



The Canadian Avanti

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Merry Christmas!



Verne Brinsmead and Mervis Lynn's 1964 R1 Avanti

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The Canadian Avanti Owners Association is a non-profit organization committed to preserving the history of the Avanti automobile. We currently have +60 members located in all provinces across Canada. We are a Chapter of the Avanti Owners Association International Inc. 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 bi-monthly, 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.

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President's Message...



Picture taken at Roman ruins in Trier
Germany.

Greetings All:

First and foremost of course, we wish everyone the best for the holidays, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Hopefully we will see as many of you as possible at our events next year, and would encourage you to look up other members in your area and try to get together at various local events. It's always amazing the interest that these cars generate.

I have to mention what a great time we all had at the Hamilton SDC Christmas party. Great restaurant and a great way to wrap up the season. Many thanks to HSDC for hosting this event and inviting all CAO members.

I'm going to make this one brief, as with the Avanti put away, and not much happening there until spring, in my unheated shed, I spend this time putting up my train layout. 8 x 10, Lionel mostly from the late 40's 50's. Set it up for Christmas, and take it down in March. 6 trains running and plasticville village. Lots of fun. It's something I've been doing since I was 8 or 9. A few missed years in between. Sort of like cars. I wonder how many of us have memories of an early interest in cars, more than just being aware of the makes and models. Magazines, car shows, races, model cars, all played a part in developing our interest.

And hey, it's still fun!



Editor's Message...



So here we are, almost at the end of 2011. Christmas is coming, then a little rest and Happy New Year. Like the John Lennon song, so what have you done? Well, my list of things I did not get done was longer than my list of things I did! I need to retire in order find time (but I have been told that this is a fallacy). I guess it is like cars; if you have room for four, you will have five. If you have more time, you find more ways to use it so the net result is that you

still do not get things done. So what did I not get done? The '63 convertible is still sitting in my garage. The good is that the body is all assembled, ready for final fit and finish. All the chrome is done. The bad is the fact it is still in my garage. I did find someone who can complete the car for me and visited a body shop for final paint. Just a matter of finding time (that again) and the money. The '63 sedan did not make it on the road this summer. Just so many little things that took time and it just was not a priority. Well, they have been completed and next spring it will be back on the road. While I was able to get the coupe running great (new plugs will do that), the choke decided to act up. If it is not one thing, it's another. I decided that this is a good project to resolve this winter for next spring. Finally, the Avanti. I finally got rid of the rims that were on it – look great on the sedan. With the new rims, while still 15x7, they have a negative backspace which means I am no longer touching the fender lips. Always made me nervous heading to South Bend on I69 and bottoming out in a couple of locations. I could just envision the fibreglass flying! I also installed a Jim Turner Brake kit after my master cylinder issue. I cannot believe how great it stops now. Next on the list is to get that rack installed. Glen Forrest asked me to bring it around in the spring to have him look at it. Based on the articles I showed him from Bob Johnston's website, installing a J-Car rack might be a breeze.

So, what status are my cars at? I would tell people that the coupe is finished. But is it? Does maintenance count? The sedan is complete – then why am I replacing rubber hoses? When this “maintenance” is done, does it change status from complete to finished? To me these terms should be interchangeable. But, when it comes to the wacky world of Studebaker and Avanti, ain't necessarily so.

No English dictionary has been able to explain the difference between the two words COMPLETE and FINISHED, in a way that's easy to understand. But I found this on the internet.

“Some people say there is no difference between COMPLETE and FINISHED.

I beg to differ because there is:

When you marry the right woman, you are "COMPLETE".

And when you marry the wrong one, you are "FINISHED"!

And when the right one catches you with the wrong one, you are "COMPLETELY FINISHED" !!!”

I guess I would like to add; if you own a Studebaker or Avanti, you are also “Completely Finished”!

Merry Christmas and have a Happy and Safe New Year!

