

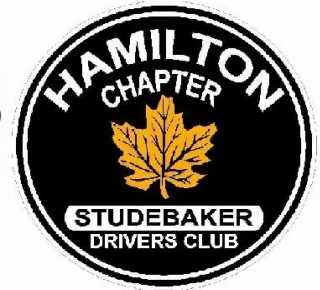


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This is a picture of the last Studebaker produced at the Hamilton Factory on March 17 1966. It is currently in the Studebaker National Museum in South Bend In. and is sponsored by our chapter.

First Off the Line Aug. 18th, 1948



Arthur Eggert, then a 39 year employee, cuts the ribbon as the first car, a champion 4 door sedan, comes off the line on August 18, 1948. These models were built from 1947 to 1949 and included two door coupes, 4 door sedans and convertibles.

Photo courtesy of Gloria Stowe pictured on the left of this picture holding the ribbon. She is wearing a dress that she made the night before the ceremony for the first car off the line.



This is the first car off the line and is pictured in a dealership in Dundas owned by member James Parkhill's grandfather.

The name of the dealership is :
Dundas Home & Auto Supply

Letter from the President

Hello friends.



Spring at last, and we have had as usual it seems a mix of all 4 seasons so far this spring! However, the Studebakers are making their appearance from their long winter's hibernation, and

they all look ready for the road.

Again, this year our Club will support financially the annual Badenoch Swap meets to be held May 2nd. let's hope for good weather and a few Studebakers to make an appearance.

Our next meeting on May 31st will be the last one at the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum until the next scheduled meeting there in October. This will also be our annual (sort of) auction, which usually has lots of treasures and a few surprises to be had.

We have the Niagara College car show coming up July 4th, and we are hoping for a good turnout to commemorate the 60th anniversary of end of Studebaker vehicle production. Registration is now open, and we will have flyers available soon to distribute and display.

We are also putting together some information and articles and pictures to send to the international meet s in Texas showing the Studebaker operations in Hamilton and some articles to tell the story. We have lots of items in the historical archives to be able to make a good presentation.

In July we are planning to join one of the Train Days at the Hamilton Museum of Steam and Technology. I am just waiting for confirmation of the date which will be either July 12th or July 26th. and in August, our annual fish fry will be held at R J's Eatery. John and Brenda always put on a great meal for our club.

As always keep the photos and articles coming in. We appreciate your input.

Finally, in case you missed it, our Editor Susan Lusted is beginning the transition to Jomar Quilitan who will be our new Editor in September. I want to sincerely thank Susan for her stewardship of our award-winning publication. We look forward to Jomar's ideas, to keep the tradition going.

Happy Studebakering!

Be safe.

Peter Downey

Membership



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

Currently, we have 5 memberships marked as inactive,

3 Honorary members. Our chapter membership is \$25. For membership in the SDC only, it is \$15 in US funds. This is membership only and no magazine.

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.

Susan Lusted, membership chair

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
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Treasurer's Report Sue Lusted

For members only, see your emailed version

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 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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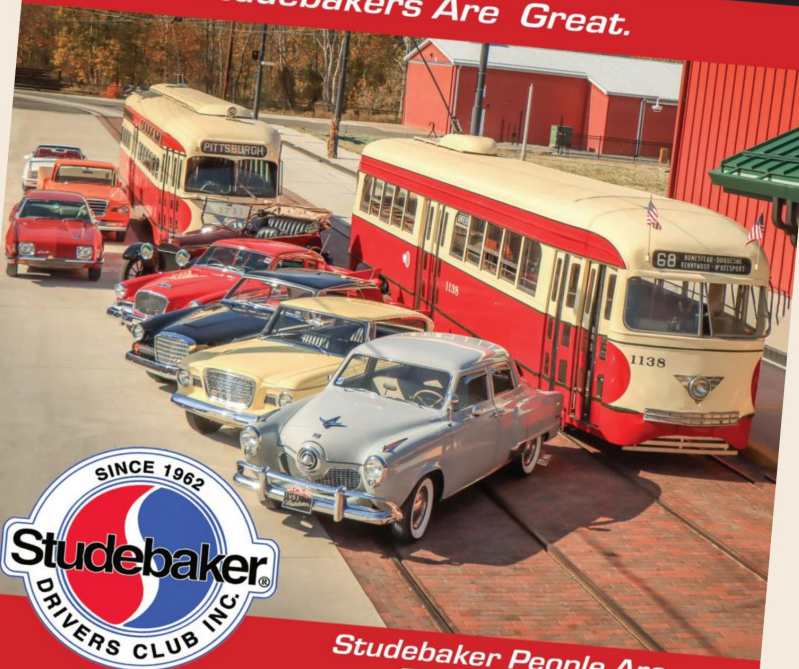
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Submission Deadlines & Date to Email Newsletter

Mar/Apr	Mar. 31st	April 10th
May/June	May 29th	June 6th
July/Aug.	July 31st	Aug. 6th
Sept/Oct	Sept. 25th	Oct. 1st
Nov/Dec.	Nov. 25th	Dec. 1st

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What is a Satellite Group?

A Satellite Group is a sub-group of a local chapter, encouraged to expand active membership within those chapters. Where clusters of SDC members are located in remote areas, or lack sufficient numbers to establish a chapter, a satellite group may be created within an existing Chapter. All members of the Satellite Group must be members of the SDC and the local sponsoring chapter and will be given all benefits associated with their membership.

