

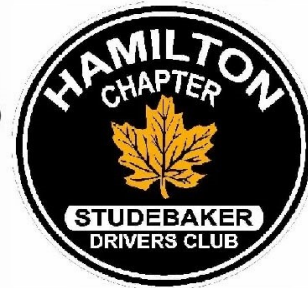


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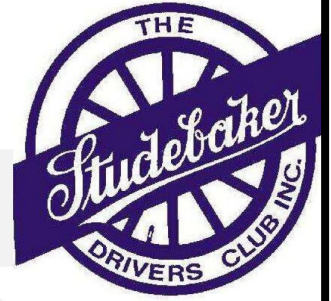
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In Remembrance of
Kevin Raymond Mullett

February 21, 1944 - May 9, 2026



I am saddened to report that Hamilton SDC member Kevin Mullett has passed away.

Kevin was a founding member of the Hamilton Chapter which began in 1988.

Kevin had been an SDC member since 1982.

He did love Studebakers and owned many.

**Respectfully,
 Susan Lusted**



*In
 Loving
 Memory*

Kevin & Della Mullett



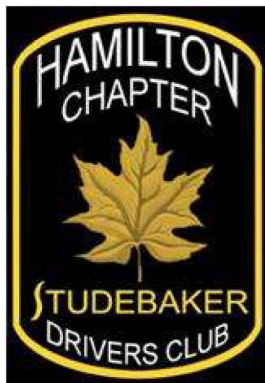
It is with heavy heart that I announce the passing of Kevin Mullett, peacefully on Saturday May 9, 2026 at the age of 82.

- ❖ Beloved husband of Della Mullett for 52 years.
- ❖ Loving father of Ryan Mullett, Sherri Young, and predeceased by daughter Sheline Mullett.
- ❖ Proud grandfather of Austin Southall, Jordon Southall, Brittany Provenzano, and Nolan Mullett.
- ❖ Great grandfather to Carter Provenzano.

Kevin was a proud and founding member of the *Studebaker Drivers Club Hamilton Chapter*.

He had a life long love of cars, and he also loved history.

He was happy to travel with his wife Della to some of his most treasured places while enjoying his many years of retirement in what most likely was his favorite Studebaker this 1951 Convertible.



Letter from the President



Hello friends,
We're heading into a full and exciting summer, with plenty of chances to get out, enjoy the season, and showcase our cars.

Our first major event is the Niagara College Car Show on July 4th, celebrating the 60th anniversary of the end of Studebaker vehicle production. We're gathering historical information, photos, and articles to share at the international meet in Texas, highlighting Studebaker's operations in Hamilton and telling the story of our local legacy. Thanks to the depth of our archives, we'll be able to put together a strong and meaningful presentation.

On July 26th, we'll be participating in Train Days at the Hamilton Museum of Steam and Technology. Then on August 16th, we'll enjoy our annual fish fry at RJ's Eatery—John and Brenda always treat us well, and the Club Executive has voted to subsidize the cost, so the price remains the same as last year. As well this meeting will be our first call for nominations for the upcoming year, for the Executive positions.

Looking ahead to September 5th, we'll gather for a BBQ in the park beside the former Studebaker factory. The organizing committee is eager to welcome as many Studebakers as possible for this special event.

And in case you missed the news, after nearly ten years as Editor, Susan Lusted will be passing the torch to Jomar Quilitan beginning with the September newsletter. On behalf of the Executive and all our members, I want to extend our sincere thanks to Susan for her outstanding stewardship of our award-winning publication. We're excited to see Jomar bring fresh ideas while continuing the tradition.

Happy Studebaking, and stay 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:

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Treasurer's Report Sue Lusted