By Mike Emmerich

Letters to the Editor

Sep 13 Hi Steve, Mike. Yes, I am still alive. A lot has happened since the last time we spoke. I had/have a lot of issues with my Avanti and I am slowly getting the car to where I want it. Tire/wheel problem solved, brake problem solved, new "old school" carb and distributor installed. This week I am installing a new cam along with springs, rocker arms, valve seals etc. The engine never worked right since I bought the car; the cam was gone. This list of issues has cost me a lot of money. I wasn't expecting to do engine work. In any case, I must move forward. I will register with Avanti Club this week. You, Mike and Roland have been a big help. Thanks for your support. I am forwarding a few recent pics. Glenn Stevens



Oct 21: Glenn, Haven't heard from you for a while, just wondering how things are going. Would love to have you as a member of CAO, just \$15.00, probably the cheapest part of your project! Would also like to feature your car in our newsletter. Anything you want to send off to Mike Emmerich would be great. Next one goes out next week, so ASAP would be good. I can forward the pics you sent me recently but would like some content/captions to go along. Hope all is well and you are up and running! All the best, Steve Wohleber.

Hi Steve, Hope all is well. Unfortunately, my frustration continues. First of all, I could not find a tech to install camshaft kit; a lot of false promises. I recently took the car to Port Hawkesbury where a tech removed valve covers etc., the cam and valve train was fine. Remember, the carb was new, so most mechanics dismissed the carb as being the issue. The car was flooding itself, black sooty smoke etc. The secondaries were staying open. Junior (mechanic), installed an old Rochester carb, complete with cob webs, seized adjusting screws and choke not operating. The car will now smoke the tires off. So, this morning, I ordered a new carb which was covered under warranty. This was a two month process of futility and frustration. I hope to have the car back on the road next week. New valve springs and seals are also being installed since the engine is dismantled. So much for finding someone to work on a domestic chevy engine. I apologize for not sending membership application....I am on it. It is just that I have been so frustrated and embarrassed by situation. I will miss the next Newsletter. Hopefully next time. Thanks for your e-mail. Glenn. Oh yeah, all new brakes. Front were new and I rebuilt the rears, pads, cylinders, spring kit and hose. Now all brakes work including the emergency brake. Take Care. Glenn Stevens.

Letters to the Editor

Oct 31: Dear AOAI Board of Directors and AOAI Chapter Presidents, Here is the 2012 AOAI Meet information. See attachments. Please share with your local members. AOAI Host Hotel: Inn at St. Mary's. Book now before all rooms are taken. Nobody wants to miss the "50th Avanti Birthday Party". You can register for meet online at www.sdcmeet.com or paper registration form. We look forward to seeing everyone in South Bend! Regards, Mike Baker & Max Starkey 2012 Meet Co-Chairmen.

Nov 1: Hey Mike... I'll be there (South Bend), trying to figure out how to get to the Will Norton Studebaker meet on July 1st weekend, with my car, too, just confirmed on Sunday a soccer trip to Italy on July 4th, leaving out of Toronto...will need all my luggage and my daughter, in my car and leave my car in the area, for a return trip home on the 14th of July, then South Bend... should be a great year ... I will book rooms soon...have a great day. Hugh Campbell

Nov 7: I friend sent this to me and thought it would be worthwhile to have in a newsletter. I don't plan on testing it.

Re: Avanti - had Bob McLean - 63 Avanti - in for dinner last night and pushed him for an article to submit for Decembers newsletter. He promised to get me info this week. So this weekend I installed the new steering pump hose - nice and neat away from hot spots. Drove the Avanti yesterday as well today to downtown Van and back in the rain. Also worked on both my 77 GMC coaches - installed new air compressors. Finished one and WOW - it works soooo much better. Will finish the other this week. Preparing for the Christmas rally. Looking forward to enjoying the Classics - both car and Motor homes. Regards Dwayne Jacobson

Editor: Truth or Internet myth? You decide...

Once I was cooking some corn and stuck my fork in the boiling water to see if the corn was ready. I missed and my hand went into the boiling water...

A friend of mine, who was a Vietnam vet, came into the house, just as I was screaming, and asked me if I had some plain old flour...I pulled out a bag and he stuck my hand in it. He said to keep my hand in the flour for 10 mins. which I did. He said that in Vietnam, this guy was on fire and in their panic, they threw a bag of flour all over him to put the fire out...well, it not only put the fire out, but he never even had a blister!!!!

SOOOO, long story short, I put my hand in the bag of flour for 10 mins, pulled it out and had not even a red mark or a blister and absolutely NO PAIN. Now, I keep a bag of flour in the fridge and every time I burn myself, I use the flour and never ONCE have I ever had a red spot, a burn or a blister! *cold flour feels even better than room temperature flour.

Miracle, if you ask me. Keep a bag of white flour in your fridge and you will be happy you did. I even burnt my tongue and put the flour on it for about 10 mins. and the pain was gone and no burn. Try it! BTW, don't run your burn area under Cold water first, just put it right into the flour for 10 mins and experience a miracle.

