



# Bullet-Tin

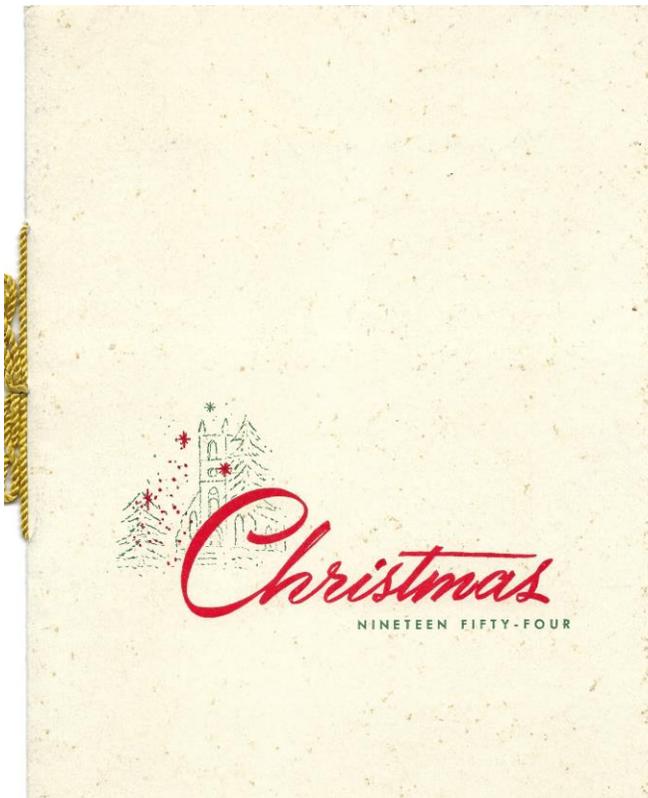
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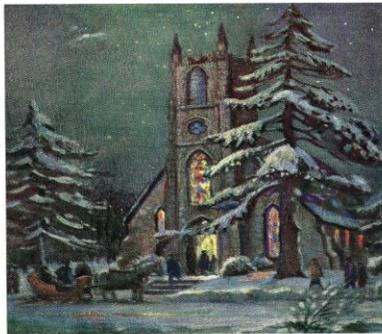


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The card pictured on the front cover was sent out by the Studebaker Corporation in 1954. The church pictured on page 2 is the historic St. John's Anglican church in Ancaster on Wilson St. The card was signed by then President Gordon Grundy. He is buried in the cemetery at St. John's church.



*Christmas* . . . a time for friendly thoughts and friendly greetings . . . a time to look backward over the years with warm feelings of appreciation for the friendships we have known.

A time, too, to look ahead with hope for peace and health and happiness. May all of these be yours this Christmas and in the years to come.

THE STUDEBAKER CORPORATION OF CANADA, LIMITED  
HAMILTON, ONTARIO

*G. Grundy*

## President's Message: Peter Downey



Hello Friends,

Some good news to share. After 20 months absence we are finally able to return to the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum for our November meeting. We will be in a reserved space in the hangar, so there will be no problem with stairs to climb. We will be obligated to comply with the COVID protocols at the Museum which will entail, and those will be provided as soon as received from the Museum. It also looks like our January card party and potluck might well be back on for 2022, with some guidelines as to non-catered food. More to come on this event as things are clarified for us. The Christmas Party is still a bit of an unknown at this point.

This past year we have held 7 ZOOM only meetings with 2 in person meeting completed and one to go. Thanks to everyone for your participation in these. ZOOM was the best way we could find to keep meeting throughout the various lockdowns. we experienced. Thanks go to Sue Lusted for setting each of these up for us.

Thank you to all our members for continuing to support your Club. We have gained a few new members this past year and our numbers now total 66. This is a great testament to the passion we all must keep the Studebaker brand alive, and to your commitment to the Club during the most trying 2 years most of us will ever see.

With the Canada US Border now open to casual travel it looks to be possible to attend the international meet to be held in South Bend in 2022. As well as other cross border events.

