

# STUDEBAKER DRIVERS CLUB

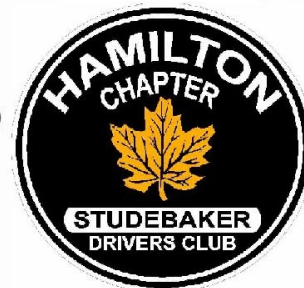
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## HAMILTON CHAPTER

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## Bullet-Tin



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*Donna & Doug Sommerville's 52  
Champion HT in front of a beautifully  
decorated home in Ayr On.*

# Letter from the President

By: Peter Downey



Hello friends,

Well, here we are again another Holiday Season upon us. To quote the late John Lennon

*"So this is Christmas, I hope you have fun, the near and the dear ones, the old and the young."*

In 2025 we enjoyed a good year with a number of car shows and Club events, which all had a great turnout. The Welland Car show was our practice run for 2026. and the 60th anniversary of the end of Studebaker automobile production. Stay tuned for details.

Our Christmas Dinner at King's Forest Golf Club, was well attended and we enjoyed good friendship and good food. Many thanks go to Susan Lusted for putting together the dinner confirming the venue, to VP Aaron Dorsch for providing the slide show showing highlights of the past year in pictures on the big screen.

Congratulations to Susan Lusted the 2023 recipient of the Silcox Family Award, and to Paul Cronkwright this year's recipient of the Roland Lusted Award.

We raised 738. 78 for Hamilton Foodshare which will go a long way to providing much needed food to those less fortunate. The silent auction saw many excellent items donated, and some fierce bidding right up to the final second, raising \$709.00. Thanks to all who contributed.

Next up is the Potluck and card party in January in Grimsby and finalizing our by-laws.

Hopefully you all will be spending some time with family and friends celebrating over the Holidays, sharing a meal and laughter, continuing your Christmas traditions or possibly making new ones. Wherever you are celebrating and however are celebrating, I hope you enjoy it all. Most of all stay healthy and safe!

From our home to yours. Merry Christman, Happy Hanukkah and a Happy New year

Peter and Joan

## Membership



Membership to the SDC is a requirement for membership in our chapter.

Currently, we have 73 memberships, 3 Honorary members.

All of our memberships are paid up. Our chapter membership is \$25. For membership in the SDC only, it is \$15 in US funds. This is membership only and no magazine.

We would like to welcome James Parkhill our newest member from Niagara Falls On. Applications for both our chapter and the Studebaker Drivers Club can be found below for our chapter and on page 12 of this newsletter for the SDC.

### Hamilton Chapter SDC Membership Annual Dues: \$25.00 Jan.-Dec.

Membership in the HAMILTON CHAPTER is open to any person who supports the purpose of the Club and is a member in good standing of the National Studebaker Drivers Club. This membership includes six bi-monthly issues of the Bullet-Tin, the chapter newsletter.

Send completed application and your check payable to Hamilton SDC to our membership secretary at this address:

Sue Lusted 201 Livingston Ave. Grimsby On. L3M 4X2 Telephone: 905-945- 0027 Email: hamiltonsdctreasurer@gmail.com Etransfer: hamiltonsdctreasurer@gmail.com

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New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

National S.D.C. Number \_\_\_\_\_

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## Treasurer's Report Sue Lusted

For members only, check the newsletter that was emailed to you.

### 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](http://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

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*The Award winning Hamilton Chapter SDC newsletter, "The Bullet-Tin", is published bi-monthly to inform and serve its members.*

*Permission is given to reprint articles from this newsletter as long as credit is given to the author and the Bullet Tin.*

### Submission Deadlines & Date to Email Newsletter

Jan/Feb	Jan. 25th,	Feb. 1st
Mar/Apr	Mar. 31st	April 10th
May/June	May 29th	June 6th
<b>July/Aug.</b>	<b>July 31st</b>	<b>Aug. 6th</b>
<b>Sept/Oct</b>	<b>Sept. 25th</b>	<b>Oct. 1st</b>
<b>Nov/Dec.</b>	<b>Nov. 25th</b>	<b>Dec. 1st</b>

Note:

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



*Presented To*

*Susan Lusted*

*In appreciation of your Exemplary  
Dedication and Commitment  
to the Principle of  
"Always Give More than you Promise"*

*- 2025 -*

Our newsletter which editor Susan Lusted submits for the newsletter judging was recently awarded 100 % and placed first in judging. I thank you as members for all of your pictures and articles for the newsletter. We need to be very proud of our award winning newsletter as it is a chapter effort!. There were 3 Canadian newsletters that received 100%. Thanks to all who contribute to our newsletter. Keep those contributions coming!!!