Letters to the Editor

Nov 13: If you ever need a pix of Roly, this is great!! Taken in September 2003.
Sue Lusted.



Nov 16: That was a really good read Mike! There was always the rumor that the board of directors had split evenly on whether to shut down the auto business so the chairman of the board had to cast the deciding vote. That was Richard M. Nixon. I don't know how to confirm or refute this story but an SDC member who is steeped in Studebaker history and who lives here in Calgary confirmed that information. There was also information that it was Nixon who went to Japan to talk to Toyota and while he was there he had talks with Datsun. Toyota found out and rather than lose face, they cancelled any further talks with Nixon and so did Datsun. I do remember the VW import deal – they brought cars into Canada from Germany with no import duties and lowered VW's cost to get them into the USA market. Brooksie (Keith Brooks)

Editor: Keith's response to: Here's an interesting article I found last night about Studebaker's final days.

http://www.autoquarterly.com/featured_articles/article.php?id=1

Nov 17: This exhibit appears to include an Avanti near a recreation of a Richard Neutra building. I wonder whose car it is.

<http://archrecord.construction.com/features/critique/2011/1111-review.asp>

Stephen Montgomery, Editor Avantivents, Newsletter of the Southern California Chapter

Editor: “In that spirit, architects Hodgetts + Fung have given the exhibition a dynamic installation design not unlike a showroom, with a screen that snakes like an unfurling helix through the 25,000-square-foot space. This device provides a continuous backdrop for some 350 objects and their narrative, and creates intimate nooks within the sinuous folds, transcending shortcomings of Renzo Piano's bland and cavernous Resnick Pavilion (2010). Waferlike canopies filter out rays from troublesome skylights, allowing the curators to play diverse objects off one another, regardless of light sensitivity. And the curves cleverly hide large-scale surprises ahead: **Raymond Loewy's fiberglass Studebaker (1963–64)** or the entire contents of the 1949 Eames House living room, reassembled in a full-sized replica of that space while the original, in Pacific Palisades, is being restored.”

Nov 18: Yipes! You may want to edit that Michiana chapter link in the minutes... it leads to an unsavoury website!! Also, using a bcc for emails is advisable – those mining emails for valid addresses cannot see the addresses when they are embedded in a bcc but they can mine them if they're in the "to" or "cc" fields. Thanks Mike! Brooksie (Keith Brooks)

Letters to the Editor

Nov 19: Hello Mike, I think I still have a credit at CAO, I previously overpaid. Do I? See attached. My brand new crate motor from GM 2 year 80,000 km warrantee (as if the mileage will happen). Not a rebuilt but a fresh new “long block” 350 / 290 h.p. that will be installed next week. The fun continues! Yours truly, Harry Clark

Editor: Cool, I am starting to think about doing this. Send me more information as you install (issues etc.) Especially pictures! Made in Mexico? Hmmm, that is where Avanti were made up to 2007...



Nov 25: Wow that was fun to watch, thanks for sharing it!

Krystyna Williamson

Editor: I sent out an e-mail on Nov 25 with the following link. I realize that it is not an Avanti, but it is a very good video (even more amazing that the car was not parted or modified after he sold it)...

65 Chevy returns home. <http://katsfm.com/sons-find-their-dads-original-car-he-sold-to-pay-for-their-schooling-video/>

Nov 27: Can you identify these cars? Here’s a test to see if you know cars – just click on the link & it will bring up a picture show with questions. Sue Lusted.

<http://www.americantorque.com/game/car-show-50s/>

Editor: What is your best score? Sue Lusted scored 90% (but she admitted she guessed a lot).

Dec 4: The picture was taken at the Annual Car Show in Penticton. The locale is wonderful -the shore of Okanagan Lake and close to the downtown area. There are usually between 700 to 1000 cars and many come up from the US. Penticton Streets are lined with the cars and it is always well attended. It is a three day event and the locals provide ongoing entertainment is the park day and night; the large public park is filled with concessions of all kinds. The first one was in 2001 and we attended with the Hupmobile and have been to everyone and will definitely be going this year. Most years we have taken both cars. We have a lot of pictures of the event but I do not know how to send pictures. Let me know what kind you might like and I will get a buddy of mine to send them.

