



# *The Canadian Avanti*

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This newsletter dedicated in memory of our late friend Richard Griggs

## **President's Message**

Shorts, T Shirts and summer fun. A reminder of some of the great times I hope you have had over the past few months. There were many shows this past season and it seems each year there are new venues to enjoy and more opportunities to drive and display our Avantis and meet new friends. The highlight for us this year was the Fleetwood Country Cruizin at Steve Plunkett's home near London, Ontario where we were offered the front lawn for our display. More on that later. Likewise various events were well



attended in Burlington, Gravenhurst, Hamilton, Rosseau, Sudbury, Calgary and Vancouver. It always seems a state of denial sets in at this time of year when I know it is time to put it all away for the next 6 months...here in the East anyway, and keep waiting for that last really nice late fall day for the last ride. Hmmm, today we saw the first sign of that white stuff so I guess I've waited long enough. Oh well, at least I have my 2018 Calendar and the Avanti Magazine to keep the flame burning. As in the past, any of you who would like the 2018 calendar contact Dave Moxham at [davemoxham@live.com](mailto:davemoxham@live.com), send a cheque for \$15.00 which includes postage and he'll send it off asap. Great pics as always thanks to editor Lew Schucart. Also, please send us some photos and a short write up on your own activities over the year as we are always looking to showcase the cars and activities of our fellow Avanti owners. Likewise, I notice there are no Canadian Avantis in the 2018 calendar, so don't be shy about sending something in of your car for 2019. Lew is always looking for new cars to feature. So, wishing you all the best for the New Year and don't forget to check in on the CAO A website for all the latest.

Steve

## **Editor's Message**

I started the current CAO A newsletter earlier this week and reviewing eighty-plus unopened emails put a happy smile on my face seeing again all the wonderful people engaged with this amazing club, automobile, and manufacturer(s). I am truly grateful to reacquaint with old friends and meet new ones. May we frequently take a step back from the rigors of busy life and enjoy these refreshing moments!

This summer it was an honor to visit some of you in person! The first opportunity for meeting, my wife and I had an amazing time at the 2017 Pacific Can-Am meet in Calgary, Alberta. Too bad we couldn't have stayed longer than part of a day. Whereas others may have jokingly said too bad they didn't bring a Studebaker, lol! Thanks to CAO A member contributors there's more on the event to see in this newsletter. Additionally, many kudos to Kevin Fonseca of the Foothills Chapter of the SDC, Francis Prefontaine of the Edmonton Chapter of the SDC, and the many other volunteers who hosted the meet together. Great Job Well Done!!! There were eighty-seven registrants (many of whom were couples) and sixty-eight vehicles (excluding a Legend Lime Mustang GT Convertible), from Alberta, Saskatchewan, British Columbia, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, and California! And to each new Avanti attending the meet Pete

Yuen gave the owner an Avanti plaque that he personally made - thanks Pete it's a real privilege to receive one and meet your pleasurable acquaintance!

The second opportunity for me to meet folks in person was at the Pumpkin Festival in Smokey Lake, Alberta. Along with my wife the company was amazing again, whereas jokingly again where is his (my) Studebaker (?) lol. (Apparently no admiration for classic Jeeps either... lol.) My non-discriminating new friends the 2017 Great White North Pumpkin Weighs-Off result first place winners were, a 1,652 lbs. Pumpkin from Lloydminster Alberta, a 934.5 lbs. Squash from Airdrie Alberta, a 121.5 lbs. Field Pumpkin from Caslan Alberta, a 76.5 lbs. Watermelon from Lloydminster Alberta, and a 76.5 in. Long Gourd from Taber Alberta. Whereas the attending Studebakers (x2) and Avanti (x1) graciously forwent any awards.

This past summer my family and I also visited during a funtastic two-week southern Alberta camping trip the Remington Carriage Museum located in Cardston, Alberta. It has enough corralled wagons to entertain you and your family for several hours including a few Studebakers! The award-winning museum advertises it houses the largest collection of horse drawn vehicles in North America with over 300 carriages, buggies, wagons and sleighs. Additionally, a major feature of the museum's daily summer programs is their heard of Clydesdales, Quarter Horses, and Canadians. If you ever the chance to visit southwestern Alberta the museum is a must see! And I never thought of before how much excrement needed managing during those horse dependent times Ottawa still to this day lol! Joking aside Ottawa is a beautiful city and the birthplace of my lovingly wife☺



More screws loose than a Studebaker,  
Shawn Brockhoff

### **Canadian Avanti Owners Association, Chapter Officers and Support Personnel**



The Canadian Avanti Owners Association (CAOA) is a non-profit organization committed to preserving the history of the Avanti automobile. We currently have +45 members located in all provinces across Canada. We are a Chapter of the Avanti Owners Association International (<http://www.aoai.org/>). Our group strives to promote the research and study of the Avanti and the companies that have produced it over the years. We wish to share our knowledge with others and encourage the acquisition, preservation, restoration, and

maintenance of all Avantis produced by Studebaker and successor companies. Our Canadian Chapter also promotes fellowship and camaraderie by publishing a newsletter quarterly, participating in local CAOAs or Studebaker Drivers Club events and our general meetings held quarterly at various members' homes. Ownership of an Avanti (Studebaker or successor) is not required.

Should you have any questions please contact any of the following:

CAOA Chapter Officers or Support Personnel

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**2017 Chicago Muscle Car Show Featuring the Avanti is Only A Month Away** *from the AOAI*



The ninth annual Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals (MCACN) car show will be held on Saturday November 18th and Sunday November 19th at the Donald E. Stephens Center in Rosemont, IL. There will be a total of 18 Avantis and Studebakers at the show this year, the most cars we have shown thus far. We are certain this will attract even more media attention than last year. MCACN show manager Bob Ashton has been very excited and accommodating of our efforts and we want to thank him for his continued support.