### Harry Barnes Award

Harry Barnes was the founder of the Studebaker Drivers Club. This year, Susan was nominated by Pete Yuen and Larry Metz for this award. At the recent International Meet in Washington Pa. she was awarded the Harry Barnes Award. She is so thrilled to receive this for all of her contributions to our chapter, and to the Studebaker Drivers Club. Susan does the What's Happening Column for Turning Wheels listing all of the upcoming events.

Congratulations Susan on receiving this very prestigious award.

### SDC Chapter Publications Committee



*1st Place*

Bi-Monthly Internet Newsletter  
Susan Lusted, Editor  
Bullet-Tin  
Hamilton Chapter

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# Christmas at King's Forest!



Chris & Peter Worron  
Roger Hill



Steve & Kathy Porter  
Kathy is demonstrating balance one in each  
hand



Bob & Janice Barrick



Ray Wise, Laura Newell, & Roger Hill



Paul & Lorraine Cronkwright, Marguerite  
Ward , Joyce Downey & Aaron Dorsch



Bill Harris, Bob & Joanne Easton and Steve  
Tournay



Doug & Donna Sommerville



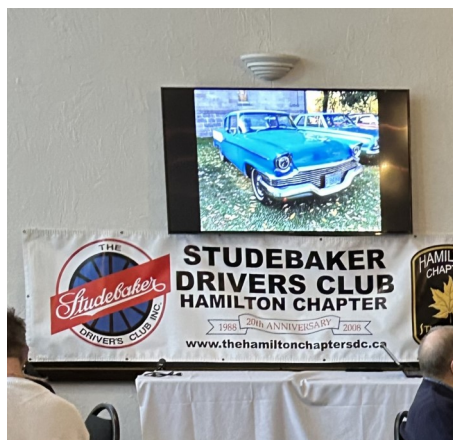
Aaron Dorsch, Joan Kemp, Peter Downey,  
Susan Lusted



The Buffet Table



# Christmas at King's Forest!



Slide Show Done By Aaron Dorsch



Silent Auction Table



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Fanny Linkletter, Pat & Lou Saunders



Donna Sommerville, Dreena Galagher, Barb & Larry Gibson



Jean Archdekin, Harold Ferrier, Sheldon Rier and Lee, Carl Schlosser, Sharon Pearce & Wayne Hamilton



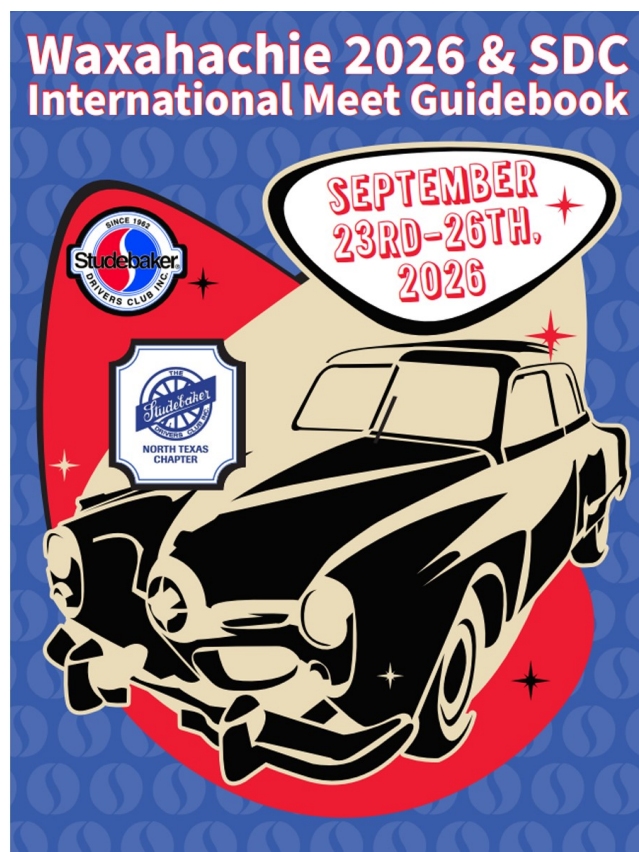
## *Roland Lusted & Silcox Family Award*

This year the Roland Lusted Award was presented to Paul Cronkwright. Paul has been a long time member of the Hamilton Chapter. He was instrumental in securing the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum for our meetings. Paul was instrumental in the car shows that were featured at the museum with cars and planes. Not only did he serve as our newsletter editor, but was president for a long time and mentored those who followed after him. We are pleased to be able to present this award to Paul. Well done!!