Satellite Group Formed from a Dissolved Chapter

If an SDC Chapter dissolves operation and wishes to transition into a Satellite Group, members of the dissolved group shall join the established sponsor chapter.

The chapter officers from the dissolved chapter may transfer their existing funds to the Sponsor Chapter's treasurer if they desire. Thereafter all funds will be managed by the Sponsor Chapter.

A Satellite Group is NOT an independent entity; it is an extension of an existing Chapter and is thereby covered by the Chapter's bylaws.

The host Chapter will list all of the Satellite group's members on their member list.

Facilitator requirements:

1. Provide the Host Chapter with a list of all scheduled meetings or events. Any changes shall be communicated to the Newsletter Editor/Webmaster to be posted timely in the publication.
2. Provide the Newsletter Editor/Webmaster with a narrative and photos of each event to share with the entire Chapter.
3. A Satellite Group shall not conduct any business matters without the knowledge and consent of the Sponsoring Chapter's president and or board.
4. Any monetary funds raised at any event shall be submitted to the Sponsoring Chapter's Treasurer.

All chapter members are encouraged to attend any chapter meeting/event including those of the Satellite Group.

The Group Facilitator is an appointed position and can be given to any volunteer by the Chapter President. There are no time limits for serving and can only be removed for cause by the Chapter President or Zone Director.

The Satellite Group Project is an official part of the Studebaker Drivers Club, established Jan. 2026

The Benefits of Joining a Car Club

From Lancaster Insurance

1. Community and Camaraderie

One of the most significant benefits of joining a car club is the sense of community it provides. Clubs bring together people who share a common passion for vehicles, creating a supportive environment where members can share their experiences, knowledge, and enthusiasm. This camaraderie can lead to lasting friendships in a community where enthusiasts can connect and support each other.

2. Knowledge and Expertise

Car clubs are excellent sources of information and expertise. Members often include experienced mechanics, seasoned drivers, and car enthusiasts with a wealth of knowledge about various makes and models. Whether you're looking to learn more about car maintenance, performance enhancements, or restoration techniques, a car club is a treasure trove of valuable insights.

3. Access to Exclusive Events

Many car clubs organize exclusive events such as track days, car shows, and social gatherings. These events provide members with unique opportunities to showcase their vehicles, participate in friendly competitions, and enjoy the thrill of driving on a closed course. Members may be able to experience driving on iconic racetracks and participate in various social activities.

4. Discounts and Benefits

Membership in a car club often comes with a range of discounts and benefits. These can include reduced rates on insurance, parts, and accessories, as well as discounts on entry fees to car shows and events. Some clubs even have partnerships with local businesses, offering members exclusive deals on services such as detailing, repairs, and more.

5. Networking Opportunities

Car clubs provide excellent networking opportunities, both socially and professionally. Whether you're looking to make new friends with similar interests or seeking business connections in the automotive industry, car clubs offer a platform to meet like-minded individuals. This networking can be particularly beneficial for those working in or aspiring to enter the automotive field.

6. Support and Assistance

Being part of a car club means having access to a support network. If you encounter a problem with your vehicle, chances are someone in the club has experienced something similar and can offer advice or assistance. This support extends beyond just mechanical issues; members often help each other with sourcing rare parts, finding reliable service providers, and even providing moral support during challenging times.

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Many car clubs are dedicated to preserving the history and heritage of classic and vintage vehicles. By joining a club, you contribute to the preservation efforts, helping to keep these automotive treasures on the road for future generations to enjoy. Clubs often organize restoration projects, historical research, and educational initiatives to promote the appreciation of automotive history.


8. Fun and Recreation

Ultimately, car clubs are about having fun. Whether it's participating in a spirited drive, attending a car-themed social event, or simply enjoying the company of fellow enthusiasts, being part of a club adds an extra layer of enjoyment to your automotive passion. The joy of sharing your interests with others who appreciate cars as much as you do is a rewarding experience in itself.

So, what are you waiting for'?

Joining a car club offers a myriad of benefits that go beyond just owning and driving a car. From community and knowledge-sharing to exclusive events and discounts, the advantages are numerous and varied. Whether you're looking to enhance your driving skills, expand your network, or simply enjoy the camaraderie of fellow car lovers, a car club is an excellent way to enrich your automotive journey. So, if you haven't already, consider joining a car club and experience the full spectrum of benefits it has to offer.





FIRST STUDEBAKER PRODUCED 1948



PRODUCTION LINE CELEBRATION 1950

Peter Downey in memory of his father Jack Downey
Studebaker employee 1947-1966

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Beginning in the early 1950s, the harsh realities of the automobile industry played heavily upon Studebaker and the few other manufacturers left outside of General Motors, Ford, and Chrysler. After a long series of triumphs and difficulties, Studebaker successfully transformed into a diversified company with several profitable divisions. In late 1963 a momentous decision was made to close their main South Bend Indiana auto facility and the following three model years saw the Hamilton plant, now its last assembly factory, proudly producing Studebakers for the world.

Despite great local labour and management effort, the Corporation carried out its plan to end all automobile operations and the last Studebaker vehicle was produced here on March 17th, 1966.



LARKS ON PRODUCTION LINE 1959




LAST STUDEBAKER PRODUCED 1966

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Upper Mississippi Valley Zone Meet

ILLINOIS, July 30th 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. 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. Northeast Zone.

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