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HOODS UP! at the Niagara College Car Show in July 2026
with a great club turnout - featured in this issue

Letter from the President

by PETER DOWNEY



Welcome to our fresh look Newsletter, as Jomar Quilatan takes over as our Editor. Thanks to Susan Lusted for her efforts in the past several years as editor of what has been a regular Award-Winning publication.

Summer is now in our rear-view mirrors as we get ready for those last few fun cruises before our Studebakers are put under wraps for the winter. There is still the event in Ruthven on Thanksgiving Monday and there may be a few holdout cruise nights around until it gets too dark and cold.

Joan and I had a few "adventures in Studebakers" this season. On the way home from the Fish Fry, we ran out of fuel and were stranded on the Linc. Thankfully, Eric Harnett spotted the car, called us, and returned with fuel. The moral: **FIX THE GAS GAUGE!** Four days later, we joined a float in the Dundas Cactus Parade with the '49 pickup. At the Dundas Driving Park staging area, the truck sputtered and the starter drive failed when it was time to start the vehicles. Joyce and Aaron towed us home under cover of darkness with their Jeep. Fortunately, the '50 Champion was trouble-free all year and attended the September 5th BBQ.

Jomar and Aaron presented to the International Meet, on Studebaker in Canada and specifically Hamilton, and highlighted our Club. From all accounts the presentation went very well. Hopefully, we will be able to see it at our Christmas party in November.

As a reminder we are looking for nominations for the Roland Lusted Award which can be sent to myself or Dennis Kennedy. The Award will be presented at the Christmas Party.

Mark your Calendars, Next Meeting is October back at the Canadian Warplane Museum, and the Holiday Party is November 29th.

Enjoy the last few weeks of cruising.

Peter Downey
President

MEMBERSHIP

by SUSAN LUSTED



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

Currently, we have 2 memberships marked as inactive, 3 Honorary members.

Our chapter membership fee 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 Aaron McAlonan, our newest member, from Hamilton, ON.

Applications for both our chapter and the Studebaker Drivers Club can be found below and on page 16, respectively, of this newsletter for the SDC. It would be good for members to carry a membership application that they could give out at a meet, especially if they meet a Studebaker owner who is not a member of our chapter.

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 member ship secretary at this address:

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New _____ Renewal _____ Date _____
National SDC Number _____

Please list your Studebakers below, if applicable
Year _____ Model _____ Body Type _____
Year _____ Model _____ Body Type _____

TREASURER'S REPORT

AUG. 2026

Aug-16-26	Cheque #1095	98.31	-	5355.50	Peter Downey - bins for archives
Aug-16-26	Cheque #1096	200.00	-	5155.50	John Sawyers, meals and tip
Aug-28-26	Deposit	-	120.00	5275.50	Membership - Mike Sawyers / Raffle Beer Bucket
Aug-28-26	Cheque #1097	93.08	-	5182.42	Payment for 100 new cheques - Susan Lusted
Aug-28-26	Cheque #1098	27.50	-	5154.92	Payment for Domain Renewal - Susan Lusted
Aug-31-26	Bank Fee	4.00	-	5150.92	
Aug-31-26	Bank Fee	-	4.00	5154.92	
		426.89	124.00	5154.92	Month End Balance

SOCIAL MEDIA

Social media for our chapter is our website, our Facebook page and our YouTube channel. 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. It does contain pictures of the members' cars. If yours is not there, please submit a picture in jpg format and we will add it.

The Award-winning Hamilton Chapter SDC newsletter, "The Bullet-Tin", is published bi-monthly to inform and serve its members. Permission is give to reprint atrticles from this newsletter as long as credit is given to the author and the Bullet-Tin.

SUBMISSION DEADLINES & Date to E-mail Newsletter (upcoming in red)

Jan/Feb	Jan 25	Feb 1	Jul/Aug	Jul 31	Aug 6
Mar/Apr	Mar 31	Apr 10	Sep/Oct	Sep 25	Oct 1
May/Jun	May 29	Jun 6	Nov/Dec	Nov 25	Dec 1

NOTE: when submitting an article, please use Word or RTF. Pictures should be in either PDF or JPEG format.

