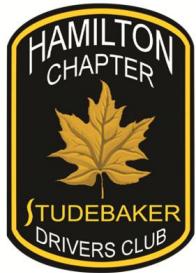


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THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES for the Hamilton Chapter is \$20.00 forwarded to the membership secretary by January 1st. This will ensure your continued receipt of the Bullet-Tin. Members of the Hamilton Chapter must also be members in good standing of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

DUES FOR THE NATIONAL CLUB are \$39.00 payable in U.S. funds to **THE STUDEBAKER DRIVERS CLUB INC.** P.O. Box 1715, Maple Grove, MN 55311-7615. Email mark@cornerstonereg.com

HAMILTON CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME _____
SPOUSE _____ BIRTHDAYS _____
SPOUSE _____ BIRTHDAY _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ PC _____
EMAIL _____ PHONE _____
SDC MEMBERSHIP No & EXPIRY _____

LIST YOUR STUDEBAKER VEHICLES

- 1) _____
- 2) _____

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

SDC MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
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EMAIL _____ PHONE _____
MEMBERSHIP FEES AND OTHER RELATED INFO IS LOCATED
ABOVE OR CHECK <http://www.StudebakerDriversClub.com>



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE MARCH/APRIL 2020



Hello Friends,

Well, here I sit, socially distancing as we all should be, although I am getting close to my Studebakers! (please.....don't tell anyone!)

I felt that I should make the call now, that our April Meeting will be cancelled, in light of the COVID 19 rules and the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum has been closed until further notice. The annual May 1st swap meet in South Bend has also been cancelled. At last check Badenoch Swap meet is still on, with the Ontario Chapter monitoring the situation.

I will leave the May meeting decision until we know better where things stand. But again, personally, I am doubtful about the ability to hold it at the Museum.

The nice weather is approaching and it will soon be time to get the cars out from their winter sleep and stretch them out a bit. Also, it won't be long before the various cruise nights and swap meets get underway.

However, at this point it is pretty unclear what will be permitted to happen with regards to having large groups of people together in one place. None of us have any experience with this, so we just hold off until we find out. In the meantime, I feel it is important that we keep the club alive and as relevant as it can be, while at the same time being socially responsible. We might be able to hold a virtual meeting, via skype or Webex or some other form of remote meeting. So we can at least have some connection.

I thought it would be nice now more than ever to tell your story of your car or cars, and why Studebaker? How did you find or restore your car? How long have you owned it? Any tips? Any of you who are so inclined I think that some good tips mechanical or otherwise would be appreciated. We really need to think out of the box to keep Studebaker alive. Send them to me and I will make sure they get used. I am going to try to send something out weekly or every 10 days just to stay connected. So please send me pictures, stories, articles of interest, we will use them all. I have seen things like photos for "Front End Friday", "Tail Light Tuesday", "Side shot Sunday", interesting photos of your car or cars, to share with us all.

My daughter, who is an ER nurse suggested I keep a diary of this Covid 19 virus situation, starting from when I began working from home on March 16th and chronicling the events of each day from my perspective and what I did. This would be so that my grand children might have a reference for what will surely be a big history story sometime in the future. She is doing the same from her perspective while on the front line against the virus. Just a thought for something to do.

Stay healthy please.

Regards, Peter



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MARCH/APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Bob Easton	April 9	Della Mullet	May 11
Chester Bealles	April 11	Jim Anderson	May 12
Sandra Friend	April 14	Sue Lusted	May 13
Harold Ferrier	April 16	Barry Leppan	May 18
Carol Oglesby	April 19		

Ted & Joanne Calder	April 3
Kevin & Della Mullet	May 11
George & Donna Graham	May 16

IF YOU ARE A RECENT OR LONG TERM HAMILTON CHAPTER MEMBER AND WOULD LIKE YOUR BIRTHDAY OR ANNIVERSARY PUBLISHED IN OUR NEWS LETTER, SEND THE INFORMATION TO EDITOR PAUL

Editors Note: There was no Hamilton Chapter newsletter published for the months of January/February 2020



Greetings fellow Hamilton Chapter members: As we slowly work our way through the Covid 19 virus that has had such an impact on so many countries around the world, something that has never happened in our lifetime, we are challenged with doing the right things to ward it off. If the predictions by the medical professionals are correct we should be able to get back to a "close" normal by mid to late summer or perhaps early fall. So many of our plans have had to be cancelled or changed. Many of us look forward to the annual May swap meet and car show in South Bend and getting together with like minded Studebaker friends. Unfortunately this year's event has been cancelled. We will now have to look forward to this event next, spring 2021. Paul

Most of you, I'm sure, have heard about the passing of Larry Swanson. Larry was a huge contributor to SDC and our monthly Studebaker publication Turning Wheels. Below, Pete Yuen, tells Larry's story.