By now most, if not all our Studebakers are again tucked away for a winter hibernation. Should you be planning any special projects or restorations, take pictures and tell us about it. We all like to see what you have planned.

As this will be the final edition for 2021, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas. Happy Hannukah, Happy Kwanzaa, and for your Seinfeld fans, Happy Festivus! I hope that we all can celebrate the season with family and friends. Also, Happy New Year! May 2022 see things return to a more normal routine for us all, and a return to our in-person meetings, and a few more Club events!

Thank you all for your commitment and support! Stay safe!

Peter Downey  
President



## IN THE BEGINNING

My first recollection of any mention of a new chapter being considered was at a Ontario chapter function held in June of 1988. I was relatively a new member of the Ontario chapter since I joined in the fall of 1986

and didn't know a lot of the members yet. I had taken a few pictures at this Studebaker outing, like I usually do, and because I labelled the one photo is the only reason I know what time frame this all took place.....June 1988).

Ernie Preece was the President of the Ontario Chapter at this time and it was his dream that there should be a more local chapter in the Hamilton area since Hamilton was the

home of the Studebakers we all were so proud of. Ernie felt that Ontario was just too big an area for only one chapter and that a lot of the membership wouldn't or couldn't drive their cars such a distance to local meets in different areas of the province and Hamilton being fairly central and the home of the Studebaker plant, it would make sense. It made sense to me at the time!

Anyways getting back to the economy run, we all met at 50 Rd Truck Stop at Fruitland along the QEW that morning and since I along with a few others were early we went inside to have a coffee, this is when I heard Ernie mention his ideas about forming a

new chapter. He was getting people's feelings about the idea especially the locals around the Hamilton area, guys like George Wingfield , Matt Friend , Gene Madjanovich , George Mills , Kevin Mullet , Al Stevenson , myself and I'm sure there were a few more that day . I

remember Ernie being a bit cautious mentioning it to me since I was fairly new and he didn't know me very well, I remember

him telling me to keep it "under my hat ". There were some people he didn't want this to get out to or the idea of a new chapter would have got squashed. ....I was all in ! I'm not exactly sure of how many SDC members you needed to form a chapter but this is what Ernie was doing that day, recruiting members .

Total credit has to go to Ernie Preece for his insight in forming the Hamilton Chapter and by October 1988 we had our new meeting headquarters in one of the old hangers at the Hamilton Airport ( see photos).....and that my friends is how it all got started .