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REPRESENTING HAMILTON

*Studebakers at the
Niagara College
Community Car Show,
Welland, ON*

WE HAD a great turnout for member cars (and fellow Studebaker friends) join us on July 4, 2026, for our second visit to the annual Car Show held at Niagara College's Welland campus. The weather certainly threatened for rainy conditions, which impacted what could have been a busy turnout for show cars, but that didn't stop most chapter members and guests from representing the marque, commemorating 60 years since the closure of the Hamilton plant. In fact, it may have made the Studebaker section stand out a bit this year! →



Club members Aaron Dorsch and Jomar Quilatan provided photo and video coverage of the Studebakers in attendance, with the help of recording equipment and a drone (which produced the image shown above, and all the aerial shots from the event!). A big thank you goes out to all of you who lent yourselves to the recordings of your cars and your stories with them. The resulting video has been released commemorating not only the event this year, but also the 60th year of remembrance.

Quite a few winners came from our section - especially Peter Worrone, who placed in his class. Congratulations to all who received prizes! →





Two of the three Hawks in attendance: Sandro & Shelley Paulozza's 56 Power Hawk (left), Pat Kirby's 1964 Super Hawk (right)

The Eastons' (Bob & Joanne) 1963 Avanti (left) and 1960 Lark VIII convertible (right)



Aaron Dorsch's 1964 Daytona Hardtop (left) & Peter Downey's 1950 Champion (right)

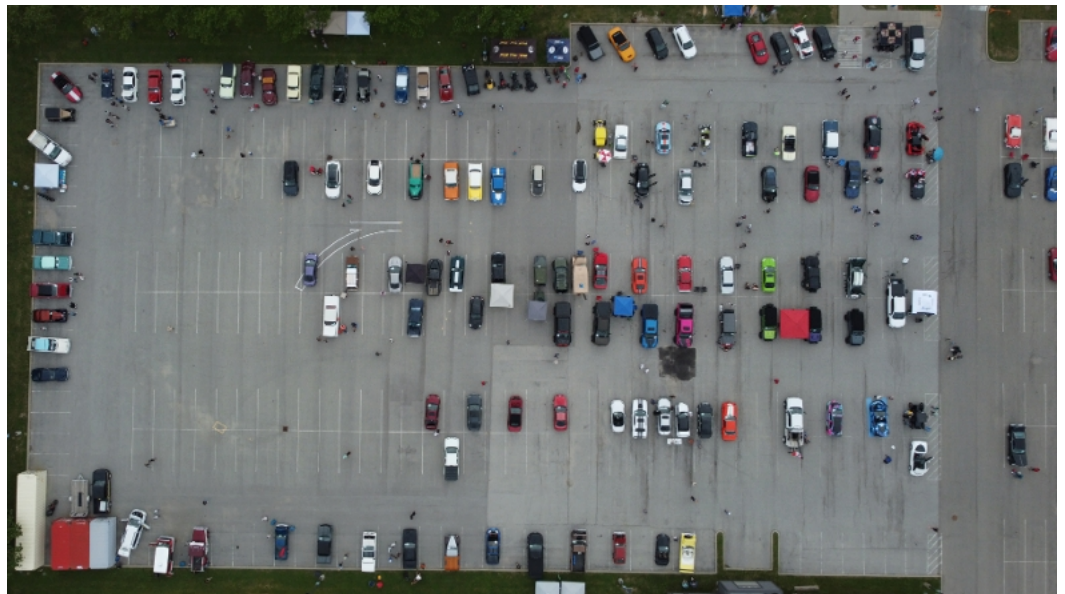


From left to right: Bob Barrick's 1951 Commander, Dennis Kenedy's 1963 GT Hawk, Peter Worron's 1927 Commander Coupe



◀ Engine bays of Jim Cumisky's 1957 Halfton (left) and Steve Porter's 1960 Champ Pickup (right)

►
Guess which part of the event lot featured all the Studebakers?
(Hint: it's got a lot of tents - shoutout to them for keeping us all dry during the brief misty rain)



Jomar Quilatan in action with the videography for the commemoration video, now on the chapter's YouTube.

Peter Worron showing off his "Best Engine" award along with his winning car! Congratulations to the draw winners as well!





all eyes (headlights) on...
**HOMETOWN
 HAPPENINGS**



Studebakers at the Hamilton Museum of Steam & Technology,



ALL THROUGHOUT the spring and summer months, the Hamilton Museum of Steam and Technology hosted Live Steamers every two weeks--opportunities for free rides on some family-friendly locomotives. On this particular day in July, our club was invited to display some club cars as a nod to the history of

Studebaker in Hamilton. As the lone brand of cars present, visitors were treated to the many "flavours" present of our proud make: everything from Larks to bullet-noses to pickup trucks...and the famed police cruiser! About 12 member vehicles were in attendance on this last weekend of July.