Laurence (Larry) Swanson
June 29, 1941 - Feb. 28, 2020

Picture taken at 2018 SDC International Meet in Tacoma, WA.

Larry was a gentleman, highly respected and regarded and justly so. He had a gentle nature and always had a smile and a warm greeting for everyone that he met in the Studebaker Drivers Club. Some say that one person can make a difference. Larry made a lot of differences in the Studebaker Drivers Club.

In his teen years, Larry delivered pizza. The shop owner had purchased a number of brands of cars for the deliveries. Larry had found that Studebakers were more reliable and durable than the other makes that the other pizza delivery boys chose to drive. Impressed with Studebakers, that is what he chose to drive on his deliveries. Time passes and Larry joins the Studebaker Drivers Club.

After a time, Larry worked for Burlington Northern Railways as the yardmaster, controlling the traffic and flow in the rail yard. He loved the steam engines and railroading. During the time that he was employed by Burlington Northern, he became the SDC Membership Secretary at a time when membership numbers were 3 or 4 thousand. He also took on the task of being the club editor, publisher and did the newsletter mailing, all done on a voluntary basis with the help of his wife, Pat. Larry and Pat were married in 1964. Some SDC members assisted. One of them being the late Ron Hall. George Krem also volunteered to help. Larry and Pat used their Studebaker for the hauling of the newsletters. While all this was going on, Larry studied and became a lawyer.

My association with Larry goes back to the early 1970's when I was the membership secretary for the local B.C. Coastal Chapter, a span of over 45 years. In those days, there had been a constant 10% premium on the American Dollar. As the membership secretary, funds were given to me for the SDC Inc. (National) membership as well as for the local chapter membership dues. Larry, being the SDC Inc. Membership Secretary, I would send the SDC Inc. dues to him in Oswego, Ill. This was the arrangement for a number of years and eventually, I retired from my position. Shortly after, the premium on the U.S. dollar started to fluctuate and this created a problem for the local membership secretary and he

would not know how much premium should be added to the dues for SDC Inc. This resulted in the local chapter members only paying the B.C. Coastal Chapter dues and for the member to send their SDC Inc. dues directly to Larry.

Time passes and during the 1979 SDC International Meet in Long Beach, California, I finally had a chance to meet with Larry and Pat in the parking lot. My thoughts were, how great is this? I am thrilled at meeting the high-profile couple that for so long, our association was by mail only. We have managed to keep in touch throughout the years.

In 1999, Larry and Pat were invited to be guests of the B.C. Coastal Chapter for the Pacific Can-Am Zone meet and to our delight, they accepted the invitation. We had a great time together, creating many fond memories.

During a speech that Larry gave at the awards presentation dinner, Larry stated that he had two kinds of friends in the Studebaker Drivers Club, the ones that he has met and the ones that he has yet to meet. This is a nice thought. It was a pleasure for me to meet Larry, only made possible by both of us being members of the Studebaker Drivers Club.

The 2018 SDC International Meet would be the last that Larry would attend. He had health issues previously but he was well enough to attend the event. This would also be the last time that I would have the pleasure of his company. I had invited him to be my guest for what should have been the Awards Presentation Dinner but for some reason the awards were presented on the day following the dinner.

During the years that Larry was in the SDC, he was the membership secretary, the editor and creator of TURNING WHEELS, club newsletter, a club director, legal consul, designed the commemorative coins for our club, compiled The Touring Studebaker Drivers Glove Box Geographic Guide which provides information regarding parts, service and roadside assistance while touring America and Canada. Larry also compiled the Studebaker Inside Facts regarding the SDC.

Not many members will know about or remember the SDC bulletins that SDC had before Larry created the TURNING WHEELS publication. The publication was merely 2 pieces of standard letter paper, folded in half and stapled to create 8 pages. In those days, the editor, I believed to be Ed Flarity, would have to use a typewriter to create the text and any graphics would physically have to be cut and pasted to the page. Any mistakes on the draft copy would mean using "White Out" a quick drying substance that covered the mistake and then text was typed over, on to the document. When Larry produced the TURNING WHEELS publication, it was so much improved over the previous publication that the difference was like the differences of night and day. Not sure when the computers were used for the club newsletter publications. When the computers were introduced to the public, more often than not, they were called Word Processors.