Bob Barrick

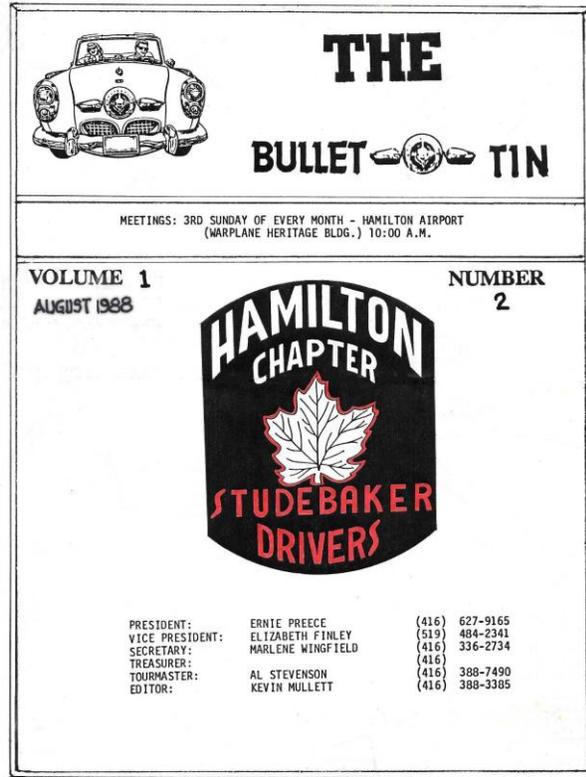


## Taken from the Mar/Apr Newsletter 2018

### Hamilton Chapter Membership List August 1988

Names with \* are currently members

\*BARRICK, Janice & Bob  
BOWSLAUGH, Gary & Marion  
COOK, Ken & Brenda  
COUBROUGH, Al & Irene  
\*CRONKWRIGHT, Paul & Lorraine  
FINLEY, Elizabeth & Hans Hilbrandt  
FRIEND, Matt & Pat  
\*GRIGGS, Richard & Cecylia  
MADJANOVICH, Gene & Joyce  
\*MCKAY, Duncan & Lucrecia  
MILLS, George & Susanne  
\*MULLETT, Kevin & Della  
\*RANDALL, Earl & Marie  
RAMAGE, Jim  
REESE, Joel & Suzanne  
PREECE, Ernie & Joan  
\*SILCOX, Terry & Sue



Above, is a copy of the August 1988 cover showing the second newsletter produced for our Chapter. It is interesting to note how our club crest was sometime later developed from the crest shown on this cover. No computers, no colour, or photos (unless photos were taped to a page and photocopied). The red on the crest was added with a red pencil crayon to every copy to give it a bit of pizzazz.

Also interesting, is that our meetings were held at the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum long before the new museum was built



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Annual Dues for the Hamilton Chapter

Dues for our chapter are \$20 per year and are due Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> each year. Please send payment to our membership secretary including your SDC national number. Members of the Hamilton Chapter SDC must be a member in good standing of the Studebaker Drivers Club Inc.

This is the cover of Turning Wheels from 1975. That would have been when the late Larry Swanson was the editor I believe.





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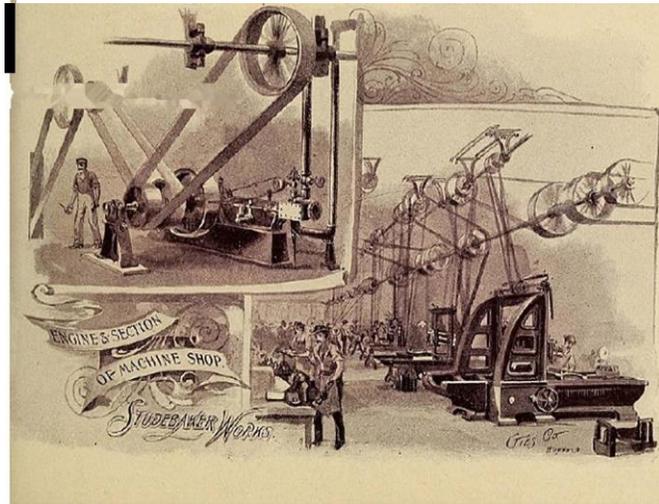


**WHEN A BELT HELD UP MORE THAN YOUR TROUSERS**

Thanks to Dan Kuhl, Member, Grand Canyon State Chapter

**G**oing into 1892, Clem and Peter Studebaker were hot enthusiasts for the planned gathering to celebrate the 400th anniversary of Columbus' discovery of the Americas. As part of Indiana's response to exposition officials of all 44 states, the brothers decided to sponsor a Studebaker exhibit the world would remember. With their new Chicago repository, just down the street from the yet-to-be start of Rte 66, the Studebakers felt they wanted to participate in a big way in the successes of the fair. Because of the enormity of the endeavor, the 1892 Chicago World's Fair did not actually open until May, 1893.

Even with the downturn in the economy the Studebakers prepared an incredible display of their products and a beautiful souvenir booklet describing, in Currier and Ives style, the factory and their products. In the narrative of the booklet it describes a factory covering 95 acres (72 football fields) that contained: length of line shafting 6000 feet, number of pulleys on shaft 1000, number of dynamos in use 15, number of board feet of lumber on hand 48,000,000, and length of all belting 7 miles. Dynamos are mentioned here because they were direct current power sources used prior to the widespread acceptance of AC of factory shafts, pulleys and belts). Thirty types of current motors in 1896 (see factory photo at right vehicles were displayed with images of men working in a factory setting that seemed more like a community.