The Avanti Owners Association will have a showing of a total of 11 Avantis at this year's show. An Avanti time line display has been established for this year's event consisting of the following 10 cars: Chuck Galauner will be showing his gold 1963, Frank Troost will be showing his turquoise 1964, Cindy Pepper will be bringing her white 1966, Paul Windish will be displaying his red 1976, Don Hart will be showing his black 20th anniversary 1983, next up will be a red 1988 convertible owned by Richard James, Jason Smith

will be bringing his black 1988 coupe, Max Starkey will be showing his red 1989 coupe, Dale Sexton is bringing his 1997 turquoise AVX 1 and rounding out the field will be Don Linder's yellow 2007 convertible.

The eleventh Avanti at the show will be Larry Gibson's 1973 turquoise Blake Prototype Tribute car, being displayed in the modified area of the show.

There will be several opportunities for group publicity photos on Saturday and we would also like to remind everyone that there is plenty to do for the wives/girlfriends during the show as well. A Saturday lunch and possible side trip to the nearby Chicago Outlet Mall are in the works.

Thanks to the owners for sharing these fine examples of Avantis. We are pleased with all the efforts Ed George and Rick Shafer have put into arranging for so many Avantis to participate in this year's show.

Ed and Rick will both be on site for the two days of move-ins as well as the two days of the show. If anyone needs more information or help during those 4 days, or any time before, feel free to contact them. Ed can be reached at 708-250-2213 and Rick can be reached at 630-272-6850.

We are looking forward to this event, please stop by and say hello.

For additional information the show website is: <http://www.mcacn.com/>

### **SDC Hamilton September meeting and BBQ** *by Steve Wohleber*

This year's SDC BBQ was hosted by Wayne Hamilton and Sharon Pierce at their lovely home near Mount Hope Ontario. Five Avantis in attendance and a really nice day with Paul's extra special corn roast. Avantis by Roly and Sue Lusted, Mark Ward, Bill Harris, Wayne Hamilton and Jim Anderson. A great way to tie up the season. Don't forget to consider the SDC Christmas dinner on Nov. 25th. Contact Sue Lusted for details.



## **IDYSD from Edmonton** *from Norman Searle*

I decided to be a lone wolf this year.

I first drove from my home town of Devon to almost downtown Edmonton to visit the Iron Indians Pontiac Club's "All Pontiac" car meet on Whyte Avenue. I have to say those Pontiac owners got quite a thrill to see a supercharged Studebaker park beside their mighty Pontiacs. I heard chat as I was leaving about "putting a Pontiac Logo" on my car somewhere...



Next I drove to St. Albert and attended the "Cars for Wishes" show-and-shine. This was an all makes car show but it seems I had the ONLY Studebaker there. I love chatting about my car and had a LOT of inquiries as to all the technical innovations Studebaker put into the 1963 Avanti.

I was glad I provided a Studebaker presence at both the shows and feel I may just have to lone wolf it at bit more during the summer car show season.

## **IDYSD** *from Pete Yuen*

I took the Avanti on the International Drive Your Studebaker Day from Vancouver to Powell River, B.C. a day earlier than the scheduled IDYSD due to what transpired last year. A 6 hour trip from home last year consumed 14 hours to reach Powell River due to RBC Grand Fondo Bike Rally. The reason why is another story in itself but I will not go into detail now.

This time, the total time from when I leave the house until I arrive at Powell River is about 6 hours. The trip is on the B.C. Mainland, along the Sunshine Coast Highway. On the way, there are 2 ferries which uses about 2 hours of travelling time in total. The Sunshine Coast Highway is a series of bends. On the average, I think there is a bend on the highway about every 3 blocks. There are many "S" curves and some hairpin turns



to boot. There were a few straight sections, perhaps 3 or 4 of about a mile and a half with speed limit of 80kms.

More than a dozen people drove to Powell River from Vancouver Island as a planned event on International Drive Your Studebaker Day, driving to Powell River and then on Highway 101 towards Lund, B.C. to the Laughing Oyster Restaurant for lunch. After lunch, we continued to Lund where Highway 101 starts at Mile Zero. By coincidence when we stopped at Lund, a lady excitedly asked if we could stop for a few minutes so that her husband could see the Studebakers as he was a 7<sup>th</sup> generation Studebaker family member.



When he came up from the boat that he was on, he introduced himself, Don Studebaker, a Studebaker descendant. After a short visit with Don, we headed back towards Powell River where our BBQ host member lives. We had a great visit and a great dinner, yes, a dinner and not just hot dogs and hamburgers provided by Joe and Gunilla Rowell which our club members enjoyed and appreciation. Thank You, Joe and Gunilla. Your wonderful hospitality is very much appreciated.

Since my mother grew up in rural, Wildwood area of Powell River, I thought that it would be nice to see if I could locate the area while on the Studebaker event. Weeks prior to leaving for the event, I had contacted a cousin that knew names of some other cousins in the Powell River area. He had contacted some of them to give them a “Heads Up” that I was going to look them up while I was in Powell River. By this time, my Uncles had all passed away but there were several cousins still living in Powell River. Before leaving Powell River, we had the pleasure of meeting with 3 cousins along with a wonderful aunt.

The idea of IDYSD was to drive the Studebakers and Avanti’s so that the public could see them on the road. When it comes to Avanti’s, a lot of people have never seen one before. Anywhere the Avanti was parked for any length of time, there would be people asking, remarking and taking pictures of the car.

### **Rib Fest** *from Steve Wohleber*

Sudbury Rib Fest attended by Steve and Barb Wohleber and Dave and Larry Moxham on Labour Day weekend. Barb Moxham as well as other family showed up later in the day to help add to the overall enjoyment. This is an annual event where the city shuts down their main street for a feast of Rib vendors from all over Canada and the US. Lots of food, live music and events for kids and the whole family.