July 26...joining a summer edition of the Museum's "Train Days"



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Reading the Date Codes on Tires



The law requires the manufacturer to show when the tire was made. Don't know when that became effective. Since 2000 on the sidewall (usually back side) near the rim you should find the letters DOT followed by a series of letters & numbers. It is the last four numbers you want. First two will be the week of the year and the last two will be the year the tire was made. Example, 1218 would translate to the 12th week and 18 would be the year. That would make it the 12th week of 2018.

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odds 'n' ends

a column by PETE YUEN

STUDE STARTING PROBLEMS

YOU SAY THAT your car won't start. Do you mean it won't start or it won't crank? If it won't crank, it sure won't start. It might crank but still will not start.

Before you start checking things, you need to decide what the problem is. If you turn at the key to start and don't hear the engine cranking, you have a cranking problem. If you turn the key to the start position and you hear the engine cranking but it won't start, you have a starting problem.

Let's tackle the cranking problem. Turning on the headlights to see if they work is typically a waste of time. It takes very little to make the headlights work. It takes lots of amps to crank the engine. More electrical problems are caused by loose or dirty connections at the battery than any other cause. Check to see if they are tight. If they seem tight, they probably still need to be removed and cleaned.

Remove the ground cable first. The ground cable used on 12-volt Studebakers, it is connected to the negative side of the battery.

Next, remove the positive cable. Never disconnect the positive cable first unless you are working on a 6-volt Studebaker with positive ground.

Clean the posts with a wire brush or with an inexpensive battery post cleaning tool. Clean the inside of the battery post cables with the same tool.

Coat the battery posts with Vaseline or grease and re-install the cables. Make sure that you install the positive cable first.

Still won't crank? Maybe the battery is dead. Loose or dirty connections at the battery or elsewhere will have kept the charging system from being able to charge the battery.

Remove the caps from the top of the battery and look into it. There should be enough acid to cover the tops of the leadplates in each cell. If you can see the top plates in any of the cells, that cell is probably bad.

Add enough distilled water to each cell to ensure that the lead plates are covered. Don't use tap water. There are contaminants in tap water which will shorten the battery's life. A gallon lot distilled water costs a little over a dollar.

Next, hook up the battery charger, connect the positive lead first and then the negative lead. If the charger shows a high charging rate, the battery is probably low. Hopefully, the engine will crank after the battery has been re-charged. The charger will show a low charge or no charge after it has successfully re-charged the battery.





If the charger fails to initially show a charge or if it continues to show a high charge, the battery is probably no good. An inexpensive hydrometer battery tester can be picked up at auto parts stores. These testers measure the specific gravity of the acid solution. They give you an idea of the battery condition by how many balls float when the hydrometer is filled with acid. If you can't get the battery to take a charge, take it to an auto parts store where you can get it tested at no charge.

If you have eliminated the battery and its connections as a problem and still can't get the engine to crank, you need to do some more troubleshooting. The positive battery cable runs to one side of the starter solenoid.

Check to see that the connection at the solenoid is tight.

Check to see if the connection on the other side of the solenoid is tight. The cable on the other side of the solenoid goes to the starter. While you are checking the connection to the starter, check to see that the two bolts holding the starter to the engine are tight...Hopefully you can get it to crank now.

Thanks to "The Wrench" and the Washington Dictator, Tacoma Area Chapter Newsletter.

MASTER CYLINDER FOR BRAKES

IT WOULD SEEM THAT not all master cylinders that fit the mounting holes on Studebaker are the same. While they may fit, they can have different reactions. A case in point is when a person installs a new master cylinder on their Studebaker, bleed all of the wheel cylinders and then takes it for a drive to see how the braking system works. At first, everything seems fine. He drives for mile or so and then notices a drag on the brakes of the rear wheels. He wonders, what is wrong, everything was put back the way it was before the new master cylinder was installed.

As the car is driven more, the drag on the brakes seems to increase to a point where it is a near lock-up. In a sense, the braking system is relatively simple but why is it not working properly?

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If the tire was made prior to 2000, it will be the last three numbers you want. Example, 329 would mean the 32nd week of 1999 or 1989 or maybe even 1979. If no DOT number is shown it most likely means the tire is REALLY old and the tire maybe should be bought and displayed as an "antique".

IMAGE NOTES

FRONT PHOTO

Club member Aaron Dorsch discovered this cool angle of all the hoods popped open that, when tilted, gave a very interesting result. I then did the same on my film camera and certainly am pleased with the outcome.

