



HAMILTON CHAPTER STUDEBAKER DRIVERS CLUB

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Hamilton Chapter, Studebaker Drivers Club, Minutes of General Meeting, March 17th, 2024

PRESIDENT Peter (and Joan) were on the beach in the Dominican Republic and "unavailable". We missed him - almost as much as we missed the portable public address "system" we usually use, but was forgotten by our VP. We look forward to next meeting to see the two Downies and the two PA system boxes!

RESIDENT VICE PRESIDENT Steve Porter called the meeting to order at about 10:04 presiding over a quorum of 16 members. We had no guests present to welcome this time.

SECRETARY Dennis was cagey-er than Peter. He just said he was "out of the country", but I think he was somewhere warmer and further than Buffalo. So, Roger did an encore performance and picked up the pencil once again. There was a motion by Tom Roden (and seconded by Carol Leppan) to accept the previous month's minutes as published. Carried.

TREASURER Sue reported our financial status (good!). The bank account's February opening balance was \$4,967.68. To that was added \$212.70 in membership fees (one was in US funds, hence the uneven amount), and \$35.00 in 50/50 funds. To that was debited \$30.53 to pay for mailings of newsletters, etc to those members without computers, a \$150.00 cheque to CWHM for meeting space, and the \$4.00 monthly bank fee. The money left at the end of February was \$5,050.85.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR, Steve Porter says we have 68 members, and expect to have a couple more to pay up at Badenoch.

MEDIA CHAIR, Sue says that the March 25th deadline for the newsletter is coming up fast. It will be sent out April 6th. If you have a notice or article, please send it to her now!

OLDE BUSINESS Donna Graham's memorial was large and well-attended by club members. We definitely miss her and her helpful, sunny, friendly ways which endeared her so much to the rest of us.

We had a "light " discussion on a few points of the new SDC bylaws, but we saved the "heavy" discussion and voting for when our Prez returns. We touched on setting out our fiscal year dates, liability for the members of the exec, who

should audit the financials, and what an "associate member" actually is. Comments are encouraged and welcomed. More next meeting.

NEW BIZZ Our Lifetime member Stu Chapman, former SDC National President and Studebaker National Museum Life Trustee passed away on March 8th. He contributed a lot to SDC and his community. The funeral was March 15th in Burlington. We will make a donation to Juravinski Cancer Centre where Stu also served on the board. To be discussed.

The proposed CWHM sitting bench is awaiting clarification for the museum as to what make/model they recommend.

On April 8th, our solar system is giving the southern Niagara Peninsula region a big gift: a spectacularly good Total Solar Eclipse! Making the drive to the northeast shores of Lake Erie would enhance the viewing experience thanks to a more complete and longer "totality". Hence, we'd like to invite members to have lunch together at 1 pm that day at M T Bellies restaurant on Niagara Street in Welland, just north and across the street from Seaway Mall. The Eclipse starts at just after 2pm and is at its peak shortly after 3pm. Please pray for a cloudless sky that day, but even if it is cloudy, it will be fun to have total darkness for over 3 1/2 minutes there - and much more fun together than staying at home! We hope you'll come.

The "famous" Badenoch, Ontario (just outside Morriston) Studebaker Swap Meet (now jointly sponsored by both Ontario and Hamilton Chapters) is on Saturday, May 4th from 9 til about 3 at the old schoolhouse. A great spring gathering of Studebaker friends. Parts sale space is free (but bring clean plastic or drop sheets to cover the tables provided). Refreshments available at nominal cost! Contact Paul Revell at paulrevell01@gmail.com.

May 31 and June 1st is the South Bend spring Swap Meet (location is the same fairgrounds as it has been for many years). Note - the date is a month later than it used to be. No more snow probability!.

August 15-17 are dates for the Northeast SDC Zone Meet in Syracuse NY. Go to Turning Wheels for more info. The meet hotel is good, and reasonable \$, so don't delay! It was held there a few years ago, and was well liked. Expect a good turn-out!

Sue got a letter from the local FoodShare group, to whom many donated at our Xmas party. They were making the appeal at this time because of a special deal that made it advantageous for them to provide more than usual for the people who need them. A motion was made by Tom and seconded by Barb Anderson to make a \$200.00 donation in support of our community. Carried.

Motion to adjourn by Fast Sue, seconded by Barry Leppan.

The 50/50 was also won by Barry - \$30.00!

Next meeting is April 21st at CWHM at 10:00 am.