## **Lana Del Rey's new music video features an Avanti** *from the AOA!*

Click the video link below (Ctrl-Click) to watch Lana Del Rey's new music video titled "White Mustang" from her most recent studio album 'Lust for Life' released in 2017. Lana Del Rey is an American Grammy nominee singer, songwriter, and model. Shawn's spoiler alert, "It's a White Avanti" lol!



## **2017 SDC Pacific Can-Am Zone Meet Calgary, Alberta** *by Pete Yuen*

It was announced during the 2016 SDC Pacific Can-Am Zone Meet that the 2017 event will be hosted by the Edmonton and the Foothills Chapters and that the event will be in Calgary, Alberta, July 21st, and July 22nd, 2017. Upon hearing that, the first thoughts were, "Nice, I will be attending."

Kevin Fonseca of the Foothills Chapter and Francis Prefontaine of the Edmonton Chapter would work together with a committee to host the event. Speaking briefly to Kevin, I offered to help in any way that I can and then I was asked if I could make the 2 Longest Distance Awards. No problem, I let Kevin know that I would be happy to do that. I also told him that I would even make Studebaker Profile plaques for table decorations and it was also to be used for someone at the table during the Awards Presentation Dinner to win the plaque.

*John and Jean Lasseter win Long Distance Award, USA*

Time passes and all arrangements to attend the meet were made as well as the Longest Distance awards. Friends and family hears of this and asked if I had plan to drive the Avanti to the meet by myself and they showed concern for an old guy, age 89 to try that. Even for many younger drivers, the trip from Vancouver to Calgary would be a 2 day drive so a couple of friends offered to help me with the driving. Family members were relieved that I would have company and help to drive during the trip.



A decision was made that we would start on the trip at 5AM, Thursday, July 29th from my place so I was set to jump out of bed, well, actually crawling out of bed if truth be known, at 4:00AM. Ahah, I am up before the early bird and the early worm so that I could make breakfast and load the car before one of my assistant drivers would be at my door. The early start was due to getting on the Coquihalla Highway as early as possible so that it is not in the heat of the day when we are going to travel a section that is 7 miles uphill to the summit with altitude of 4000 feet above sea level in the Cascade Mountains. This stretch of highway has been a challenge for many cars in regards to the cooling system. Prior to the trip, I knew that the radiator was re-cored less than 5 years ago by the car's former owner so no expected problem there. The engine compartment of the car always seemed to be hotter than other cars so it was a concern for me. The temperature gauge was reading close to 200 degrees during normal operation. My thoughts were that with the present cooling on the car, it would not make it without trouble on the uphill grade of the Coquihalla without boiling. As the car had dual electric fans, a check was made to see how much current was used by them. The reading was 12.93 Amps for both fans together. This tells me that each fan unit was only capable moving about 800 or so cubic foot of air in 1 minute. Checked on the internet for high volume fans that would fit into the space of the existing dual fans and found ones that draw 18 amps each for about 1,700 cu. feet of movement each. After these fans were installed, I was happy to see the operating temperature of the engine dropped by about 40 degrees F. to about 160 degrees. Coquihalla, here we come.

Prior to the trip, reservations were made for accommodations at Revelstoke for an overnight stay before heading out for Calgary on the next day. The dinner special at the motel featured barbecued ribs and chicken, all you can eat for a reasonable price. It was a nice, delicious dinner. Normally, I would trek to the washroom once or twice a night when I am at home but at the motel, I was up 4 times due to not sleeping well. Neither were my travelling companions sleeping well either, They were up keeping track of how many times that I went to the bathroom. I think that the mattress was too hard and did not conform to our bodies or perhaps we just ate too much prior going to bed.

We are on the road by 7:00AM after we gas the car up for another 5 hour trip from Revelstoke to Calgary.

Arrival at the events headquarters was 12:30PM on Friday. We pick up our registration packs and meet some SDC friends. Shortly after arrival, we settled in at our room, rested and clean up a bit before we are heading out to the A&W drive in. A large portion of their parking lot was reserved for the Studebaker Drivers Club Members and their cars. After arriving, it was noted that there were lots of Studebakers and several Avanti's parked on the lot closest to the dining facility. Soon, the lot became full and other Studebakers were directed to an overflow lot across the street. There was an interesting custom built car in the lot also among many other makes and models of vehicles. In all, a really good showing of cars.

As time reaches near 8PM, I head back to the hotel to watch the football game that I am missing at home. As it turns out, the game is a thriller. The home team had stretch of 3 road games before the first home

game in Vancouver. I am in Calgary so my tickets went to my daughter and her husband. They were thrilled to be at the game. I enjoyed it on TV as the home team wound up with a win.

At the breakfast, I meet with Gay Wittenberg, an SDC member presently from Mountain View, California. We met for the first time at the 1986 Pacific Can-Am Zone meet hosted by our local, B.C. Coastal Chapter. We have kept in touch for over 30 years but it was not until last year that we would see each other again. She enjoyed the meet at Kamloops last year and so she wanted to attend the meet in Calgary this year. If you have not met Gay yet, you are missing someone special. She knows that I became a Great Grandfather 4 months ago and she brings a huge bag of presents for little Emerson.

After breakfast, we go out to the parking area designated for Studebaker parking to renew friendships and meet with new found friends and to take pictures. As it turns out, there were a record number of Avanti's



and Packards at the meet. There were 9 Avanti's at the meet whereas there is usually from a couple to 4 or 5 with having 5 would be a good turnout of Avanti's. There was a dark blue Avanti from B.C. that was shown at the A&W car show but I was not able to convince him, Peter Chittim to join us at the meet. With the owner having his lady friend in Cochrane, AB which is about 75 or so miles from the meet venue, perhaps he drove her back to Cochrane and thought it to be too much effort the drive back to Calgary again the next day. Then there is a good chance that he preferred her company to ours. That's life, love trumps.