Editor: On Nov 28 I asked “Hi Bob/Marguerite. I saw your Avanti in Old Autos - looks good. Do you happen to have any additional pictures that were taken and would you care to send me a short write-up on the event? Is this something you might go to next year? Let me know, Cheers, Mike”.

Dec 5: We received our calendar today. Congratulations to those who’s Avanti are featured. Awesome pictures! Chuck and Karen Douglas

Editor: I agree – we need more Canadian Avanti featured, so think about yours for 2013!

Letters to the Editor

Dec 10: BE A SUNDAY DRIVER!

Several people in various car clubs have commented to me recently that they find vintage car insurance too restrictive - cruises, events and parades only. I recalled seeing a notice from my agent a couple of years ago about pleasure use and went looking for it. Of course it's gone. Not good enough. A phone call to Amber Lamka at Zehr Insurance, (519) 662-1710 or (800) 667-1802, confirmed that Echelon General Insurance Company allows occasional pleasure use up to 3,000 miles (5,000 kilometers) per year. Such use may not include driving to work or to school or any regular commuting. This clause is why they switched underwriters when they sent the letter to me.

So if you are afraid to take your 1927 Dictator (or your Avanti) out for a Sunday drive or down to Hooters for dinner, check your insurance policy. You may not have read the fine print or maybe your company is not so liberal. Amber at the contact above can help if you need to make changes. Get those Studebakers out there, let people see them and make sure that our premier brand remains on the roads for many more years.

Mervis Lyn and Verne Brinsmead

Editor: Thanks. This is actually quite timely. I just received notice that Whetter Oaklin has transferred its vintage and custom car insurance to Lant (Silver and Custom Wheels). I seem to remember that they were categorized as a "restrictive" insurance company and as many know my cars see more personal use than cruises, parades and events. I will let you know what I find out. You should check your insurance company on restrictions – you do not want to find out the hard way!

Editor Update Dec 19: Hi Mike, Regarding your email inquiring about the Silver & Custom Wheel Plans and their restrictions regarding usage... The Silver & Custom Wheel Plans are pretty much identical with respect to the usage limitations... on the Silver & Custom Wheel Plans there is NO KM Restriction, also no driving the car to and from Work or Shopping or Running Errands – the program allows for Car Shows, Cruise Nights, Pleasure Drive, Grab a Coffee or Ice Cream, the odd Dinner out or Visit a Friend. But the program rules and restrictions are identical to your old RSA Insurance Policy. Hope this helps out Mike and if you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our office. Thanks and have a great day Mike! Mike Wilson, Lant Insurance Brokers.

Dec 13: Good Morning Mike and Dave.

Here is the info that Dave sent me. I saw him at the Rockton parts flea market this past weekend and he reminded me that he had not received the newsletter. My fault for not sending his info to you. Mike, could you send him the current letter and applicable previous ones that he cannot see on the website - Thanks Bill (Harris).

Bill, Thanks again for the invitation. I enjoyed meeting the members and look forward to future events. Please find a picture of my Avanti attached. Please forward the picture to Sue Lusted for the directory and list the owners as Susan and David Simonson (1963 Avanti R1 Serial Number R2348). The photo was taken in my neighbor's yard.

David Simonson

David Simonson

Editor: Great meeting you – welcome to the club!



Letters to the Editor

Dec 16: Hi Mike, I have been onto several Avanti Owners here about getting a short story and pics - received promises but that's all. I have been driving mine a lot even including this week and will continue to do so unless it snows. I'll see about taking it out and getting it in front of some Christmas Lighting.

I was down to see Brian in Ferndale a couple weeks ago. He took me to see a 64 Avanti he is working on to get road worthy plus helping the guy to sell it. Turquoise color in and out - in very nice condition. This guy has owned it for the past 40 years. Asking 22,000US. I am tempted to add to my auto collection, my wife says OK but where can I put it.

I will be building a level parking surface on our sloped driveway to enable me to park the Coach and the Avanti giving me lots of clearance to get under them. Will take pics once done with them sitting on it.

Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and may 2012 be much better for you and your family in all aspects. Regards Dwayne Jacobson

Dec 18: Christmas is here, Roly has his leg lamp up in the front window... Sue Lusted.



