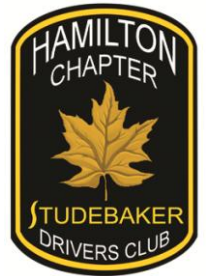


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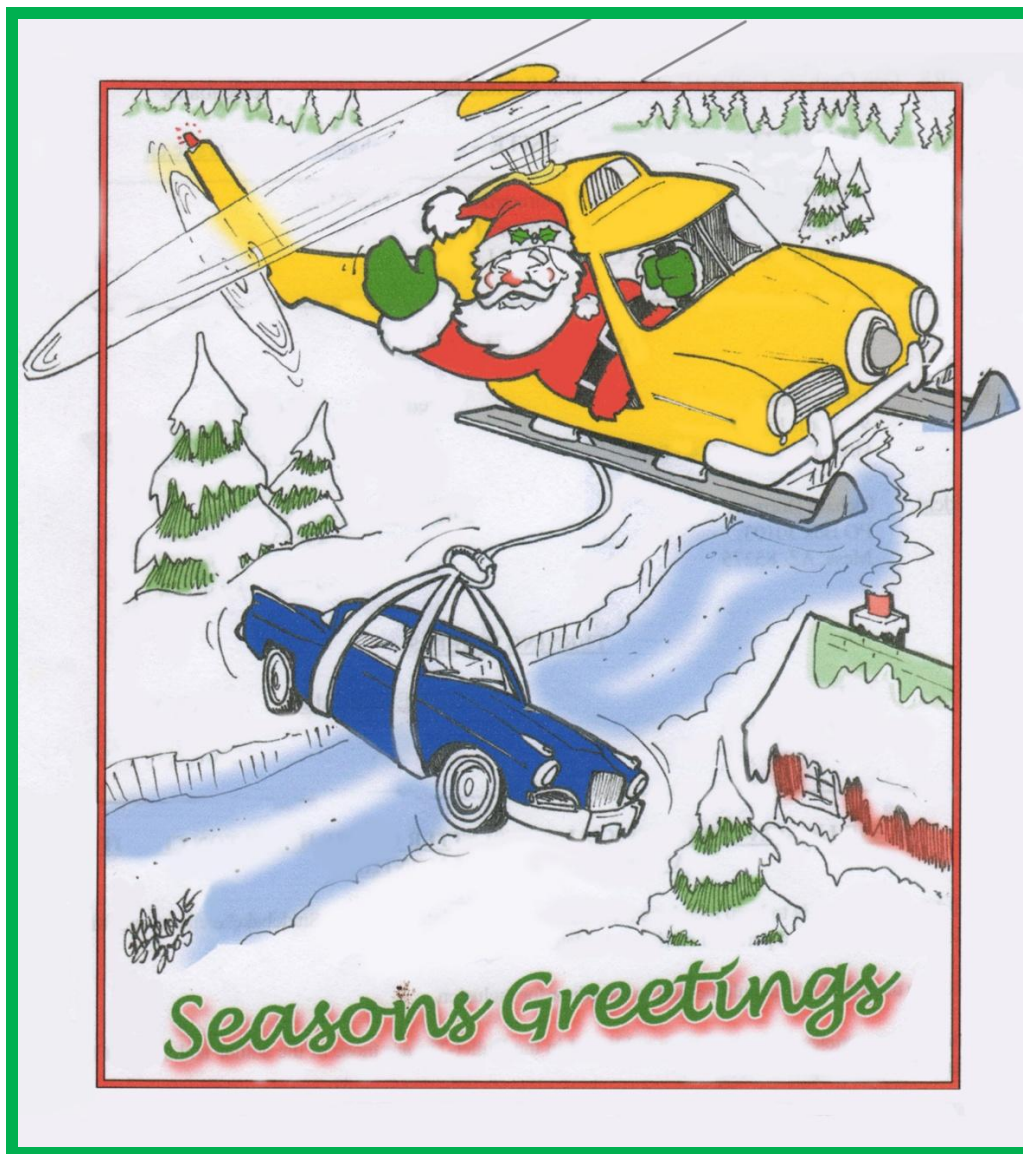
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THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES for the Hamilton Chapter is \$20.00 forwarded to the membership secretary by January 1st. This will ensure your continued receipt of the Bullet-Tin. Members of the Hamilton Chapter must also be members in good standing of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