During the day, Shawn Brockhoff, Editor for the Canadian Avanti Club meets with me for the first time. We chat and discover a couple of similarities, he has the same kind of hat that I am wearing and also, we both have the same amount of hair, not much.

Come to think of it, we had good turnout of current chapter editors at the meet:

- Shawn Brockhoff, Editor, Canadian Avanti Owners Association
- Craig Parslow, Foothills Chapter Editor, Calgary
- Wayne Youngward, Edmonton Chapter Editor
- Evan Severson, Saskatchewan Chapter Editor and often, photographer for many of the TURNING WHEELS pictures. Evan is from Bengough, Saskatchewan
- Larry Metz, B.C. Southern Interior Chapter Editor
- Mark Carson, B.C. Coastal Chapter Editor
- Bob Williams, Northwest Chapter Editor, Portland, Oregon



There is special mention of these fine people as they donate many hours of time towards each and every issue of newsletter that you receive and they deserve to be recognized and thanked. I hope that I did not miss anyone.



Not to be outdone by the Avanti owners, the Packard owners presented a record number of beautiful cars on display. The cars on show was nothing less than fantastic. Good show, everyone!

With the projection of 120 persons to be present for the Awards Presentation Dinner, the crowd swelled to over 130 persons. There was ample amount of food for all though.

On behalf of everyone enjoying the Awards Presentation Dinner, there was a presentation in absentia for Larry Swanson in recognition for his many years of dedication, effort and service for our club, going back to over 40 years, as an editor for TURNING WHEELS for many years while he was also the Membership Secretary. Thank You for your enthusiasm and dedication towards our SDC. In the early years, Larry was the membership secretary and it was a team effort to produce the monthly SDC Bulletin, TURNING WHEELS with Larry and Pat being the team. The present will be sent to him as he was unable to attend the meet at this time. Larry hopes to be able to attend the SDC International Meet next year at Tacoma, WA.

Thanks to the Edmonton and Foothills Chapters, the planning committee and the volunteers to make the event hospitable, pleasurable and memorable. Special Thanks to meet chairperson, Kevin Fonseca who was found doing security watch for our cars until way after midnight on Friday/Saturday due to a misunderstanding on the contract by the Security firm.

*Oldest Studebaker at the meet, James and Janet Tefft drove their 1925 ER Duplex from Culdesac, Idaho*

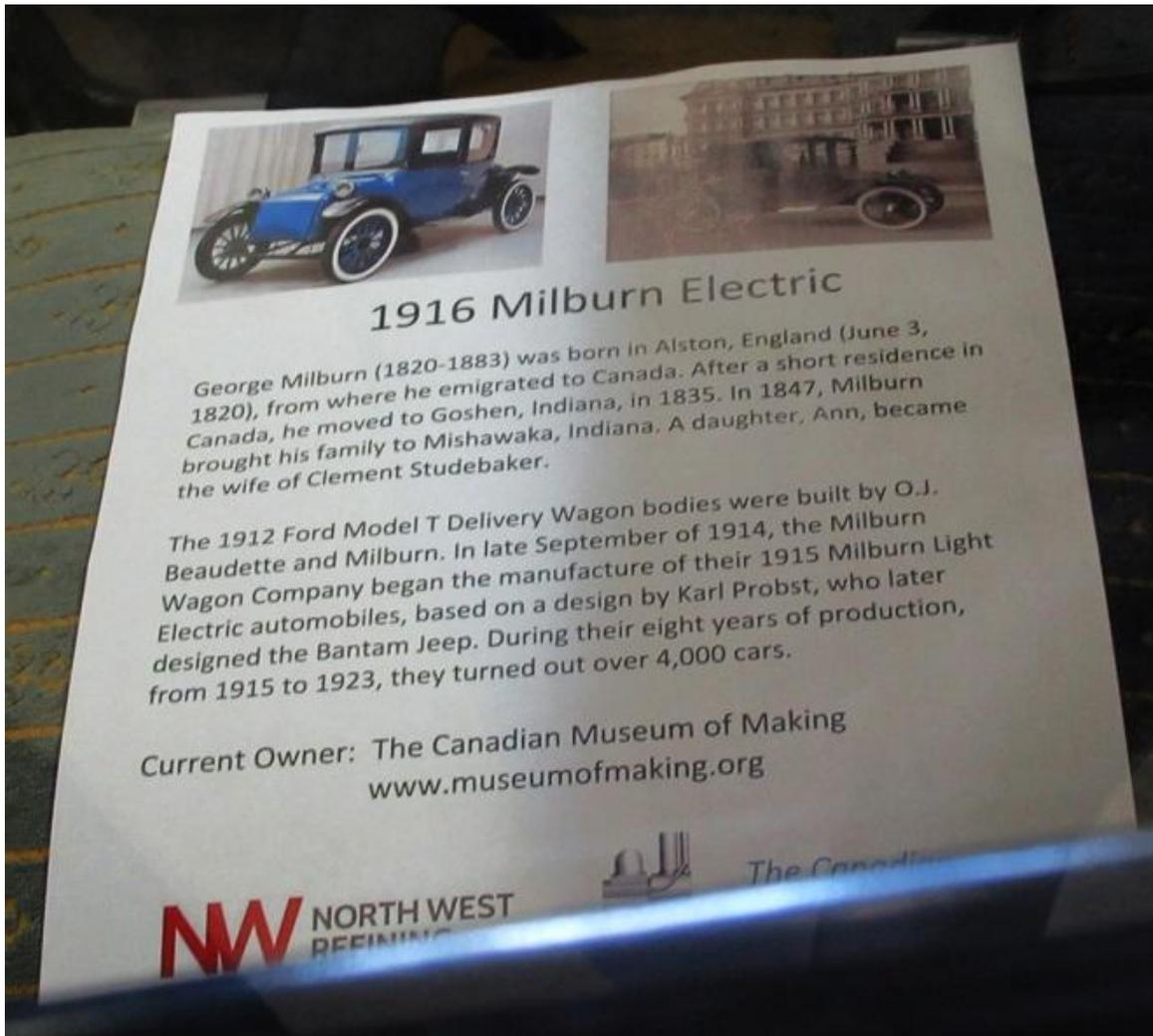


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### Visit to Cochrane, Alberta, Ian MacGregor's Canadian Museum of Making

About 100 people that attended the SDC Pacific Can-Am Zone meet in Calgary also took in the tour of Ian MacGregor's private museum on Sunday, July 23rd. It features an amazing display of machines and machine shop tools and equipment. Better than trying to describe it, I am providing the links to the museum.

