



## HAMILTON CHAPTER STUDEBAKER DRIVERS CLUB

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### Hamilton Chapter, Studebaker Drivers Club Minutes of monthly meeting, February 22nd 2026, Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum

PRESIDENT Peter called the meeting to order at 10:05. Admittedly, we didn't have a quorum. I didn't count, but attendance was under 15 (and under 25% of membership) for sure!

The causes were the wintery weather in some areas, some snowbirds flocking off 'cause this winter SUCKS, but mostly because of the Olympic men's hockey final game - against the USA - which was being played and broadcast concurrently. Poor Doug Summerville only got \$20.00 as his share of the 50/50 draw, not even covering his gas to attend (4X4 Ram with a Hemi) !

SECRETARY Dennis was MIA (short term snowbirding) so Roger filled in. No one had a copy of the last minutes, so they could not be read. Oops.

SUE took care of the membership, treasurer, newsletter and social media reports!.

First: FINANCIAL. The opening bank balance for January was \$4,773.99. Then \$654.73 was added thru the month via memberships, Sandra's sale of craft work at our January cards-and-potluck supper party (much appreciated!), and 50/50 draw proceeds. The only debit was the \$4.00 monthly greedy bank fee. The closing balance was \$5,424.74. We're healthy!

Second: NEWSLETTER. Sue is retiring from the newsletter editorship - and passing the torch... er, keyboard... to Jomar (Josh) Quilatan, Jomar, you may remember, produced the fine video interview I hope you've seen of Lou Sanders and wife Patricia telling stories about Lou's days at Studebaker. Thank you, Jomar for taking this on. And THANK YOU Sue for being our editor - for quite a few years! You were very successful, and won well-deserved SDC recognition, too!

Because the print copy of Turning Wheels will be late for March, Sue will ensure we can access the digital copy on time at the first of the month.

Third: MEMBERSHIP. There are 3 members who are currently not SDC members, as required in all SDC chapter by-laws. Sue is in contact and making the case for joining the rest of us. Sue emailed all of us an updated Hamilton

Chapter Roster just recently. The Iroquois Chapter in Buffalo has disbanded and we may pick up a few memberships from them. However, it costs us \$5.19 in postage to send one hardcopy of our newsletter to the USA. We may have to increase the "tariff" on foreign memberships!

Fourth: SOCIAL MEDIA. Sue has had complaints that people cannot get on our Hamilton Chapter website. If you're having trouble, give her a call or email. We have concluded that the problem is our website won't work with an Iphone. Sue is working on the update for it.

OLD BIZZ:

Events - BADENOCH (just south of Guelph) joint annual swap meet sponsored by the Ontario and Hamilton chapters. Saturday May 2nd, 9 am to 3pm(ish). This is a wonderful first outdoor event of the year, and if the weather is good, we see lots of Studes and old friends! Food available. Need a table? Phone Paul Revell 905-587-0181 or [paulrevell01@gmail.com](mailto:paulrevell01@gmail.com).

SOUTH BEND spring Swap Meet at St. Joseph County Fairgrounds. June 5th and 6th.

NIAGARA COLLEGE Car Show, Welland, ON. TBA , but likely the first weekend of July? This is a bigger event for our chapter and is put on by the college. Hope we have a good turn-out and good weather. Details to come shortly. Or contact Bob and Joanne Easton.

NEW BIZZ: We are sad to tell you here that our good member Jim Anderson passed away this month. Our most sincere condolences to Barb and the family. Jim and Barb were present at many of our events and were delightful to know. Jim and Roly Lusted were long-time friends - like 60 years! There is no memorial service - Jim's wishes. We hope that we will see Barb as she goes on her new journey- she will be among friends. The chapter has sent a card of sympathy to the family.

President Peter attended the Toronto International Auto Show this month - sporting his Studebaker jacket! He says he was stopped 4 times (!) by people wanting to know if he actually owned a Stude! Wow - a very good response (well, Peter is a friendly guy!). Maybe we should have a couple of Studebakers on display next year?

On the occasion of 60 years since the Hamilton plant closed, we have been asked to send a video about us and the plant down to the International Meet in Waxahachie Texas this September!

Adjourned Motion by Sue, seconded by Pam

Next Meeting: March 22nd.. Location TBA.