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2018



Hello friends,

Well here we are again, the final newsletter of 2018. It's been 55 years since Studebaker closed production in South Bend, ending the iconic Hawk production, Studebaker truck production as well as Studebaker Avanti production, although the Avanti carried on for many years thereafter. Studebaker was known for being ahead of its time in the innovations and quality of its vehicles, but did you know they were about 115 years ahead of their time in producing all electric vehicles? Studebaker opted for electric (battery-powered) over gasoline propulsion. While manufacturing its own Studebaker Electric vehicles from 1902 to 1911, the company entered into body-manufacturing and distribution agreements with two makers of gasoline-powered vehicles, Garford of Elyria, Ohio, and the Everitt-Metzger-Flanders (E-M-F) Company of Detroit and Walkersville, Ontario. Studebaker began making gasoline-engined cars in partnership with Garford in 1904.

As we close 2018, our club has 71 members, all passionate about keeping the Studebaker name alive. We attended many events, and cruise nights showing our vehicles and telling people about Studebakers, and "no that isn't a Ford 289", it's a Studebaker 289!

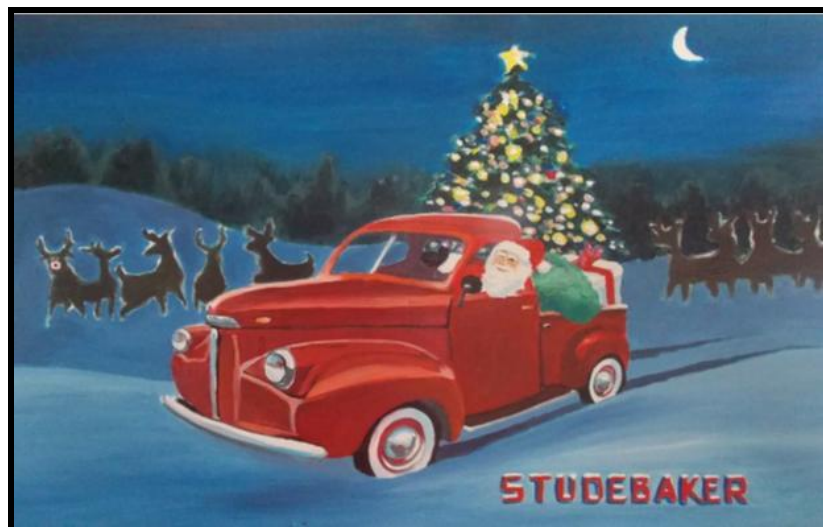
Remember, our January pot luck and card party at the Grimsby Livingston Activities Centre, 1:00 pm, potluck at 4:00 p.m. Cards and games at 2 p.m. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

Thanks to all who donated nonperishable food items at our Christmas Party, I received a very nice thank you note from Andy and Margaret Flokstra, who are the coordinators of "We Share" at Bethel Gospel Tabernacle in Hamilton. The items were much appreciated and will help a lot in their efforts.

I greatly appreciate the support our members have given our executive throughout 2018, and we look forward to more good things and events in 2019. Keep watching the web page as events are added.

With the Christmas Holidays and New Year's fast approaching I hope you all have time to visit with family and friends and share a meal and some good times and memories. If you are travelling please do so safely.

Regards, Peter



COVER STORY What can I say about the picture on this issues cover? Everyone knows the chubby man in the red suit. I didn't know he was licensed to fly a helicopter!!
The picture was drawn for me by a fellow worker at Mohawk College a few years ago. I suggested an outline of what I wanted and this was the pleasing outcome. On behalf of Lorraine and I, we want to wish you a Merry Christmas and a rewarding 2019*Paul*

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Another reminder to put a few sentences together telling when and how you first became interested in Studebakers. When and where you purchased your first Studebaker, when you joined SDC, the Hamilton chapter etc. It makes for interesting reading for other members. Include 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. Thanks.....*Paul*



Banner design by Sue Lusted

MAY 2018 SOUTH BEND SHOW

In early May a number of Hamilton Chapter members made their way to South Bend for the annual Studebaker car show and swap meet. Wayne and Sharon Hamilton took both their 1956 Golden Hawk and 1985 Avanti. They delight in driving these cars. Below is a photo of their Golden Hawk (and the Avanti) on the show field in South Bend. Their Hawk won Best of Class with 400 points.