Cottonwood and whitewood were the woods of choice for the vehicles manufactured. The cottonwood tree is very common and readily available in the Midwest, while whitewood is cut from many types of trees including the following: spruces, basswoods, tulip, pines and silver firs. The name whitewood comes from the white grain isolated from the dark sap wood. The importance of the wood cannot be overstated with over half of the Studebaker factory devoted to lumber yards and drying kilns.

Because this technology is so antiquated, a reference is added to a website where one can see a factory museum still operating with shafts, pulleys, and belts since 1903, when the factory was started. (In Google go to Sept. 10, 2009 Video of Raye's Mustard Mill in Eastport, Maine\*\*). When viewing this video imagine yourself touring the Studebaker complex at the time of the 1893 World's Fair.

A change in the wind was on the horizon. Starting in 1902, Studebaker began to dabble in automobile manufacturing, and by 1911 had jumped in with both feet. However, the first Studebaker automobile produced in its entirety at the old wagon works in South Bend wasn't until April 30, 1920. It was at this same time that the last buggy and farm wagons were built. It is said that had J.M. Studebaker still been living the change to automobiles may not have occurred so quickly.

By 1921 Studebaker was polishing a new reputation for itself. In the July *Co-Operator*, a factory magazine, it was stated that only Ford had manufactured more automobiles during the first half of the year than Studebaker. By 1923 the fledgling auto company had grown so much that the sales for that year alone exceeded the total horse-drawn vehicle sales from 1852 to 1920. And of course, by this time the belt had been relegated to holding up your trousers and operating the cooling and electrical system in our Studebakers.

\*\*One final note, Raye's Mustard is the creme de la creme of mustards. Please try it or donate to the museum.

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YouTube Website, Welcome to Raye's Mustard. Sept. 10, 2009.

Thanks to Dan Kuhl and Chris Collins, Editor: ECHO

## Very Studey-ously

By: Roger Hill

A random coincidence for the record books:

It's the early evening of an early October day, in the mid 1990's. My wife Marg and I had just purchased our groceries and were heading the 2 miles home in our mint, low mileage Olds Delta 88 along the straight stretch of River Road in Kitchener. A car with round headlights and an old car silhouette is heading toward us. Hey - it's a finned Hawk!! It's dark in colour - and I think it must likely be the well-named SDC'r Dave Hawkes since we have no other dark coloured finned Hawks close by.

The car goes by - but it's two-toned (Dave's is solid black) and has non-Ontario licence plates and it was a '57. Dave's is a '59. So - Who is it? What is a "foreign" Silver Hawk doing driving up River Road so late in the day? When did the car come to Canada if it is displaying out-of-province plates? Where did it come from? Why am I still driving toward home? The W5 questions! I DON'T KNOW the answer to any!! So, we make a fast U-turn and catch up to the Stude! Following closely, waving frantically, and honking the horn has no effect. Finally we get to an intersection where we can pull along side. Yelling the word "Studebaker" and attempting to show my SDC membership card eventually demonstrated our friendly intentions, and a younger woman rolled down the passenger window. A man was driving. A very hurried conversation confirmed that we were not chasing them because we were angry, and that, incredibly, they were tourists - from California!

Well, this was amazing! Here was a married couple, the Sanborns, Tom, a building architect and Barb a landscape architect, from Oakland California. They knew Studebaker guru Jim Maxie in South Bend Indiana. The plan was for Jim to pick out a good Studebaker for them (he found the '57 Silver Hawk) and make it ready to drive on vacation around the nation. This vacation adventure was to be "spontaneous" and no firm destination was planned! When they flew to pick up

the car in South Bend, they asked around as to what places/festivals they should head towards. The summer was over, but someone mentioned the famous Oktoberfest in Kitchener-Waterloo, Ontario. Off they went!

When Marg and I caught up to them, they were following some incorrect directions, going the wrong way to a large fest-hall they had heard of. Amazingly, they were happy to follow us to our house (!) to get better directions to the hall, to a hotel, and to a shop that could make a small repair to the car. They said that this was just the sort of spontaneous thing they hoped would happen on the trip! We had a great time together for a couple of hours that evening! Incredible!

