there were a few airplanes that we could climb into the cockpit to get a feel of the pilot's position. You could well imagine what it would be like to be flying one of these WW II airplanes in combat.

When the formal part of the tour ended we took time to wander around investigating some of the semi-operating aviation displays and the many things that related to flying military aircraft right down to uniforms and navigation knowhow. Once everyone was ready to depart we headed south for a wonderful cruise to a restaurant at the southern end of Letchworth Park, The Letchworth Pines. Lunch was very enjoyable as was the camaraderie. It was very apparent that everyone enjoyed the event.





INSIDE THE MAIN HANGAR



HEARING HOW FABRIC WINGS ARE DOPED START OF WALK-THROUGH TOUR

SOME OF THE MUSEUM AIRCRAFT ON THE AIR FIELD & IN THE HANGAR



A US NAVY GRUMAN HELLCAT POSED CRASH



ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE C 119 FLYING BOX CAR

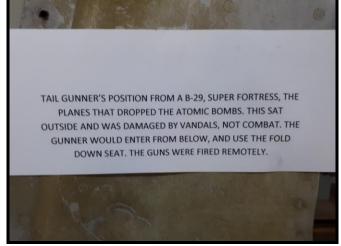


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SCRATCH BUILT REPLICA - LUFTWAFFE HEINKEL 162





TAIL SECTION OF A B-29 FOUR ENGINE BOMBER BEING RESTORED



OUR TOUR GUIDE, BOB STOWELL, NOEL RITCHIE, JACK FRANK & LARRY HENDERSHOT

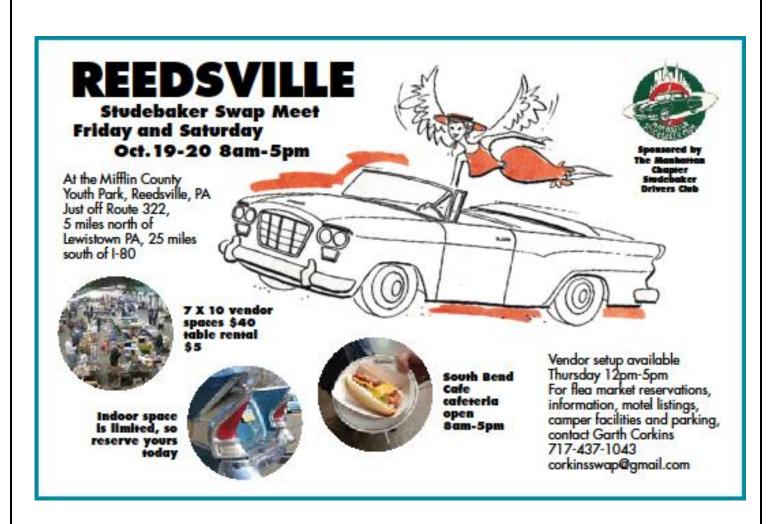


BOB & DENISE STOWELL'S 63 AVANTI





Unfortunately the museums most popular aircraft, a B-17 bomber, was away at an air show



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## STUDEBAKER NATIONAL DRAGS .....by Sue & Roland Lusted

This event used to be called the Studebaker and Orphan Car Races until it was shortened to Studebaker Nationals. This was our first visit to Nashville, Indiana for this event. It is a long drive and can in parts be tedious. This is both a social and racing event on a vintage 1/8 mile strip which dates to 1940. This track is located in a small town called Bean Blossom and I do mean small. There is a ditch in the middle which divides it

and it has up and down lanes. A real piece of drag racing nostalgia.

We arrived Thursday night and spent Friday exploring the very picturesque town of Nashville. There were lots of shops, restaurants and a craft brewery. This is a great place for a motorcycle, lots of hills and winding roads. Friday night we joined the Indy chapter for dinner at a BBQ place called the Sugar Creek BBQ. Afterwards, we went back to hosts Richard and Rose Poe's home for conversation and homemade pies. Getting up the hill to there was quite the adventure. When we got to the top, there was Ted Harbit with his "Stude Tomato" on a Studebaker stake truck. He just laughed when we asked how he got up there.

On Saturday, we travelled to the track for some fun. In all, there were 17 Studebakers, a beautiful Hudson Commodore Coupe and a 1952 DeSoto with a 442 cu. in. engine. Peter Sant of the Ontario Chapter was there with his 1964 pickup which he drove there and back for a total of 1600 miles. We trailered the '62 Daytona. Roly hadn't been on a drag strip since the '70's and his first few runs showed that. NHRA drag champion, Ted Harbit sat down with Roly and offered some sage advice. To watch Ted launch from the lights was just amazing. His timing is spot on. Roly's times improved steadily each time he went down the track. At the end of the day, he was thoroughly satisfied with the results.

We enjoyed our time there. The day was hot and humid, but was filled with lots of fun, camaraderie and all in all a very friendly group. If you are interested in nostalgia drag racing, you might just want to mark this on your calendar for next year.