Editor: Appears Roly and Sue have a “Leg Up” on us, wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



CAOA Meeting

November 27, 2011

- Members Present:** Held at the home of Bill Harris in Dundas ON.
- Call to Order:** 1:45 PM
- Members Present:** Dave and Barb Moxham, Ralph Hart, Hugh Campbell, Steve and Barb Wohleber, Roly and Sue Lusted, Jim and Barb Anderson, Bill Harris, Mike Emmerich. Guest Dave Simonson.
- Opening Remarks:** Steve Wohleber welcomed everyone to the meeting. He thanked Bill Harris for hosting the meeting plus all of the people who brought food – nobody is going home hungry. Nothing like spending the afternoon with friends, good conversation and eating! We attended a great Christmas Party last evening hosted by the Hamilton Chapter SDC. Thanks were relayed to Hamilton Chapter VP Roly Lusted for the invitation. The weather was great –warm with rain but no snow. Unfortunately, most cars are now put away for winter. Steve commented on the Homecoming article in our last newsletter and the Symptico.ca article by Matts Bubbers. It looked like a great time. Steve took this opportunity since we did not have a September meeting to congratulate Mike Emmerich on winning the Distinguished Member Award along with a 1st place award for the Canadian Avanti.
- Minutes:** Minutes of June 5, 2011 and September 11, 2011 update read by Mike Emmerich. A Motion made by Sue Lusted to accept minutes, seconded by Roly Lusted, carried.
- Treasurer's Report:** Report covering June 5, 2011 to November 27, 2011 presented by Dave Moxham. A Motion made to accept report by Dave Moxham, seconded by Jim Anderson, carried.
- Membership Report:** Bill Harris advised that we have 59 members with three new members since April. Membership renewal forms have been sent out and we will continue into 2012. AOAI membership numbers are now required, for our records. Steve Wohleber welcomed Dave Simonson. Dave advised that he has owned his 1963 R1 since 1969 (42 years!) along with a 1970 Sting Ray and 1934 Dodge sedan. He along with his wife owns the Kernel's locations in Burlington and Mapleview malls. (Dave was strong-armed into joining for 2012 by Steve and Bill – welcome to the chapter!).

By Mike Emmerich



Old Business:

- CAOA Crest: Additional crests only \$5.
- Web Site: Sue Lusted has updated with two new members. Sue would like to add the link to an event you are going to (in the schedule) plus an after link for pictures, if there is one. Please let us know if they exist. As you all know, we are now sending out a hyperlink in which you can open and download your Newsletter and Roster. You can bookmark these links or add to your Favorites' and easily access the latest at any time. The same link profile is used for both, so as we update the roster or add newsletters, it is still the same link. Sue Lusted is still looking for your Avanti! Please check out the website to see if your car is pictured (along with a story) and if it is not there – send to Sue Lusted! The AOAI has offered to host our website through their website at no cost. We just renewed our GoDaddy site for two years at a very reasonable cost (in fact, the cost savings from e-mailing the newsletter more than covers the cost). This is something to seriously consider when the time is up.
- Newsletter: Mike Emmerich reported that so far the comments have been positive. Nobody has reported any issues downloading or viewing. Mike also took this opportunity to thank everyone for their support in nominating him for the DMA plus sending in articles and pictures for publication.
- 2012 Calendars: Next year's calendar features five Canadian Avanti! Ted and Lorrie Dirksen's R2 is proudly pictured in September and a collage on the back cover features Dave and Barb Moxham's R1, Peter and Marna Sant's R2, Bill Harris' R2 and Steve and Barb Wohleber's R1 taken at the Wohleber home in Britt ON. Out of the 25 we have received, we have already sold seventeen meaning that there are only eight left. Two were donated as gifts to the Hamilton Chapter Christmas Party (raffled off to support Hamilton Chapter's donation to adopt the 1966 Cruiser (last Studebaker) at the Studebaker National Museum. They are only \$12 picked up, \$15 mailed. Please contact Dave Moxham if you would like a 2012 calendar or even a 2011 calendar at a reduced price.
- Roster: Send any changes or new additions to Bill Harris. Bill works with Mike to have one Roster that can be used for many purposes which also helps to eliminate errors.

By Mike Emmerich



New Business:

Christmas Dinner: The CAO A was invited to the Hamilton Chapter SDC Christmas Party. Steve and Barb Wohleber, Ralph and Marguerite Hart, Bill Harris, Roly and Sue Lusted, Paul and Lorraine Cronkwright, Wayne Hamilton and Sharon Pearce, Dave and Barb Moxham and Mike Emmerich attended. Food was great (Sotiris, a Greek restaurant) with a gift exchange and sing-a-long. This is an example of a great idea by Mike Emmerich to coordinate meetings with an event.