- Links: <http://museumofmaking.wpengine.com>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4qneBBiX1Fk>
- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W\\_pSOTIxdvQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W_pSOTIxdvQ)



Info on Milburn car with mention of Milburn daughter marrying Clement Studebaker

## **2017 Pacific Can-Am Meet, Addition's** *from Shawn Brockhoff*

Nine Avantis registered and attended the zone meet in Calgary. That is a record for the event! NINE AVANTIS, WOW, crazy, and cRaZiEr there could have been even more!!! As there was a dark blue Avanti at the A&W Show n' Shine on the Friday evening before wherein the car and owner were from B.C. but unable to come to the meet. There was also an Avanti owner from Spruce Grove attending the meet that could have brought an Avanti but said that a co-driver did not want to drive separately. And I can relate because another unnamed owner didn't race down another Avanti for part of the day, oops I spilled/spoiled those beans already!

Here's what NINE impressive AVANTIS at the meet looks like, thanks Norman Searle for the following composite stitched image:



Some of the notable judging results from the 2017 Pacific Can-Am meet:

- Avanti Class Winner - 1964 Avanti, owned by Ted and Laurie Dirksen, Stoney Plain, Alberta
- The Long Distance award for U.S. participants went to John and Jean Lassiter, who drove their 1964 Gran Turismo Hawk 850 miles from Lebanon, Oregon
- The Long Distance award for Canadian participants went to Rob Hill, who dove his black 1962 two-door sedan Lark 1200km from Sooke, on Vancouver Island, British Columbia.

The nine Avantis attending the meet:



*1963 Avanti  
Norm Searle  
Devon, Alberta*



*1978 Avanti II  
Monte and Marjorie Graham  
Calgary, Alberta*



*1963 Avanti  
Ray and Virginia Keip  
Airdrie, Alberta*



*1988 Avanti Convertible  
Lyle and Rose Nelson  
Bawlf, Alberta*



*1984 Avanti  
Pete Yuen  
Vancouver, British Columbia*



*1988 Avanti  
Ken Roberts and Tori Carroll  
Silver Lake, Washington*



*1964 Avanti  
Ted and Laurie Dirksen  
Stoney Plain, Alberta*



*1978 Avanti  
Ken Attridge  
Calgary, Alberta*



*1979 Avanti II  
Clayton Sac  
Leduc, Alberta*

**SDC Newsletter Editors Press Card** *from Larry Swanson*

A Letter to All SDC Newsletter Editors

Welcome to the 2017-2018 SDC year! We want to start with an offer too good to be true - almost. We are offering all our Editors an SDC Press Card which you can use to get into almost any automobile event. Including car shows, parades, races, and anything else you want to use it for. We are not able to include the separate card with this email, so please enclose a Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope to: Larry Swanson, Box 5398, Sun City West, AZ 85376

Let me know if you need 1, 2, or 3 cards to cover you as Editor and any Reporters who contribute to your newsletter. If you are not in the USA, just reply by email and we will figure out how to ship it to you.

Now some yearly things we need to update your records.

First, if you have recently retired as an SDC Editor, please Email me back with the name and address of your new Chapter Editor so I can update this mailing list.

Secondly, once you became an Editor you became a member of the greatest group of people that I have ever known, so you are welcome to stay on this mailing list for so long as you wish to receive our communications after your retirement as Editor. I will not remove you from this Editors' list until you send

me an email saying that you now wish to be removed. And you will always be welcome to join us at the yearly Editors Meeting at the International Meet.

Thirdly, we have found that past Editors make excellent judges as they are very familiar with what the present Editors are doing. If judging might interest you, consider giving it a try. Please send me an Email so I can put your name on the list of possible future judges. Of course we would check first to see if you still wish to be a judge when a vacancy occurs. As you might guess, there is no payment for this position, but you do get to read some really nice SDC newsletters. To me, this is a great benefit to both sides - and there is no other way to experience it. I have been reading SDC Chapter Bulletins since I first became a Chapter Editor in the 1960's, and I still enjoy reading new ones as they arrive so many years later.

Finally, to those of you who have not yet entered this competition, this would be the perfect time to to give it a try. Just mail or Email your newsletters from July 2017 through June 2018 to the appropriate set of judges, and see what happens. It is all voluntary, and you can stop any time that you wish to.

The International Meet is very late this year - August 22 to 25th. You are all invited to come and meet other editors who will be there. That is one of the best things at every meet. See you at the 2018 Editors Meeting!