EDITOR PHOTO (LAST PAGE)

My first car show as a participant! This was at the Dixie Mall show on Saturday evenings. Right from the moment I entered the gates, one of the co-organizers came up to me and started chatting about how impressed he was with the condition of my 1964 Daytona. It was inspiring to meet a Studebaker enthusiast "in hiding" - he was hoping to get his 1964 Cruiser out one day!

- Jomar Quilatan

Celebrate!

anniversaries - sep / oct

Gary Brucceleri & Linda Heller
Steve & Kathy Porter
Paul & Lorraine Cronkwright

birthdays - september

John Ernst
Roseina McEown

birthdays - october

Bill Harris
Jomar Quilatan
Kathy Porter
Gary Brucceleri
Robin Naisbitt
Barry Leppan
Kirby Oglesby

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Since there is a drastic drag problem on the braking system, the car is left sitting for a while. In time, the braking system seems to re-set itself and the car can be driven again. Bewilderment sets in, - -how, why?

The answer may be relatively simple, the new master cylinder may need to have a bit more "free travel" on the pedal so all of the brake fluid that was pushed into the wheel cylinders can return to the reservoir when the brakes are not applied.

Even though the braking system is not really complicated, I only have an idea as to what happens when the brake fluid cannot fully return to the reservoir after the brake pedal is released and the following braking drag/lock-up.

My thoughts are that the brake fluid in the wheel cylinders got locked in, the brake shoes drag on the drums and the heat resulting from this causes heat expansion of the fluid in the wheel cylinders. This has the same effect as applying the brakes and it only takes a simple adjustment to give the brake pedal more free play.

If anyone wants to tell me that I am wrong, please let me know what your solution would be.

Thank You,

Pete Yuen
tuumest@shaw.ca

Pete,

Regarding the master cylinder brake issues, I have had two that I recall were doing the dragging brakes and seizing when warm/hot. It was a badly adjusted push rod into the master cylinder. Adjusting the rod was the cure for those two instances.

Brian Curtis





MORE THAN JUST A STUDEBAKER

WHEN I brought home my 1964 Studebaker Daytona, I wasn't just adding another classic car to my garage. I was honoring my father's memory. My dad owned a 1964 Rambler when I was growing up. Like many of us, some of my best memories weren't about where we were going, but about the time we spent together. After he passed away, I had the opportunity to own his Rambler, and I treasured that connection to him. Although I no longer have the car, the memories I made with it and the memories it carried from my father have never left me.

Years later, when I found my 1964 Studebaker Daytona, I felt an immediate connection. It's a different make, but it's from the same era, and it brings back the same feelings of pride, craftsmanship, and simpler times. Every drive reminds me of my father and the love of automobiles that he unknowingly passed on to me. Joining the Studebaker Drivers Club has shown me that I'm not alone. Our cars are more than transportation or collector's items, they're pieces of our stories. As I turn the key in the years to come, I'll be thinking of my dad, grateful for this car and for the club that brings us all together.

AARON McALONAN



"Spotlight" is a per-issue feature for member cars, whether to introduce for the first time, provide updates on an exciting project or tedious repair, or anything in between! Members will be invited to contribute as future issues are prepared.

If you are interested in featuring your car "in priority", send your car photo(s) and write-up to the editor's e-mail: jomarquilatan@gmail.com.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Upcoming Regular Chapter Meetings

October 18, Warplane Heritage Museum

November 15, Warplane Heritage Museum

NO DECEMBER MEETING

Meeting is at 10 a.m. at the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum in Mount Hope. 9280 Airport Rd. Join us for brunch after the meeting. Website: www.thehamiltonchaptersdc.ca. Crossroads Zone. Contact: Peter, 905-869-2141 or email: PresidentHamiltonSDC@gmail.com. Website: www.thehamiltonchaptersdc.ca. Crossroads Zone.

Other Events

ONTARIO, 29th, Hamilton, the Hamilton Chapter will host its Christmas Party at the King's Forest Golf & Country Club. Arrive at 1 p.m. Eat at 2 p.m. approximately. Full turkey dinner, cost TBD. Silent Auction, a slide show of our events, Donations to Hamilton Food Share using a linked QR code. Join us for lots of fun, great food and camaraderie.