LAST CHANCE CAR SHOW

This past September 30th, Wayne and Sharon took their beautiful 1956 Golden Hawk and their 1985 Avanti to the 38th annual "Last Chance Car Show and Swap Meet" hosted by the Sunset Cruisers Car Club. The show is held on the last Sunday of September each year. It attracts over 2,000 cars and is held at the Niagara Regional Exhibition Grounds in Welland. Wayne was presented with a great looking trophy for his Golden Hawk, a top thirty award of the thousand cars in their class and a judged award sponsored by a local insurance company.

Congratulations to Wayne and Sharon!



**TOM FROM THE SUNSET CRUISERS CAR CLUB
PRESENTS TROPHY TO WAYNE**

RALPH HART'S LEGACY

.....by Marguerite Ward

Almost two years after Ralph Hart left this earth, some of his most treasured possessions are now being dispersed. He purchased his '64 Avanti in the late 1970's and would tinker on it making changes for over twenty years. This was a car that he loved. Eventually, it would go to his younger brother, Lorne.

MTO wants their slice of the pie. If you are not directly named as the specific recipient of a specific car, you have to get an appraisal and pay the tax in order to change the ownership into your name. It took 90 minutes, to get that information resolved.

The next step was to transport the Avanti from Cambridge to Bath, Ontario (just west of Kingston). Paul and Lorraine Cronkwright offered to make it happen. It should have been easy. A lot of laughter helped.

Before we could accomplish our mission we had to replace the two batteries in the 2007 Dodge Ram quad cab first. Moving cars out of the storage building only required manpower. No, woman power too! Paul had replaced the tail lights on the car trailer and found and attached the winch for pulling the car onto it. But, it only worked intermittently, requiring more man/woman power. Finally ready to go, we merged into the 401 typical Friday traffic later than planned.

Then the fun began. Left rear tire on the trailer blew out in Mississauga, just before highway 410. It seemed that CAA (Canadian Automobile Association) would be a good idea. Hah! Did you know they have a policy to NEVER change a tire on any kind of trailer anywhere on the 401? It did not matter how far off the road or that it was safer than a parking lot in our particular location. Their POLICY stated that they must unhook our trailer and hook it up to their truck and then proceed to tow it with a flat tire (and the precious Avanti) to a "safe place of their choosing". So, we changed the tire ourselves.

We stopped at the Canadian Tire store in Bowmanville to buy two new tires on rims to replace the older tires and once more we had a spare. We didn't make it to Bath for lunch, but did get there in time to unload before dark followed by a wonderful dinner and overnight stay at the home of Lorne and Doris Hart. Lorne looked like a boy on Christmas morning. No doubt he will have great pleasure replacing brakes and getting the Avanti running again.

On Saturday we decided to take the scenic route home along the Loyalist Parkway. Just before the Genora Ferry, we had another blowout. The temperature outside had dropped 20 degrees Celsius. This is only relevant because of the laughter when Paul wore my long sleeved blouse over his shirt to change the tire, it had gotten pretty chilly. The three of us were getting pretty good at who needed to do what. You may want to consider our team for a pit crew if you take up race car driving!

We had hoped that returning to Bowmanville and the CTC where we purchased the new tires that we might end up with a new replacement tire. That did not happen. We did have a brake specialist spend a little time under the trailer. He concluded that the latest blowout was probably caused by the electric brakes that had intermittently self-applied hence the tire wear. Why one side and not the other? Why now with no load? Paul cut the blue wire that powered the brakes. With no load on, it would be fine (better than another blow-out!). Rewiring will come later, certainly before another car gets a free ride.



FIRST FLAT HAPPENED ON THE 401 - WE WERE SAFE ON A NEW UNOPENED RAMP



PERHAPS WE COULD GET IT PATCHED!