READY TO COME OUT OF THE TRAILER



PRE RACE DRIVERS MEETING



GREAT VIEW OF THE POWER PLANT



TIMING TOWER



THIS LOOKS LIKE HIGH END COMPETITION



TED HARBIT'S LARK "STUDE TOMATOE"



1952 DESOTO



HUDSON COMMODORE COUPE



PETER SANT"S 64 CHAMP, ONTARIO CHAPTER



SUE & ROLAND'S 62



#### ANOTHER WAGONAIRE ROAD TRIP .....by Paul

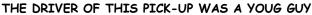
About a year or so ago Lorraine and I started thinking about another road trip in our 63 Wagonaire. You may remember that a couple of years ago we drove the entire Route 66 from Chicago to Santa Monica, California. The next year we went to the east coast. A few years ago I had talked to some Studebaker people from the States who told me about their cruise on Route 30, the Lincoln Highway. Route 30 runs from New York City to Santa Monica, California. Our plan was to pick it up on the west side of Pittsburgh and take it west to Nebraska where we headed northwest up to visit family north of Regina, Saskatchewan. Upon our departure from our family visit we went south to Denver and then further south to Pueblo, Colorado where I had, months earlier registered to attend the Rocky Mountain Street Rod Nationals. We left Pueblo after the show and headed east for home. We spent almost the entire month of June driving well over 5,000 miles. It sure was a great way to see Wyoming and Colorado. Below are a few pictures of Studebakers at the Pueblo show.





TOM THORNBURG, PUEBLO, COLORADO WITH HIS "VERY CLEAN" 51 CONVERTIBLE







TWO BUDDYS WITH THEIR STUDE COUPES

In early August I went to a huge hot rod show in Syracuse, New York. Over 3,000 vehicles attended. Always on the lookout for Studebakers I managed to photograph a few while checking out the various cars. I'm always pleased to see Studebakers at the hot rod shows, we're out there, showing off our Studes and keeping the Studebaker name alive and well in those hot rod circles!! Below are some of the Studebakers at the show.

















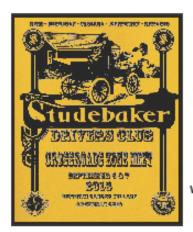








Gary and Cathy Kauffman from Dallastown, Pa., own this lovely 1947 maroon truck. It is powered by a Ford 5.0 L engine with an automatic overdrive transmission, 9" Ford rear end, and riding on a FatMan front clip. Their truck is well detailed and the box treatment alone speaks volumes on this cool Stude.



## The Studebaker Drivers Club 2018 Crossroads Zone Meet September 6-7 In Historic Sauder Village



Hosted by the Western Lake Erie Chapter Location: 22611 State Route 2, Archbold, Ohio 43502 800-590-9755

Contact Sauder Heritage Inn for special room rates.

Phone 419-445-6408 and ask for Group Rate 7992.

https://saudervillage.org/stay

Village entry discount available to attendees.

Campground located at Sauder Village

https://saudervillage.org/stay/sauder-village-campground

## Meet Schedule

## Thursday September 6th

8 AM - 5 PM Registration/Hospitality

8 AM...... Vendor Set-Up

Noon - 5 PM Swap Meet 5 PM ............Classic Car Cruise to Archbold

## Friday September 7<sup>th</sup>

8 AM ...... Car Show Begins

8 AM - 3 PM Swap Meet, Registration/Hospitality

10 AM - 3 PM Car Show Judging

10 AM - 6 PM Silent Auction (items in Banquet Room)

7 PM ...... Awards Banquet (6 PM Social Hour)

Saturday September 8<sup>th</sup> ..... IDYSD, an excellent photo op

## Judging Divisions

Div 1: 1902-1946-all models Div 4: 1953-58 Coupes & Hardtops Div 7: Trucks

Div 2: 1947-58 Sedans & Wagons Div 5: GT Hawks Div 8: Non-Stock, Studebaker powered
Div 3: Lark Types-all models Div 6: Avantis Div 9: Non-Stock, Non-Stock

Div SI: Special Interest Vehicles-Class A: Wagons, Buggies, Carts. Class B: Weasels, Fire Trucks. Class C: Toys, Goat Wagons, Pedal Cars
Vehicles will not be judged on the standard point system. A team of judges will judge entered vehicles by quality and condition. There will
also be People's Choice and Hotel's Choice Awards. Trophies will be awarded at the Friday Evening Awards Banquet.