This year the Silcox Family Award was presented to Susan Lusted who is our newsletter editor and media person. Susan was presented with the Harry Barnes Award at the recent International Meet. Harry Barnes was the founder of the SDC. This award is presented each year to a person who furthers the marque. "Always Give More Than You Promised? The Hamilton Chapter is pleased that Susan was presented with the Silcox Family Award.





## *What's Happening*

ONTARIO, Jan. 18th, Grimsby, Hamilton Chapter to meet at the Livingston Activities Centre 18 Livingston Ave., 1 p.m., potluck at 4 p.m. Cards and games at 2 p.m. Creative activity TBD. Contact: Susan Lusted, [hamiltonsdctreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:hamiltonsdctreasurer@gmail.com) or 905-945-0027. Website: [www.thehamiltonchaptersdc.ca](http://www.thehamiltonchaptersdc.ca). Crossroads Zone. qq

ONTARIO, May 2nd. Morriston, Ontario Chapter & Hamilton Chapter hosts the annual Badenoch Swap Meet from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Badenoch Community Centre (Old School House) near Morriston, Ontario. All Ontario Chapter, Hamilton Chapter, Canadian Avanti Owners along with all Studebaker enthusiasts are welcome. Free Attendance. Bring your surplus Studebaker parts to sell or want lists. Drive your Studebaker to this event. Food is available. Contact: Paul Revell, 905-587-0181. Email: [paulrevell01@gmail.com](mailto:paulrevell01@gmail.com). Website: [www.ontariosdc.ca](http://www.ontariosdc.ca). Crossroads Zone.

### **Upper Mississippi Valley Zone Meet**

ILLINOIS, July 30<sup>th</sup> to August 1st, Warrenville/Naperville (Chicago area), Black Hawk Chapter will host the 2026 Upper Mississippi Valley Zone Meet. Held at the Hilton Garden Inn which is conveniently located near I-88 and Winfield Road. More details to follow. The meet chair is Rolf Snobeck. Email: [rsnobeck@tectaaamerica.com](mailto:rsnobeck@tectaaamerica.com). Upper Mississippi Valley Zone. qq

### **Northeast Zone Meet 2026**

MASSACHUSETTS, August 27th-30th, Boxborough, Ocean Bay Chapter will host the Northeast Zone Meet. Boxborough Regency Hotel, Exit 75 from I-495. Contact: Jane Ash, [stude.event@gmail.com](mailto:stude.event@gmail.com). Northeast Zone.



*Pictures of the Wedding of Carl & Laura Schlosser's Son and His Bride  
Taken at Peninsula Ridge Winery in Grimsby Ontario*



One snowy Saturday night in February when all the Studebakers are hibernating in their garages waiting to be woken up by the rays of warm sunlight of spring, my son's fiancé approached me with a request. For their upcoming wedding in July, she would like to have the Cruiser as part of their wedding day. Without hesitation, you blurt out a yes and then think, wow what a privilege. Then you take a mental note on what to do, to have your Studie ready for that special day.

After washing, waxing and cleaning the white walls the car was ready for that special day that two of them were to be united. It was a beautiful day in July and the angels were in heaven looking down to ensure everything went as planned. I was so pleased that the Cruiser made their day a bit more special.

It appears that the love for Studebakers has found a new generation. From people in the parking lot coming over to view the car, the wedding guests requesting a ride in the Cruiser at a later date, to the wedding photographer's comment, "that is a pretty neat car", I found that the spirit of Studebaker was still alive. As I was leaving the wedding to go home after a long day, I received an unexpected compliment, the wedding planner who worked for the winery came over and said to me, "come back and bring the car".



Reminds me of the window display that Eatons had in Hamilton. Check out the Bullet Nose car.

A Canadian Anniversary Stamp sent to me by Ray Chartrand from Texas Ray is the chair of the upcoming International Meet in Waxahachie Tx.



**One of our Members is All Ready For Christmas!!**







### Anniversaries

#### **Nov.**

John & Margaret Ernst 6th

Bob & Denise Stowell 14th

#### **December**

Peter & Chris Worrone 7th

### Birthdays

#### **November**

Gary Bruccleri 1st

Carmen Dannunzi 11th

Harold Ferrier 14th

Denise Stowell 14th

Dennis Kennedy 20th

Peter Worrone 18th

#### **December**

Lorraine Cronkwright 7th

Laura Newell 21st

#### **January**

Larry English 1

Gord Linkletter 1

Betty Sawyers 1

Suzann English 6

Mel Quirt 25

Marguerite Ward 28