Larry Swanson

### **Gravenhurst Antique and Classic Boat and Car Show** *from Steve Wohleber*

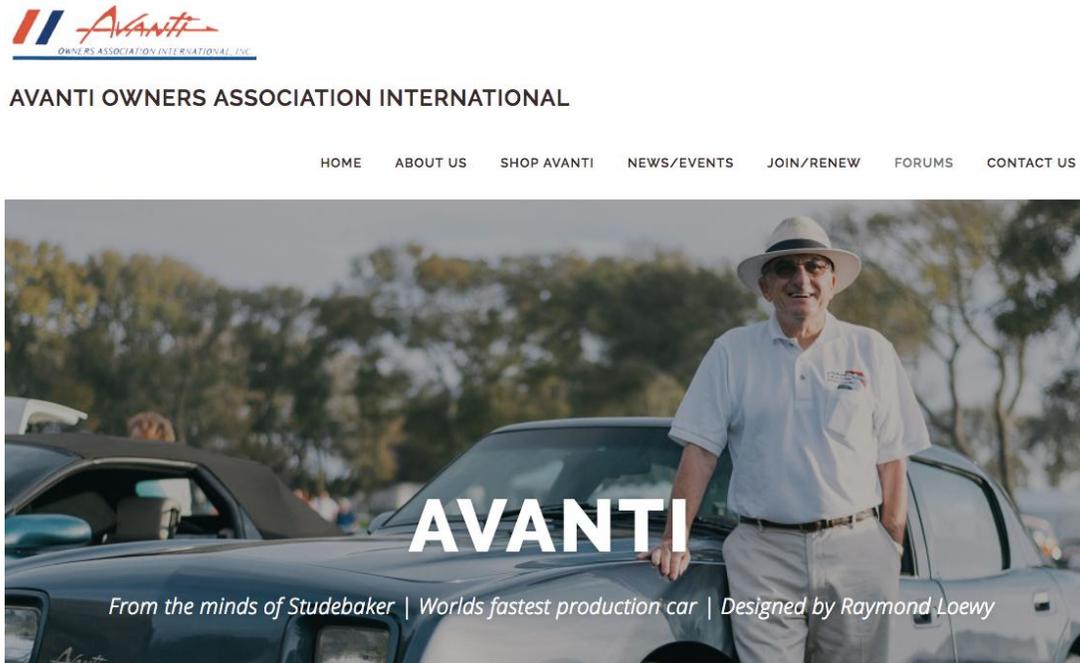
On July 8th the annual antique and classic boat show in Gravenhurst On. named Studebaker as their feature marque. A fine day with five vehicles attending. Present were Wayne Hamilton and Sharon Pearce with their 89 Avanti and 58 Packard powered Hawk, Steve and Barb Wohleber, 89 Avanti coupe, Bob and Rose Suszek, 54 Custom Coupe and not in photo, Kevin Davis' 62 GT Hawk. This is a great show if you are in Ontario and have never attended, always takes place the first weekend in July.

*Steve says, "Boats and Studes, and 'one' nice day for a change". Looks like a wonderful classic time during a sunny summer weekend on the water and land 2017 in Gravenhurst Ontario!*



## **Avanti Owners Association International – New Website!** *from the AOAI*

To take a look at the new website, you can access it by clicking Ctrl+Click anywhere on the below image:



We are pleased to announce the launch of our new website!

After months of hard work and dedication, the new site is up and running at [aoai.org/](http://aoai.org/).

Our goal with this new website is to provide our visitors and members an easier way to learn and navigate all that the AOAI has to offer. The new website is interactive and gives better access to About Us, the Online Avanti Webstore, News and Events, Join and Renew, Forums, Chapter Information, and Contact web pages.

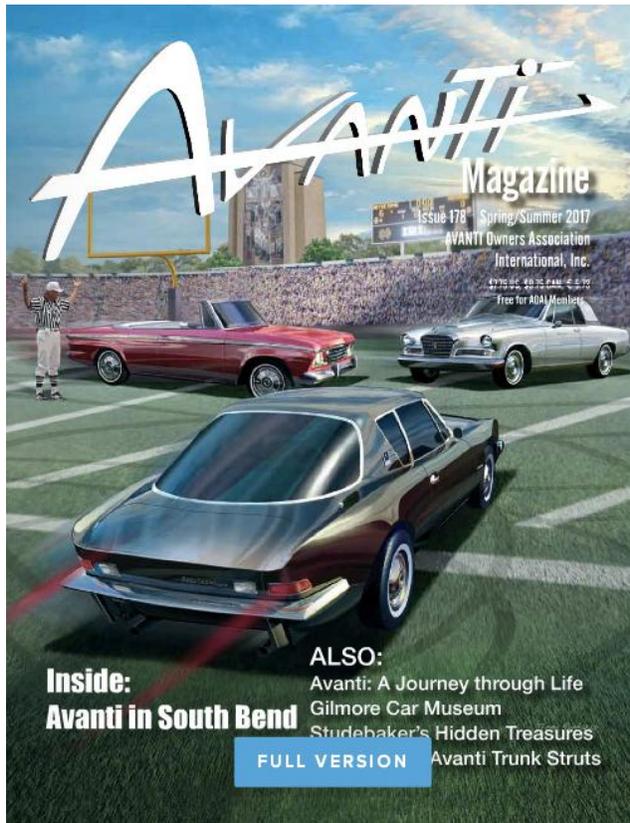
The site now has integrated social media buttons on every page for Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter as well as easy access to sign up for our Avanti electronic newsletter to foster improved communication for our members and those interested in the Avanti.

We hope you enjoy the fresh new look, find information easier to access, and establish this webpage as a source of information about AOAI.

## **Avanti Magazine is now available Online!** *from the AOAI*

The “Avanti Magazine” is now Online!

In addition to our recently updated website we are also happy to provide all current active members the ability to view new editions of the Avanti Magazine online at no additional cost!



Past issues will be available for download, and printed copies may be purchased for a small fee. This will allow current members and those interested in Avantis to have access to our award winning magazine. Online Magazines are interactive with easy links to navigate to pages with additional information for your enjoyment.

Please [click here](#) to see the Avanti Magazine online. Current members should have received an email with their access code to view Issue #178 free. Non-members can purchase the single issue or subscribe to a year of digital-only editions our quarterly magazine.

With the advent of digital magazine circulation, current AOAI members will receive a link to each new magazine on the day that their print magazine goes into the mail.

If you are a current active AOAI member and did not receive the link to view the free digital issue please call our registration office, Cornerstone Registration, and update your email address at [763.420.7829](tel:763.420.7829).