## General Registration

Name	Guest					
Mailing Address						
Email (for registration confirmation)	Phone					
SDC Number Chapter affiliation						
	To be judged? Display only?					
Div: Year: Model:	To be judged? Display only?					
Registration per family: \$20x 1 = \$20 Sw	ap Meet Space (10'x10' under tent): \$20 x = \$					
After August 15th add \$5 x 1 = \$ Sw	ap Meet Space (10'x10' in car lot): \$10 x = \$					
Awards Banquet (Family Style): \$30 x = \$	8' Table: \$10 x = \$					
Judged Vehicle: \$15 x = \$	Folding Chair: \$1 x = \$					
Display Only Vehicle: \$5 x = \$ M	feet T-Shirts: S: M: L: XL: \$15 x = \$					
Subtotal A = US\$	Meet T-Shirts: 2XL: 3XL: \$18 x = \$					

Meet Registration Total  $(A+B) = US_{\cdot}$ 

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## **COVER STORY!** ....... By son Tom and father Tom Shanahan

Dad and I found the car at a Classic Car dealer just outside of Louisville, Kentucky. We purchased it in the spring of 2017, and it was in very nice overall condition.

The previous owner had done a frame-off restoration in 2003. His strengths seemed to be in the paint booth and in body & fender work. We liked the nice paint job that you can see in the attached pictures and the interior was done as well. Where the previous owner did not have prowess was on the mechanical side and that is where dad and I took over that part of the restoration.

There was a bit of a laundry list of mechanical items that needed our attention. We had to replace and run all new fuel and brake lines. New brake shoes & drums were also installed and tie rod ends needed replacing as well as some engine wiring and electrical wiring that needed to be reworked.

The radiator needed to be refurbished and a leaking gas tank was removed and replaced with a new one. The vacuum wiper system was also restored to working condition. There was nothing terribly complicated about the items on our list, just a lot of side projects that had to be taken care of.

The paint color is a metallic Laurel Green. This project has been so enjoyable working with my dad as a "father & son team" to complete our Studebaker project. My dad is the real "gear head" in our family! He has been involved with cars since he was a teenager. He used to race cars when I was growing up and many of my weekends were spent at the drag strip with him. He has taught me a lot about mechanical things and continues to do so. I am always learning from him!









PHOTOS TAKEN BY PREVIOUS OWNER IN PAINT BOOTH

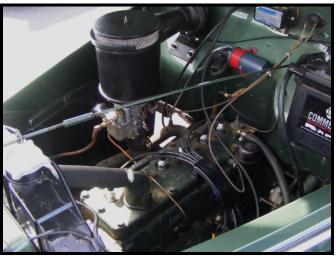












FROM ANY ANGLE THIS STUDEBAKER HAS IT ALL!!



#### 2018 EVENT SCHEDULE

MONDAY AUG 20 CHAPTER MEETING 7:00PM AT PAUL & LORRAINES IN SMITHVILLE

SATURDAY AUG 25 STUDEBAKER-PACKARD CRUISE-IN RALLY AT SUMMIT RACING, TALLMADGE, OHIO ONE DAY SHOW HOSTED BY THE OHIO REGION CHAPTER. PAUL FOR MORE INFO

FRIDAY AUG 31 – MONDAY SEPTEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL CHAUTAUQUA WEEKEND AT CHAUTAUQUA INSTITUTE CHAUTAUQUA, NEW YORK for info contact Paul

SATURDAY SEPT 8 INTERNATIONAL DRIVE YOUR STUDEBAKER DAY we will have a BBQ 12 noon at the site of the Commemorative Plaque then we will drive to Johnny B Good's in Paris for their cruise

SUNDAY SEPT 16 MEETING AND ANNUAL CORN ROAST / BBQ AT THE HOME OF WAYNE HAMILTON & SHARON PEARCE IN DUNVILLE.

- A map will be sent out with the Aug, meeting minutes as this is a new venue.
- Business meeting at 1 pm, THEN the food!
- Usually good weather as well as lots of "delish" food and wonderful Stude friends!!
- We need two bodies for flipping burgers
- The club supplies the corn, hamburgers, sausage, buns and pop, plus plates and cutlery.
- Don't forget to bring chairs.

# SEPT 21-22 KINZUA REGION CHAPTER HOSTS THE ALL STUDEBAKER SWAP MEET DUNKIRK, NEW YORK

Dunkirk Fairgrounds. Setup Thursday the 20th 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Vendor space \$40 tables \$10

Steve Grant, 814-779-5553. Email: madd doodler@yahoo.com. Website: www.madddoodler.com

SEPTEMBER 29 & 30 CLASSICS OF THE GOLDEN AGE CAR SHOW AT CANADIAN WARPLANE HERITAGE MUSEUM PAUL FOR INFORMATION

OCT 19-20 REEDSVILLE SWAP MEET- REEDSVILLE, PA LOOK FOR DETAILS IN TURNING WHEELS

SUNDAY OCTOBER 21 CHAPTER MEETING AT CWHM 10AM CHAPTER ELECTIONS

NOV 18 CHAPTER MEETING AT CWHM 10AM ANNUAL FUND RAISING AUCTION

#### NOV 24 ANNUAL CHAPTER CHRISTMAS PARTY AT KINGS FOREST GOLF CLUB

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