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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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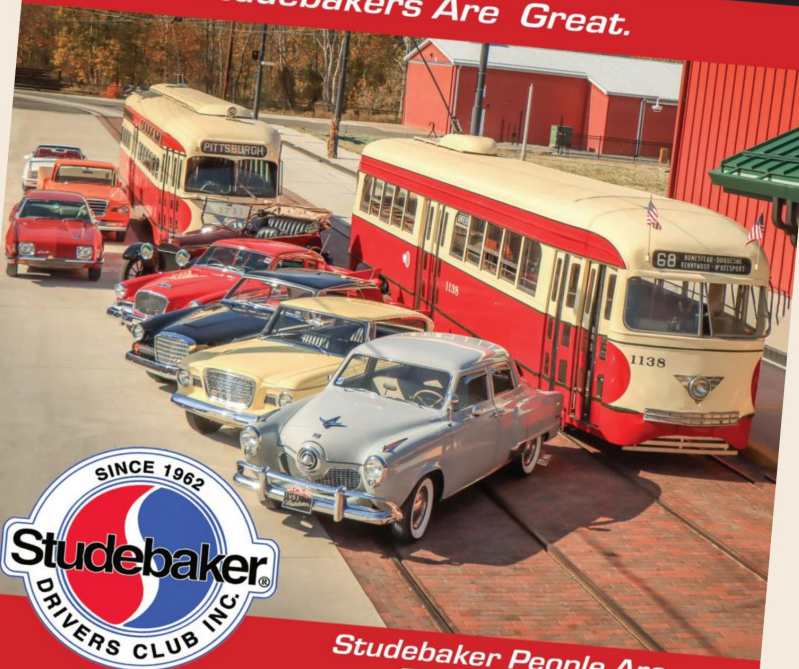
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Submission Deadlines & Date to Email Newsletter

Mar/Apr	Mar. 31st	April 10th
May/June	May 29th	June 6th
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The Granddaddy of the West Coast collector car hobby is still cruising at 98!

By Alyn Edwards

I went to a birthday party on April 9th. Pete Yuen had invited his family and car friends to a Langley restaurant to celebrate his special day. Most of the celebrants were members of the Coastal Chapter of the Studebaker Drivers Club. Pete has been a sparkplug in that club for more than half a century. He has organized club meetings, advised on restorations while doing many of his own and generally brought collector car enthusiasts together.

Pete was happily telling those helping him celebrate his birthday that he got his driver's license renewed. He had just turned 98.

The year 1928 means a lot to Pete Yuen. He was born in 1928, one of 10 children to parents who worked an 80-acre vegetable farm in Richmond, British Columbia. Back in the day, the area was called Lulu Island and the farm was located at the south end of the Knight Street Bridge, below what is now the eastern approach to Vancouver International Airport.

Pete was driving a 1928 International truck on the farm at age 14. He and his brothers would load the truck and haul peas, carrots, beets and Brussels sprouts to the vegetable wholesaler on Vancouver's East Georgia Street near the VIA Rail station. His first car as a teenager was a 1928 Hupmobile.

Always handy, Pete became a millwright and plied his mechanic trade keeping the equipment working in a sawmill.

Pete always loved cars. He was particularly impressed by the first Studebakers that rolled off the assembly line following WWII. Studebaker was the first automobile manufacturer to introduce a completely redesigned car after the war, at a time when the big three car companies were selling warmed over 1942 models.

In 1970, Pete bought a 1947 Studebaker two-door and restored it. He became a charter member of the Coastal BC chapter of the International Studebaker Drivers Club. He has been a kingpin in the club for more than half a century, going to Studebaker shows and conventions all over Canada and the United States.

Pete gave his 1947 Studebaker to his son, and then restored a 1962 Studebaker GT for his daughter, Sandy. To keep the legacy going, Pete bought a 1951 Studebaker Champion, famous for its bullet nose styling, to restore with his grandson Jonathan Wong. In working together to restore the car, Pete was able to pass his mechanical skills on to his grandson in the most practical way.

Pete's most interesting Studebaker restoration involved installing the front end from a 1953 Studebaker low boy on a 1962 Studebaker GT. "I found it would fit and it really worked out well," Pete recalls of the experience.

Then Pete bought the first of two Avanti II sports cars. The four-passenger fiberglass Avanti was introduced by Studebaker in 1963 as a very fast four-passenger sports car with a fiberglass body.

Unfortunately, the modern masterpiece came into showrooms too late to save

Studebaker. The company built only 3,834 examples for the 1963 model year and 809 Avanti cars in 1964, before the factory closed in December of that year.

After Studebaker stopped production, a series of ventures produced the Avanti II with mechanical components from General Motors. Pete wasn't happy with the steering in his 1984 Avanti II so he sold it and bought a 1988 model. It has all the creature comforts including power everything and air conditioning. He has driven his Avanti's to many car shows in Western Canada and the U.S.