## **Government Celebrates Collector Cars in Alberta** *from Gov't of AB News Release*

The Government of Alberta has declared July 14, 2017 as Collector Car Appreciation Day to recognize the important contributions the automobile has made to the province.

“I am thrilled to be able to celebrate the thousands of specialty, classic, and vintage car collectors in Alberta and the fabulous machines they lovingly preserve for us all to enjoy. The cars we drive reflect our times – from the depression-era cars of the 1930s and family farm trucks of the late 1940s, to the muscle cars of the 1960s. Alberta collector car hobbyist restore and preserve this part of our rich history and they do it while giving back to the community. So on Collector Car Appreciation Day, our government says thank you to this vibrant community of collectors for preserving our heritage.”

*Stephanie McLean, Minister of Service Alberta*

## **Fleetwood Cruizin** *from Steve Wohleber*

Over the first weekend in June, Steve Plunkett graciously offered the front lawn of his house for the CAO A display. There were eleven Avantis displayed as well as one elsewhere in the field making twelve in all. A great showing. Owners were Bill Harris, Dave Moxham, Roy Ionson, Steve Wohleber, Dave Simonson, Steve Isard, Larry Gibson, Hugh Campbell, Roly Lusted, Jim Anderson and Wayne Hamilton. This was also the first showing of Larry Gibson's Steve Blake tribute custom Avanti GT, a beautiful piece of work.

Our banner on display, thanks to Bill Harris for looking after the engineering and set up.



On Saturday evening, all in attendance got together for dinner and enjoyed great camaraderie and food after a wonderful day. In attendance were L to R: Roland Vardon, Pete Yuen from British Columbia, Larry Moxham from Alberta, Dave Moxham, Hugh Campbell, Bonnie Butler, Barb Wohleber, Steve Isard, Steve Wohleber and Bill Harris. Absent from the photo as they had to leave early were Larry and Barb Gibson, Dave and Sue Simonson, Roly and Sue Lusted, Wayne Hamilton and Sharon Pearce and Roy and Sophia Ionson, 20 in all. A good turnout for us. Also we felt honoured to have Pete Yuen from BC attend with Roland as his host, and Larry Moxham, Dave's brother from AB. Pete presented all participants with his



hand made plaques shown below. Thanks Pete, it was a real pleasure to meet with you and have the opportunity to spend time together during the weekend.

Plaques made by Pete Yuen for everyone attending. Beautiful work!



### **Start'em Young** *photos from Steve Wohleber*

Steve sent these photos of his grandkids. Grandson Bryce learning how to drive an Avanti and granddaughter Olivia starting out slow on an old Ford 8N.



## **SDC 2018 International Meet (Washington August 29 – September 1)**

### **Accommodations Information**

WASHINGTON, August 29th – September 1st, Seattle/Tacoma. The Tacoma and Greater Seattle Chapters host the 54th Annual SDC International Meet. There are three hotels under contract, La Quinta, Best Western, and the Holiday Inn. Tours in the planning stage are the Pike Place Market, the Museum of Flight and the LeMay – America's Car Museum.

Website: [www.sdcmeet.com](http://www.sdcmeet.com)

Contact: Laurel Berry, President SDC Greater Seattle Chapter, at 253-631-5076 or [francie1965@yahoo.com](mailto:francie1965@yahoo.com)



## 54th Annual Studebaker Drivers Club International Meet

August 29—September 1, 2018

Tacoma, Washington U.S.A.

### Host Hotel Information

All hotels are within 5 minutes drive to LeMay ACM Museum show field

**LaQuinta Hotel** - 1425 East 27th Street, Tacoma, WA 98421 - (253) 383-0146

<http://www.laquintatacoma.com>

**\$115/night SDC Rate, Primary hotel with hospitality and meeting rooms.**

Free Bright Side Breakfast, free high-speed wi-fi, outdoor swimming pool, **pets welcome.**

Ask for the Studebaker Drivers Club rate.

**Best Western Hotel** - 2611 East E Street, Tacoma, WA 98421 - (253) 272-7737

<http://www.bestwesternacomadome.com>

**\$129/night SDC Rate. Located less than 2 blocks from the LeMay ACM museum and show field.**

Complimentary deluxe hot breakfast, free underground parking, free high-speed wi-fi, microwave, refrigerator, MP3 clock radio, **pets welcome, complimentary shuttle.**

Ask for the Studebaker Drivers Club rate.

**Holiday Inn Express & Suites Tacoma** - 2102 South C Street, Tacoma, WA 98402 - (253) 272-2434

<https://www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/us/en/tacoma>

**\$129/night SDC Rate.**

Free full Breakfast Buffet, free covered parking (fees waived for SDC), free high-speed wi-fi, heated indoor pool, fitness center, **pets welcome.** Ask for the Studebaker Drivers Club rate.



Sponsored by the Tacoma and Greater Seattle chapters of  
the Studebaker Drivers Club



Questions? Contact Laurel Berry at (253) 631-5076 or

[francie1965@yahoo.com](mailto:francie1965@yahoo.com) for more information



Meet details coming soon!

## **2018 Avanti International Meet Special!** *from the AOA*

“The Place To Be Seen in 2018” August 28 – September 1, Avanti Association International Meet  
Tacoma, Washington

We would like to spread the word of exciting news about the 2018 Avanti International Meet! The host hotel for the 2018 international meet will be at [The Best Western Plus Tacoma Dome](#).

If you are a part of the AOA you will receive a special room rate of only \$129 a night. This comes with a complimentary hot breakfast including a sensational omelet station. The hotel is pet friendly.

Reserve today as we expect the rooms to fill up fast. Call 1-253- 272-7737 to make your reservation and make sure to mention SDC/AOA to receive your special rate!