I was able to see them off the next morning, as they continued their unplanned tour, ending that year's leg of the tour in Annapolis Maryland where the Hawk (the Batmobile they called it) went into storage to await their resumption of the trip the next year. Then they flew back home. The next year's adventure saw them travel from Annapolis to New Orleans and the year after that the Hawk took them to Phoenix. The final leg was then in sight! What a great tour - and what a great car!

We exchanged Christmas cards for next few years (they called our family "the Stude Elves"). I'm thinking of buying a current SDC roster, see if they're listed, and hopefully catch up on the last 25 years! What a coincidence that the Hills would be driving down River Road that evening at the same time that the Sanborns would be driving up - and on the advice of poor directions given to Tom and Barb! A few seconds either way, and we would have missed each other! "Serendipity" for sure!

There is a Studebaker story to almost everything, you know! And if it's Studebaker stories - even murder mysteries(!) - that you like, you can read 5 Studebaker-related books in a series by South Bend author Jeanne Dams. The central character in this series of historical fiction mystery books is Hilda Johansson, a maid in the household of Clement Studebaker, actual president of the Studebaker Brothers Manufacturing Company. The house she lives in is Tippecanoe Place, Clement's mansion which, in real life, is the well-known restaurant so many of us have been to over the last 30 or so years. The 5 books are progressive in time, as Hilda solves one mystery, gains confidence, solves the next one too, gets a promotion, gets engaged - well, you get the picture! All the while, you learn about the life of a maid in a wealthy household in that period, the life in a worker's home as well (her relatives), the morals and practices of working people at the turn of the last century and the places and features of the city of South Bend 120 years ago. Fantastic!

They are light, fun reads, all of them and I'd recommend them to any Studebaker history buff with a little time to do some light reading. They were fun! The books are available online at ABE Books, Better World Books, and perhaps Amazon.

The titles are:

- 1) Death in Lacquer Red
- 2) Red, White and Blue Murder
- 3) Green Grow the Victims
- 4) Silence is Golden

## 5) Crimson Snow

Happy Trails,  
Roger

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### My Studebaker Story (Cliff Tattersall)



My family emigrated to Canada in 1954 and knowing nothing of Canadian cars my father bought what he knew, a Hillman Minx. It serviced us well until 1957 when it fell to pieces. It was traded into the Studebaker Dealer (International Garage) for a 1953 Studebaker Champion. BTW at the time International Garage in St. Catharines was the longest serving Studebaker dealership in Canada. It was owned by a man named William (Bill) Jones, his salesperson was his son, Tom.

The car was salmon pink with a white roof, a four-door sedan with an overdrive transmission. I remember the car had nice upholstery and that it

had overdrive, my father hardly ever used first gear as second, he said was a good starting gear. I do not remember much of the car as shortly after it was purchased my parents sent me back to England for a year and when I came back, he traded the car for a 1957 Studebaker Champion 4 door sedan without overdrive. This was a mistake as the new 4 lane highways were just being completed and on a trip to Cornwall, he drove too fast and had to rebuild the engine. Somehow the car made trips to Massachusetts without incident, but the trip Cornwall had done the car in. One thing I liked about the was the Cyclops speedometer. By now the dealership in St Catharines was no more. It appears one day the employees found a pad lock on the door and no owners about. It was appeared that Mr. Tom Jones had emptied the money from the dealership and fled the country. He was later located in California and that was that.

There was no dealership in St. Catharines for some time. Eventually a new dealership by the name of Bradley Motors found itself in a new purpose-built building. That building now harbours a Chrysler Dealership.

With the new dealership opened and used cars on the lot my father and I took a liking to a used 1960 Studebaker Lark, V8, Automatic, Twin Traction. We took it for a test drive on the Queen Elizabeth Highway from Ontario Street to the Martindale turnoff. Not a long distance. My father "floored it" and within what seemed a nanosecond we were doing 100 mph. I was impressed, so was my father. We went back to the dealership and

made an offer to purchase the car. The salesperson said he would consider the offer and get back to us. A day or so later we went back to the dealership and the salesperson said his manager needed more than my father had offered, two hundred more than my father's offer. My father walked away disgusted. It was the only time in my life I heard my father utter to "F" word. A week later he went down the same street and bought a 1960 Chevrolet, two door, 6 cylinder for what he refused to pay for the Studebaker. I thought long and hard about that lark for years.

