

Hamilton Chapter, Studebaker Driver's Club
Minutes of the General Meeting June 7, 2026 (R-2)
Location: Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum

President Peter welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 10:00am. There were no guests present. Peter acknowledged that Matthew Hawkes was attending the meeting and welcomed his return.

Peter asked that the minutes of the April 19th meeting be accepted as distributed.

Motion to accept the minutes by Pam Gordon
Seconded by Harold Ferrier
All in favour-yes

Peter updated the members regarding the invitation for the chapter to display our vehicles at the Hamilton Museum of Steam and Technology. The date has been confirmed as July 26, 2026 and additional details are below.

Treasurer Sue reviewed recent account activity and indicated that the chapter was solvent and has a good reserve of funds. A summary has been submitted to the executive.

Motion to accept the report by James Parkhill
Seconded by Sandra Cruz
All in favour-yes

Membership Chair Sue advised that we have 62 paid members. Dennis inquired about the initiative to create satellite membership status for members of local Avanti club members. Peter advised that discussions were continuing.

Social Media and Newsletter Chair Sue advised the members that the transition to Jomar taking over the newsletter is underway and should be complete by the fall.

Old Business

Bob Easton updated the status of Studebakers at the the Niagara College, Welland car show marking the 60 anniversary of the closure of the Hamilton Studebaker factory. He is working with show organizers to ensure that we will have a preferred parking area hopefully in a treed area but if you have a tent it would be advisable to bring it.

In addition, a large ad has been created inviting all Studebaker, Avanti and Packard owners to join in the celebration. It is in the Old Autos newspaper and will run for 3 consecutive issues. Flyers are also available to post and distribute. The Chapter banner will be available and set up as well. It is recommended that pre-registration be completed through the Niagara College website (NC Car Show 2026)

Bob asked that once you self register please let him know by telephone or email as he does not receive texts.

We have about 20 confirmed vehicles so far!

New Business :

A motion was put forward that the Hamilton Chapter continue to provide funds to the Museum for the last Studebaker produced from Hamilton (or anywhere actually). The funding is \$500 Canadian annually converted to the equivalent USD amount.

Motion to continue the support funding: Barb Anderson

Seconded by Matthew Hawkes

All in favour-Majority vote yes.

Peter advised the membership the Kevin Mullett had recently passed away and that he was one of the chapters founding members. Several members were able to attend his visitation on May 12th and a memorial write up has been provided to the museum and Turning Wheels.

Roger Hill showed the members several Studebaker related publications including a children's book and a large volume showing the Studebaker family history and lineage, very interesting!

Dennis showed the members a sample vehicle inspection form used by the Antique Car Club of Canada. The purpose is to allow members to have their vehicles inspected by knowledgeable persons prior to beginning the touring season. He suggested that the chapter may wish to create this event annually in the spring and incorporate a potluck BBQ. As there seemed to be interest in this proposal, please contact Dennis directly to help organize this event for 2027. Please note that this inspection is not intended to replace any legal safety inspections and is purely for the information of the vehicle owner.

Future Events: Dates for your calendars:

The June meeting has been cancelled.

July 4th, (the rain date is July 5th). Niagara College School of Trades car show. The website is www.niagaracollege.ca/carshow The entry fee is \$15 and preregistration is recommended. Contact Bob Easton 905-734-3404, bobeaston@sympatico.ca.

July 26th The Hamilton Chapter will meet at the Hamilton Museum of Steam & Technology 900 Woodward Ave from 10am to 2 pm. Contact Peter, 905-868-2141 or email presedenthamiltonsd@gmail.com.

August 16th is the annual fish fry at Saywers, please RSVP to Peter or Sue by Aug 12th with your menu choices and that you will be attending.

Menu: 1/2 lb perch or chicken dinner (includes fries, coleslaw, tarter sauce, bun) for \$22 per person. The horse trailer bar will be open for us as well.

August 30th: Wayne Hamilton advised that the Rodmasters Car Club will be celebrating their 70th anniversary with an open invitation for all to attend. The event will be held at Ruthven Park.

Sept 5th Rescheduled event for drive your Studebaker day, Mars ave & Wentworth St, Hamilton details to follow.

November 29th, annual Christmas party at Kings Forest Golf & Country Club, details to follow.

January 17th, 2027- Annual card party/pot luck at St John;s Church Hwy 8 & Winona Rd! Details will be forthcoming.

There were 21 members in attendance.

Motion to adjourn: Dreena Gallagher

Seconded by Carl Scholsser

All in Favour: Yes

Sandra Cruzo provided a gift basket which was raffled off and won by Carl Schlosser! The raffle added \$80 to the Chapters finances.