SPARE NOW IN PLACE



AT A MALL IN KINGSTON SHOPPING FOR TIRES



MEETING LORNE ON RIGHT



THERE WAS NO WAY WE WERE GOING TO GET HOME WITHOUT ONE MORE TIRE CHANGE

Editor's note: All in all it was a good trip to Bath and it was good to meet Ralph's brother Lorne and to see how excited he was to have his brother's Avanti.

CHAPTER CHRISTMAS PARTY

text & pics by Paul

This year's Christmas party was once again a smashing success! It was held at the Kings Forest Golf Club in east Hamilton. The room was cozy, the food was delicious and there was plenty of it. A great group of members and friends (48) enjoyed the dinner and the gift exchange. Santa and Mrs Clause arrived right on time to bring that special Christmas spirit that we all enjoy at this time of year. Below are some pictures of our party. Sincere thanks to Wayne Hamilton and Sharon Pearce for being Mr & Ms Clause, it was a great night.













It was a great Christmas party with great friends, a wonderful dinner and last but not least the welcomed arrival of Santa and Ms Clause.

Odds 'N' Ends

by Pete Yuen

* We can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone. *Ronald Reagan*

* How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and strong. Because someday in your life you will have been all of these. *George Washington Carver*

Police Emergency

This is the true story of George Phillips of Meridian, Mississippi, who was going to bed when his wife told him that he'd left the light on in the shed. George opened the door to go turn off the light but saw there were people in the shed in the process of stealing things. He immediately phoned the police, who asked "Is someone in your house?" And George said no and explained the situation. Then they explained

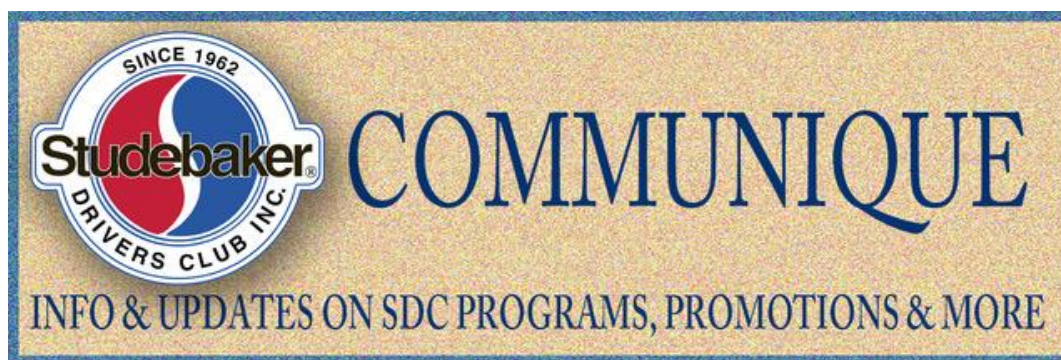
that all patrols were busy, and that he should simply lock his door and an officer would be there when available. George said, "Okay," hung up, counted to 30, and phoned the police again. "Hello, I just called you a few seconds ago because there were people in my shed. Well, you don't have to worry about them now because I've just shot them all." Then he hung up. Within five minutes three squad cars, an Armed Response unit, and an ambulance showed up. Of course, the police caught the burglars red-handed. One of the policemen said to George: "I thought you said that you'd shot them!" George said, "I thought you said there was nobody available!"

Applied Technology: Tire Pressure Sensors

Some of the newer cars have been equipped with the tire pressure sensors for a number of years now. The sensors are in essence, a transmitter/pressure gauge that sends data to the car's computer. They are not cheap, priced at between \$75 and \$150 each. The projected life expectancy is 10 years of the built in battery life but some are known to have failed in as little as 4 years. The batteries cannot be taken out and replaced so the whole unit has to be replaced. As if this is not bad enough, some of the sensor units are made of aluminium and break easily as a person tries to remove them in order to add more air into the tire. They are not repairable so a new sensor needs to be installed. It can be presumed that many motorists will consider the sensors as a bit of frivolous equipment but nowadays, the cars that are equipped with them are considered to have them built in as part of the safety system and operating a vehicle with one sensor missing is considered as circumventing the safety system. Not a good idea as viewed by law enforcement and the insurance underwriters. In the case of a motorist deciding to purchase a new set of wheels for the winter tires, he would need to purchase sensors for each of the tires. Apparently, a motorist did want to purchase a new set of tires and wheels for his car that was equipped with the sensors and did not want to purchase the sensors. The shop had the customer sign a liability waiver form. The car was later, involved in an accident and still, despite the motorist having signed the liability waiver, the court decided that the tire shop, operating as a business professional, should have known not to have equipped the wheels without the sensors and thereby circumventing the built in safety feature. It is said that the tire shop had to pay a hefty amount to satisfy the claim in court.