## **Obituary for our late friend Richard Griggs**

Good afternoon everyone,

I am sorry to pass along this bad news: our long time Studebaker enthusiast, member and friend Richard Griggs passed away. He was a dedicated Studebaker enthusiast and spent many volunteer hours for the benefit of the club as Secretary/ Treasurer, running swap meets, vending, and much more. I last saw him, vending as usual, at the Badenoch Swap Meet in April 2017. Below are the details from the Egan Funeral Home in Bolton, Ontario. Please pass this information on to the clubs.

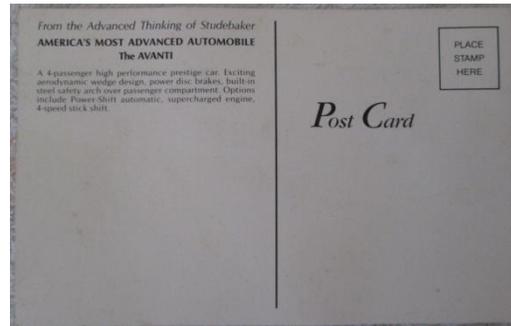
Regards, Roly



Peacefully, surrounded by his family and friends, at Trillium Health Care Centre, Mississauga, on Sunday, July 23, 2017, Richard Griggs, Caledon, beloved husband of Cecylia Griggs. Loving father of Olivia. Remembered by his brother Brett and his family. Dear nephew of Meriam Douglas and Elizabeth Grant. Cousin of Earl, Brent, Nicholas and Jennifer. The family will receive their friends at the Egan Funeral Home, 203 Queen Street S. (Hwy. 50), Bolton (905-857-2213) Thursday afternoon 2 – 5 o'clock. A Celebration of Life will be held in the chapel on Friday, July 28 at one o'clock. If desired, memorial donations may be made to Princess Margaret Cancer Foundation, Bladder Research, 610 University Avenue, Toronto M5G 2M9. Condolences for the family may be offered at [www.EganFuneralHome.com](http://www.EganFuneralHome.com)

## Avanti Post Cards for Sale

Graham Gagné of Cooks Brook, Nova Scotia has three nice Avanti post cards for sale offering first to CAO A members. Two are very nice for \$6 each including postage, and the other one has slight damage for \$3 including postage. For more info or to purchase please contact Graham at [kg.works@xplornet.ca](mailto:kg.works@xplornet.ca)



## Membership Forms for CAO A and AOAI

- Canadian Avanti Owners Association (CAOA) – CAO A membership forms can be accessed from the CAO A website at <http://canadianavanti.ca/membership.html>. Alternatively, a copy of the form is on a following page. Ownership of an Avanti (Studebaker or successor) is not required.
- Avanti Owners Association International (AOAI) – AOAI membership forms can be accessed from the CAO A website at <http://canadianavanti.ca/membership.html>. Alternatively, a copy of the form is on a following page. Ownership of an Avanti (Studebaker or successor) is not required.

**CAOA**

**CAOA** Membership/Renewal fee ... \$15.00 per year

Make Cheque Payable to: ..... Canadian Avanti Owners

Mail cheque to: ..... C. A. O. A.  
David Moxham  
P.O. Box 341  
Noelville, Ontario POM 2N0

Any questions? Please Contact:

President ..... Steve Wohleber ..... 705-383-2432 ..... [sbwohleber@gmail.com](mailto:sbwohleber@gmail.com)  
Membership ..... Larry Gibson ..... 905-945-3515 ..... [larryandbarb.gibson@sympatico.ca](mailto:larryandbarb.gibson@sympatico.ca)  
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**CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION & ANNUAL RENEWAL FORM for 2017**  
**PLEASE FILL OUT THE FORM BELOW AND INCLUDE WITH MEMBERSHIP PAYMENT**

Name(s) Yours: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name First Name

Local Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City Province Postal Code

Alt. Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City Province Postal Code

Local Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alt. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

A.O.A.I Membership No. \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Avanti Owners Association Int.)

Fill below your car information if new/changed:

\*Condition Code: 1 Excellent; 2 Fine; 3 Very Good; 4 Driver; 5 Restorable

| Year | Serial # | Engine<br>Cubic In. | Car Model | Exterior / Interior Color | Cond.<br>Code* |
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### Membership Application & Renewal Form

The A.O.A.I. welcomes anyone with an interest in Avanti vehicles and history. Annual Memberships receive four (4) quarterly issues of Avanti Magazine. Send a completed copy of this form along with payment in the form of a check or money order made out to "A.O.A.I." in U.S. Dollars to the address below.

- New Membership
- Renewal

**AOAI Membership**  
 C/O Cornerstone Registrations, Ltd.,  
 P.O. Box 1715  
 Maple Grove, MN 55311-6715  
 U.S.A.

Phone (763) 420-7829  
 Fax (763) 420-7849

OR JOIN ON-LINE AT WWW.AOAI.ORG

**Membership in U.S.:**

- Annual Membership (includes \$25 for a one-year subscription to Avanti Magazine)..... \$ 31.00
- Special introductory rate for first-time members (includes one-year subscription)..... \$ 25.95
- Special: Pay for five years, get a 20% discount. It's like getting the 5th year free!..... \$ 125.00
- LIFE MEMBERSHIP: ..... \$ 1000.00

**Canada and foreign Membership:**

- Annual Foreign Membership (includes \$32 for a one-year subscription to Avanti Magazine)..... \$ 39.00
- Special introductory rate for first-time members (includes one-year subscription) ..... \$34.95
- LIFE MEMBERSHIP ..... \$ 1000.00

**Museum Donation:**

- Studebaker National Museum Donation (\$5, \$10, \$25, \$100 or other) ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

- Check (enclosed)  Mastercard,  Visa,  Discover,  Amex # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. \_\_\_\_

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Where did you learn about the A.O.A.I. ? \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ (Optional)

AOAI Member # (if renewal): \_\_\_\_\_ (from membership card or magazine label)

| Year Avanti owned | Model (Example: "Avanti II") | Serial Number |
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