Contact: Peter Downey 905-869-2141, email: PresidentHamiltonsdc@gmail.com. Website: www.thehamiltonchaptersdc.ca. Crossroads Zone. qq

ONTARIO, 17th, Winona, Hamilton Chapter SDC to meet at St. John's Church at the corner of Hwy. 8 & Winona Rd., for a meeting at 1 p.m., potluck at 4 p.m. Cards & games at 2 p.m. Creative activity TBD.

Contact: Sue, hamiltonsdctreasurer@gmail.com or 905-945-0027. Website: www.thehamiltonchaptersdc.ca. Crossroads Zone. qq

WORD SEARCH

SOLUTION IN NEXT ISSUE

BONUS: A favourite day, in our eyes

Ball joint

Bearing

Crankshaft

Engine bay

Fender

Gasket

Ignition

Leaf spring

Manifold

Pulley

Quarter panel

Radiator

Starter

Suspension

Tie rod



Find all the words listed above hidden in the grid, which may be forward, backwards, up, down, or diagonal in orientation. The remaining letters, in order from left to right, top to bottom, will spell out a Bonus phrase related to the clue shown above the puzzle.

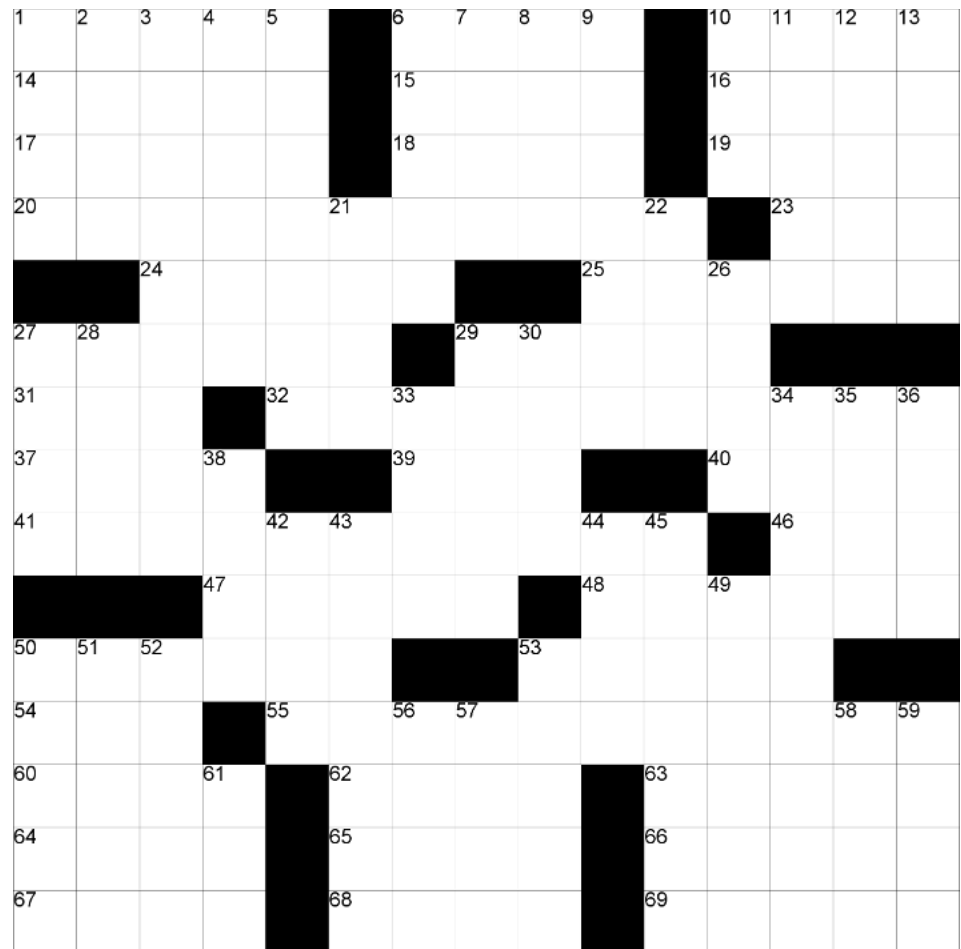


CROSSWORD

SOLUTION IN NEXT ISSUE

ACROSS

1. Lay down a good time on a guitar
6. "This _____ has sailed"
10. The basics, informally
14. Pet _____
15. Online shopping site for virtually anything
16. Area, when referring to land
17. Simmers down
18. Bible book
19. Mystic energy
20. *** Last name of a longtime Hamilton club member...and recently an award winner!
23. Type of doll
24. Absolute
25. Add another letter and it's an AMC model line
27. The little pointer thing
29. Took oath
31. Evil figures in Tolkien's "Lord of the Rings"
32. *** Owns more than one Studebaker
37. Songs of glory
39. Jewellery line Alex & _____
40. Bristly organ on an animal or plant
41. *** Owns an Avanti
46. It seals holes
47. "Pardon me", slangily
48. Bunches of an Asian pepper plant
50. Marilyn of metal
53. Latin for fire, and was once even a Suzuki model line
54. Wedding affirmation (2 wds.)
55. *** Owns a Daytona
60. Chevy model line
62. He has an award named after him, but we mostly know him by this shorter name
63. To silence, in Montréal
64. Barrymore or Carey
65. Ratio for company's financial stability or risk (abbr.)
66. It's on a computer keyboard
67. To do this often means making money
68. Classics IV singer who died in a place called Hamilton



69. Those (not so nice) things in your eyes

DOWN

1. Hamilton paper, informally
2. Used twice to express strong agreement
3. Supplementary materials
4. Things that take place
5. It exists physically and digitally
6. One of the Beatles
7. Engine configuration first associated with Chrysler
8. Feminine Celtic name, minus the "n"?
9. Part of an engine
10. Citation style
11. Often referring to a small piece of text
12. It was a Studebaker colour of two different kinds in 1953 and 1959
13. "The _____ is set!"
21. "Now _____ talking!"
22. Flavour of bubble tea
26. Row housing style
27. Pigeon sounds

28. South Asian language
29. Rhymes with fractional dollars
30. Order from court
33. Greek letters
34. Requirement
35. And others (of a specific group)
36. Talks a lot
38. A cheeky kind of attitude or flair
42. Abbr. for Canada Post's Mover Data Service