Life is much simpler with Studebakers. Lucky you!

"Love is when the other person's happiness is more important than your own." *H. Jackson Brown, Jr.*



HAPPY HOLIDAYS from SDC President Tom Curtis.

On behalf of the SDC Board of Directors, I bring you Season's Greetings and a huge THANK YOU for the work you are doing in service to our club, the Chapters, our members, and in furthering Studebaker interest around the globe. We probably do not say it often enough, but you are appreciated more than you know.

In 2018 we initiated several new programs that offer tremendous potential as we head into the new year. We recently announced our "GET A MEMBER, GET A MONTH" promotion. This fresh initiative is just getting started but is already viewed as a great way for each and every existing SDC member to actively participate in attracting new members. This promotion, effective through the end of 2019 (at least), extends a current member's own SDC membership one month for each new member they can get to join the SDC.

2019 will see real fruit being harvested via the new and invaluable roles for our hard-working Regional Managers who will be contacting recently expired members and personally greeting new members. This initiative puts an authentic and personal face on the club right in the area where those folks live. The goal here is to lose fewer members "through a crack" and to reinforce our commitment to new members coming into the club. Coinciding with this, our Zone Coordinators will be working more closely with their Chapters to ensure greater success as never before.

As you may already know, the March 2019 issue of Turning Wheels magazine will be our first ever "Vendor Issue." Milt Yoder is spearheading this special issue that will be completely focused on those essential folks who supply Studebaker parts and services. Not only will this issue provide a FREE LISTING for any Studebaker vendor but will also offer a tremendous display advertising offer for existing and new TW advertisers! If you are a vendor or know of one who should be in this special issue, contact Milt right away at mryoder@swbell.net.

2019 will also see the continued use and expansion of the "SDC Communique" email program like the email you are reading now. Under the guidance of our Social Media Manager, Cynthia Sale and valued contributors like Susan Lusted, we are striving to be the best we can be at communicating with you in regards to SDC programs and "What's Happening" all around our Studebaker neighborhoods.

Speaking of Social Media, our SDC Forum, superbly managed by Clark Novak, has been going strong since 2004 and now has more than ONE MILLION posts! If you haven't visited the Forum lately, check out the new "FOR SALE/WANTED" sub-forum!

Also in the Social Media category, 2018 saw a significant rise in the popularity of our SDC presence on Facebook. Our new Social Media Manager and her roving reporters are doing a fantastic job of making our Facebook page interesting and relevant. If you are already on Facebook, check us out and "Like" our page at www.facebook.com/StudebakerDriversClubInc/. If you are not a Facebook user, please consider joining to be a part of our page as well as many other Studebaker dedicated groups. As you can see here, the SDC has chosen to not "rust away" like so many other clubs and social organizations seem to be doing.

In 2019, and years beyond, we will continue to work hard and implement new ideas that serve our members, grow our club and promote our marque.

—Tom Curtis, SDC President—





This beautiful artwork was done by an American artist, Steven Erler. Steven has drawn a lot of cars and his work is for sale. Take a peek at AUTO-VISUALS.COM for some very cool car art. Thanks go to Robert Wagner for sending me this picture and information.



2018 EVENT SCHEDULE

JAN 20, 2019 **LIVINGSTON ACTIVITIES CENTRE, in Grimsby – 1:00 PM MEETING, 2PM CARDS AND GAMES, 4PM POT LUCK DINNER**

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 17 **CHAPTER MEETING AT CWHM 10AM**

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