When I retired and had time for old cars my memories of that "failed purchase" came to mind and I searched for a 1960 Lark V8. I found one in Minnesota drove there and could not make a deal. On the way back I dropped into South Bend and spent part of a day visiting to the Studebaker Museum. I was now determined to buy a Studebaker.

Not realizing that the best resource was to join the SDC and local chapter, I took to eBay and located a 1955 President, 4 doors in Prescott Arizona. It had not sold on eBay, so I contacted the owner and asked what he wanted, realistically. I had always wanted to see the Grand Canyon and route 66 so a friend of mine and I did the trip together. Saw the car and after a few days made the deal. I was back in Studebakers again. I purchased two more after that but the closest I came to the 1960 Green Lark was a 1964 Green 4 door Commander with twin traction.

I am now back to owning just the 1955 President, it has served me well travelling to International and Regional meets in the USA.

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### **Wanted: Submissions for the Next Bullet-Tin**

- What is the story of your first Studebaker, where did it come from, dealer, picture etc. We want to know.
  - What's the story behind your restoration that you are involved in at this time? Send us your story and your pictures.
  - Studebaker Sightings: if in your travels, you see a Studebaker, parked, send the pictures and location to Sue Lusted, [lin93@sympatico.ca](mailto:lin93@sympatico.ca). Send us your pictures in jpg format.
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### **Vice President and Membership** Steve Porter, Vice President

Currently, we have more than 66 members. Yearly dues can be paid now or at our January meeting. Please mail payment to Steve Porter 430 Plains Rd. W. Burlington

On. L7T 1G9 Phone: 905-464-5726. Email Address: stephenjporter4@gmail.com. Membership to the SDC is a requirement for membership to our chapter. For membership only, it is \$12 in US funds. This is membership only and no magazine. **Applications for both our chapter and the Studebaker Drivers Club can be found at this link. [Membership Information \(thehamiltonchaptersdc.ca\)](http://thehamiltonchaptersdc.ca)**

**Sightings:**

Here is a picture of a Studebaker pickup seen on the Beach Strip in Hamilton. Very nice!



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*Find out on Sunday just what and where this is happening. This is the Worrón's gorgeous 1927 Studebaker*

## **The Worrón's 1927 Goes For a Photo Shoot.**

In mid-October an advertising agency contacted the Studebaker Hamilton Chapter. They were looking for a 20's or 30's Studebaker. It was to be a photo shoot for Canadian Club, a launching of their 44-year-old whiskey. Susan Lusted replied with a photo and contact info for our car. They liked the car. On November 10/21, we took our old gal Studebaker to Evergreen Brickyard in Toronto. Photo shoot lasted about 4 hours. The photographer was amazing. They had 2 male models and a young female in period clothing. Each model held the bottle in various poses around the car. One nice photo was taken at the front of the car with the whiskey bottle on the cross bar for the headlights. This showed off the bottle and the Studebaker crest with made in Canada on it. Also, the Atlanta radiator ornament stood out amazing. We got to watch everything that was going on and took some of our own photos. In approximately 3 weeks they will send us a link to the photos selected. Sounds like this advertising will be on social media only. In getting paid, we also got a bottle of this special new release whiskey. It was a great day weather wise and the whole experience.

Peter Worrón

## **Contributors to this issue**

Bob Barrick, Roger Hill, Cliff Tattersall, Roly Lusted, Peter Downey, Steve Porter, Peter Yuen. Remember that we are always looking for pictures and articles.

### **Classifieds:**

Currently, our members have listed a number of automotive related items for sale. These can be seen [Classifieds-Nov-Dec- 2021.pdf \(thehamiltonchaptersdc.ca\)](#). This list is updated monthly. Items that you wish to list can be sent to Peter Downey, email: [PresidentHamiltonSDC@gmail.com](mailto:PresidentHamiltonSDC@gmail.com)