Along the way, Pete learned that a widow in his South Vancouver neighborhood was selling two disassembled Ford Model T cars – a roadster and a coupe. Pete bought the cars and set out to build the 1927 Ford coupe into a reliable hot rod as a retirement project. The clever mechanic did almost all the work himself, including the installation of a Buick V6 engine and automatic transmission.

That car has been on the road for more than 30 years and Pete Yuen still drives it at 98 years of age.

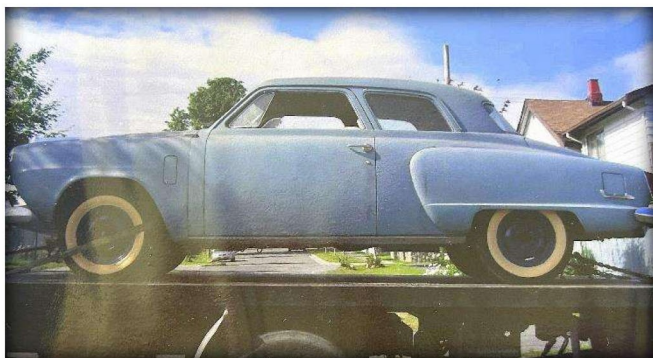
A veteran car show organizer and attendee, Pete is preparing his Avanti to go to a mid-May show in Bridal Falls, 90-minutes east of Vancouver. His co-pilot will be a lady friend and fellow Studebaker owner from California. "I may let her drive the Avanti to that show," Pete says with a smile.

Rather than offering secrets to a long life, the car enthusiast, now two years away from living a full century, says he has lived a simple life with these guidelines: *Be fair, be kind; be respectful; be willing to help others; sharing is caring; be a participant in club activities; if a person volunteers for a given task, the effort given must be that of a paid position; try to be a good role model; laughter, love and harmony in a family is important; a happy wife is a happy life.*

Alyn Edwards is a classic car enthusiast and a partner in a Vancouver-based public relations company. aedwards@peakco.com



More pictures of Pete's Studebaker interests...



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August 16th is the annual fish fry at Saywers, please RSVP to Peter or Sue by Aug 12th with your menu choices and that you will be attending. Menu: 1/2 lb perch or chicken dinner (includes fries, coleslaw, tartar sauce, bun) for \$22 per person. The horse trailer bar will be open for us as well.

August 30th: Wayne Hamilton advised that the Rodmasters Car Club will be celebrating their 70th anniversary with an open invitation for all to attend. The event will be held at Ruthven Park.

Sept 5th Rescheduled event for drive your Studebaker day, Mars ave & Wentworth St, Hamilton details to follow.

November 29th, annual Christmas party at Kings Forest Golf & Country Club, details to follow.

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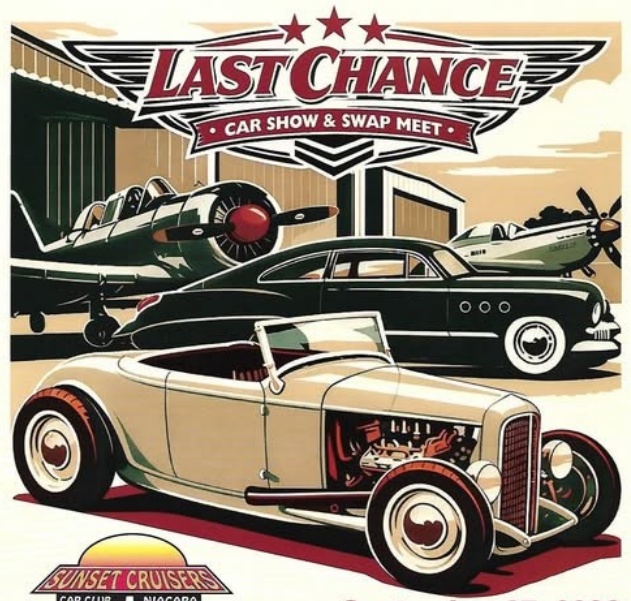
Margaret Ernst

Innis Parkhill

Doug Sommerville

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