Elections: Since there were no additional nominations and all current incumbents agreed to stand; they were all elected by acclamation. We all agree that the addition of Regional VPs is working our quite well and is promoting the CAO A across the nation. See the last page of the minutes for results.

E-Mail: All e-mails to the membership are sent by the secretary (Mike Emmerich). They will be sent bcc (blind carbon copy) to prevent people from “data mining” (grabbing e-mails to list on extended lists in order to send out SPAM). If you have an e-mail that you would like to go to all members, just send to Mike. If you need to know an e-mail address of a certain individual(s), just refer to your roster.

Contact Listing: Ralph Hart asked would it be possible to come up with a list of recommended repair and restoration shops for our Avanti (or Studebaker in general). It could be listed by major components like the shop manual. Mike Emmerich advised that he started something similar a few years back and response was poor. He agreed to see if something could be done and added to our website.

Events:

We would like to start listing events across Canada in which member(s) are planning to attend. If you went to an event in 2011 and plan to attend again in 2012, please let Mike Emmerich know. He will add to Upcoming Events along with website links and contact names for more information. The added bonus is if anyone is travelling, they can quickly see what is planned in the area and could maybe arrange to meet fellow members.

May 31-Jun 3, 2012: Fleetwood Country Cruizein, London ON. See <http://www.fleetwoodcountrycruizein.com/index.html> as details become available. Contact is Mike Emmerich.

By Mike Emmerich



- June 15-16, 2012: Crossroads Zone Meet, Frankenmuth MI. Host hotel is Frankenmuth Motel, 800-821-5362. Studebaker room rate is \$80.00. See also <http://www.frankenmuth.org/>. Contact is Mike Emmerich.
- June 28-July 1 2012: Ontario Chapter's celebration of the 50th anniversary of the SDC, 40th of the Ontario Chapter and 160th of the Studebaker Corporation in Belleville ON. See <http://www.ontariosdc.ca/smic/> Contact is Peter Sant.
- July 29-Aug 4, 2012: 48th INTERNATIONAL MEET in South Bend, IN. Hosted by Michiana Chapter. AOAI Host Hotel is Inn at St. Mary's Hotel & Suites, South Bend, 800-947-8627. Room Rate for Avanti Owners Association is \$84.99. See <http://www.sdcmeet.com/> for more details. Contact is Roly Lusted.
- Meetings for 2012:** Scheduled meetings will attempt to tie into an event. We encourage any member who would like to open their home to a meeting (or know of a good location to hold one). Please contact any of the executive to let us know.
- April – TBA
June 3 – Mike Emmerich/Bill Harris tour (Cambridge/Dundas ON)
Sept 9 – Ralph Hart (Cambridge ON)
Nov 25 – Jim and Barb Anderson (Dundas ON)
- Motion to Adjourn:** 3:30 PM by Sue Lusted, carried.



Meet Your New Executive for 2012

The Canadian Avanti Owners Association Annual Elections were held on November 27, 2011 at the home of Bill Harris in Dundas ON.

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Many thanks to the 2011 Executive. We would also like to welcome our appointees who will also be members of the Executive for 2012.

By Mike Emmerich

International Drive Your Studebaker Day

Get your Avanti out there!

September 10 is International Drive Your Studebaker Day (IDYSD). A day conceived by the Studebaker Drivers Club in which Studebaker owners' young and old get in their vehicle and drive it. Not necessarily to a car show or cruise – but anywhere it can be seen. All too frequently our cars are driven to club meetings and functions or Zone and International Meets but not to the generic car show or cruise. The whole idea behind the Studebaker Drivers Club is to get your Studebaker out there and be recognized. This is the premise behind IDYSD. The 2010 IDYSD on September 4, 2010 was well supported by members of the Canadian Chapter of the AOAI, even though the day was dreary and rainy in most of the country. Members got together in different groups, sometimes with their local SDC Chapter or did their own thing. This year was no different. These are their stories...

Wayne Hamilton and Sharon Pearce: We stayed overnight on our boat at the Port Dover Marina on September 10th, drove the car into Port Dover for the famous foot long hot dogs at the Arbor. *Pictures by Wayne Hamilton.*



Mike Emmerich: OK, so what did I do? Unfortunately September 10 fell on Fall Barrie Flea Market weekend, which I have been attending with a friend for the past 14 or so years. We walk around all day looking for that elusive Studebaker or Cougar part then attend the stock-car races at Barrie Speedway right next door. The past three years have been the NASCAR Canadian Tire Series race, which has been downright exciting. I thought very seriously in bringing the 1940 Champion coupe or Avanti, but did not relish making the three hour drive at six in the morning and leaving for home at 12 midnight. I will make up for it later on...