I am blessed to have Larry touch my life. He gave me inspiration to be an editor for the B.C. Coastal and Vancouver Island Chapters. After retiring from that, I started to write the Odds 'N' Ends column on a monthly basis since 2013. A copy would be sent to him by e-mail. Larry was gracious to forward copies of the column to the SDC Chapter Editors that he was in touch with.

The loves in Larry's life: His wife, Pat, music, writing, railroads, steam engines, Studebakers, Studebaker Drivers Club and friends. Especially if they were club members.

Until Larry had health issues and vision problems, he was involved with What's Happening, a chronological listing of future events within our club. That listing continues with the very capable Susan Lusted taking over.

On many occasions, Larry has been acknowledged for his many contributions to the club. We each have a common award though, that being the John Brichetto Award, an acknowledgement for literary contribution by a non-editor to the club.

After Larry's retirement from being the Editor-in-chief, he was given recognition as the Editor Emeritus, a title given to him for what he was prior to his retirement. Not mentioned was the fact that he was a terrific ambassador for the SDC. Larry created many changes to improve our club. He will be remembered and he will be missed. He touched many lives in a positive manner, graciously.

One person can make a difference. For the Studebaker Drivers Club, that person was Larry Swanson. The world needs more people like him. Since his earthly work is done, I know that you will join me in wishing Larry a peaceful rest. He deserves it. Our deepest sympathy goes to Pat for the loss of her loved one.

The Odds 'N' Ends column continues to be available, free to all chapter editors that wish to use it by contacting Susan Lusted: Susan Lusted at studenews@outlook.com or Susan Thomason at thomason2@earthlink.net

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COVER STORY The cover picture on this issue is a Studebaker advertisement from a magazine called *Country Gentleman* that was published in June 1947. The advertisement was given to me a number of years ago by the late Art Robson (Mary) Burlington, Ontario. They were very supportive Hamilton Chapter members who gave a lot back to our chapter. The two B & W pictures on the top are of Art Robson's '47 dump truck in their driveway in Burlington. Below is the text that accompanied the cover picture.

You get more out of everything you put into a money-saving new Studebaker truck

If you're operating a farm that must move hefty shipments to market every day, that husky Studebaker truck pictured above would certainly help cut your operating expenses.

In fact, with a truck this size, you could probably make a deal to accommodate several neighbors on the same route—and, by sharing costs, everybody would get better service and cheaper transportation.

Dollar after dollar saved week after week
Every load that you put into a Studebaker truck brings in welcome new net revenue to you, because gas, oil, tires and repairs cost you so little per mile, per week and per year.

What's more, dollar after dollar of your original investment in a Studebaker truck starts coming back to you mighty fast, thanks to these substantial and consistent savings.

Studebaker's remarkable Hy-Mileage and Econ-o-miser truck engines see to it that every gallon of gasoline stretches a long way. In fact,

right from the moment a Studebaker truck takes off with your first load, your hauling costs start to nose-dive.

Built with the stamina of Studebaker war trucks
Whatever Studebaker truck you buy—the heavy-duty model, the one-ton pick-up, or the half-ton Coupe Express—you get the same brilliant engineering and painstaking craftsmanship that distinguished over 200,000 Studebaker transport vehicles in war service.

Because of heavy demand, it may take a while to supply the new Studebaker truck you want. But you'll certainly be wise not to settle for any other new truck, until you talk things over first with your nearest Studebaker dealer.