43. Former moon-based subscription service
44. Some strings on a guitar, although in no particular order
45. Signifies
49. Tie rod, as seen in Québec
50. Rock band Simple _____
51. Be enamoured with, to an extent
52. New
53. Hang tight: "The results aren't _____" (2 wds.)
56. Plumbing company _____-Rooter
57. Informal name for a car make
58. One of the Canadian Indigenous communities
59. His & _____
61. Hole-making tool

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Membership in Canada

Regular Members w/periodicals:			
☐ New Members 1st year only	\$55	na	na
☐ Regular Member renewal w/periodical class mail.....	\$63	\$183	\$305
☐ Regular Member renewal w/1st class mail	\$76	\$222	\$370

Overseas Membership

Overseas Members w/periodicals:			
☐ New Members 1st year only	\$55	na	na
☐ Overseas Member renewal w/periodical class mail..	\$63	\$183	\$305
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Worldwide

☐ SDC Membership & Digital <i>Turning Wheels</i>	\$29	\$87	\$145
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Other SDC Items

☐ Donation to SDC Museum Fund	\$
☐ Donation to SDC Restoration Fund.....	\$
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TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____ \$

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The Studebaker Drivers Club, Inc.

P.O. Box 1715, Maple Grove MN 55311-6715

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or

Fax 763-420-7849 or Email: sdc@

cornerstonereg.com for information. Or visit:

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Call or write with change of address.

- **DO NOT** send ads with your membership;
- **ALL** members of local SDC chapters must also be national SDC members.

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Phone _____ Birth date: _____

E-mail: _____

☐ VISA	Card # _____
☐ MasterCard	Expiration _____
☐ Discover	Signature _____

If new member, source of referral: _____

If renewal, month due: _____

Member # _____

- Please list your Studebakers, including year, model, body style, serial numbers, on a separate page.



AS WE COME to the close of this issue of the Bullet-Tin, you may have noticed that it is in a slightly different layout compared to previous releases. It is with great excitement (and a bit of nervousness) to announce that this is the first issue of my undertaking, which I hope you have enjoyed. I have always admired the polished yet nostalgic look of publications from the 1950s and 1960s, and found it so fitting that, for a gem of a manufacturer Studebaker was (and could have been), a period-inspired design would complement it.

I express, once again, my thanks to Sue Lusted for her many years of editorship of this Bullet-Tin, and for the honour to do my best to let the Studebaker legacy live on in our Hamilton chapter, one issue at a time. And to you: I surely will keep my eyes and ears peeled for any stories, photos or content you may wish to share in future issues.

Consider my forthcoming issues of the newsletter
“different...by design.”

Your Studebaker friend, as ever,

Jomar (Joshua Martin) Quilatan
Newsletter Editor