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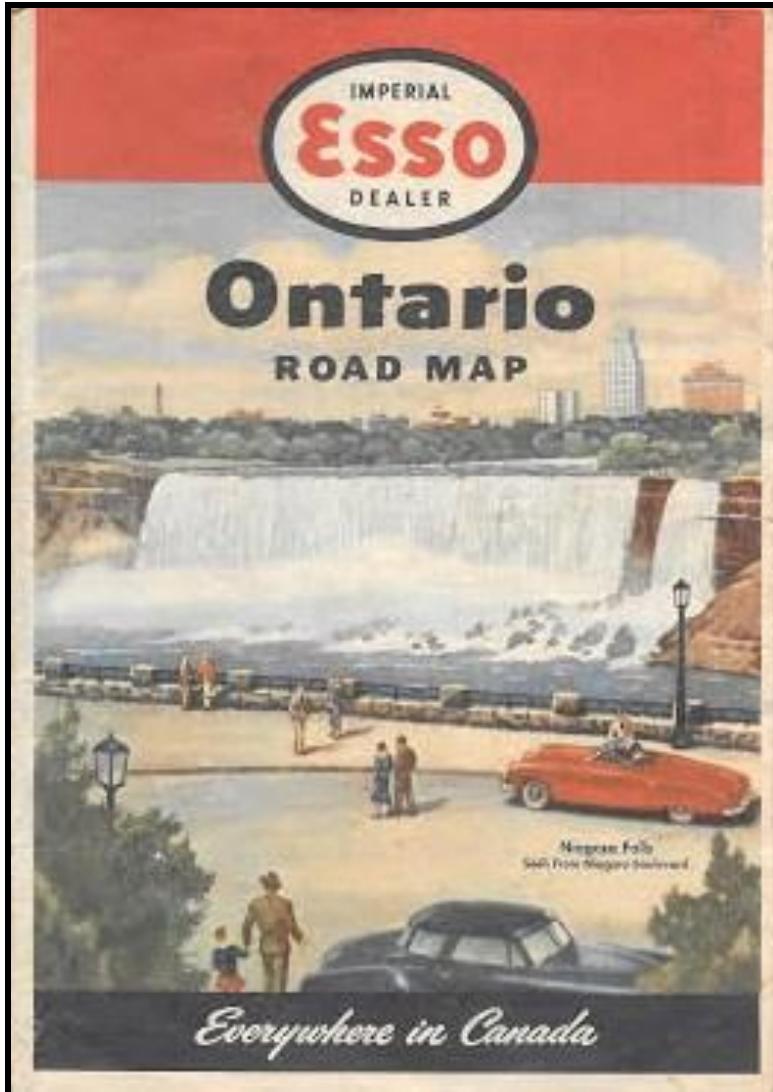
Builder of trucks you can trust

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Studebaker provides these "extras" at no extra cost! Standard cab equipment in half-ton, one-ton and heavy-duty-model Studebaker trucks includes: ① dome light; ② adjustable window wings; ③ two arm rests and adjustable seat; ④ dual sun visors; ⑤ dual windshield wipers; ⑥ tight-gripping rotary door latches; and each roomy cab is protected by ⑦ Studebaker's box girder steel construction.

During the first few months of the year there are few Hamilton Chapter activities, other than our monthly meetings, to write about or report on. I have gathered together a number of pieces of Studebaker memorabilia courtesy of a long time friend, Roy Masson. Roy invited me to his home and shop a few weeks ago to view his large collection including some cars. I have scanned some of these pictures and items in order to share them with you. This could well be a two part series. Thank you Roy!!



The Ontario road map above is dated 1950 and shows a view of the American falls. The notations under the red car says "Niagara Falls, seen from Niagara Boulevard" and, clearly the car in front is a 1950 Studebaker. Because this is an artist's rendering, I think the red convertible is also 1950 Studebaker.

When the map is opened, there is the name rubber stamped: WEBB'S AUTO SERVICE, CORNER OF BRIDGE ST. & VICTORIA AVE., NIAGARA FALLS, ONTARIO "



Another 1950'S roadmap that was distributed by Esso gas stations in Italy

"MORE PICS OF ROY'S COLLECTION IN THE NEXT ISSUE "

I STILL HAVE A FEW OF STEVE GRANT'S 2020 STUDEBAKER CALENDARS. LET ME KNOW
IF YOU WANT ONE \$10.00 U.S. OR CANADIAN WITH CURRENT EXCHANGE RATE
EMAIL OR PHONE PAUL info on back of cover page

2020 EVENT SCHEDULE

BECAUSE OF THE COVID 19 VIRUS, FUTURE CHAPTER MEETINGS AT THE CANADIAN WARPLANE HERITAGE MUSEUM HAVE BEEN CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

MAY CHAPTER MEETING CANCELLED

Future meeting information will be decided once the virus problem has subsided

SEPTEMBER. 18 & 19 STUDEBAKERS AT DUNKIRK SWAP MEET AND CAR CORRAL

AS OF THIS PUBLICAITON THE DUNKIRK SHOW AND SWAP MEET IS A GO!

SEPTEMBER CLASSICS OF THE GOLDEN AGE CAR SHOW AT THE CANADIAN WARPLANE HERITAGE MUSEUM FOR INFO CONTACT PAUL CRONKWRIGHT

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