Peter and Marna Sant: I drove my Avanti to Codrington on the Drive Your Studebaker Day. I did not get any pictures as I know a lot of other people took them. I was participating in the Swap Meet with Harold McKendry for the Ontario Chapter of SDC. *Picture by Will Norton.*



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Graham and Katherine Gagne: I checked with the other two Avanti and no one seems to have had an Avanti out on the 10th so no story from our end of the country.

Barb and Jim Anderson: We went on a two week vacation to Spain, France and London England. We travelled on 200 MPH trains and visited places as old as 1,100 AD. As they were not in the country at the time, they did arrange to have their picture taken at St Pons de Thomières in France.

Picture by Rob Anderson.



Les and Michele Nylen: Twilight time in Quesnel, BC. Les Nylen parked in our 1963 R1 outside the Quesnel visitor centre/museum with 'Billy Barker' (whom Baskerville was named for after he struck it rich during the gold rush in 1861) looking on.

Picture by Michele Nylen

Harry Clark: On Saturday “Drive your Studebaker day”, I drove 100 km to the Barrie automotive flea market. Beautiful day for a drive and the Avanti got lots of attention both on the road and at the flea market. Because of the car, I got “priority” parking (all classics) which saved about a ¼ mile walk from the regular parking areas. This is a very large flea market with thousands of vendors. I walked the whole thing and by the time I got back to my car, I was hot and pooped. I didn’t buy much, some 12 v electrical clips, wire ties and brake light sockets... but then again, I didn’t really need anything! I spent more on the huge 50/50 draw and raffle tickets on a 2011 Corvette.

Picture by Harry Clark.



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Bill Harris: My friend and I left early in my 63 Avanti for the Antique Race Boat Regatta and car show on Grand Island, NY at the heritage Buffalo Launch Club. There were over 150 classic and modified cars of high quality there and close to 100 classic and race boats. In the race boat category there were Jersey skiffs, flat bottom SK / drag boats and various hydroplane classes. After being lifted off their trailers in to the water, the boats make high speed passes within 100' of the spectators; the fastest boat Miss Gangway did passes at about 130 MPH. While there we met a guy who looked just like the late Rodney Dangerfield and turned out to be a Dangerfield impersonator as he did several of his jokes on us. At the show the other Studebaker Lark owned by Patrick Polonium of NY had a 400 cu in chevy in it. Late afternoon we headed across the border back to Dundas where we attended the oval track races at Flamboro Speedway. The next day I drove to Cayuga for the drag races at Toronto Motorsports Dragway. It was an excellent automotive weekend. *Pictures by Bill Harris.*



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Ted Dirksen: Drive your Studebaker Day was greeted with great Fall Alberta weather. The day was organized by Mike Prytula, 1963 Gold Lark and Edmonton Chapter President Curtis LaGasse, 1954 Champion. Other members that joined were Pat McKenna and his son in the 1915 open touring car, Bob More in his 1962 GT Hawk, Malcolm Barr in his 1956 Power Hawk, Jackie Bugera, (new member in her very nice 1959 Lark, Lorne Peet in his prewar Stude Rat Rod, sporting our special guest riding in one of our two open cars Roland Vardon, former Canadian Avanti president (on vacation in western Canada) and Ted Dirksen in my 1964 Avanti R2. We all met at the Strathcona Antique market (just off Whyte Ave) where some treasured prizes were purchased and then a tour through Edmonton's beautiful river valley, downtown and then back into the valley for a picnic and wiener roast. The day was very warm and the open car riders had the best view and the most public praises, it was incredible how well Pat's 1915 ran and his period costume was really the icing on the cake. We parked the cars along River Valley Road and had many admirers, including park staff. The only way this day could have been better is if we had more cars. The event was well organized and very much enjoyed.

Pictures by Ted Dirksen.



Steve and Barb Wohleber: September 10 was spent in Europe (what, you didn't take your Avanti?). These are from their trip. *Pictures by Steve Wohleber.*



A bicycle parking garage in Amsterdam.



A Smart Car pick-up! Even has a roll-bar.

Next year International Drive Your Studebaker Day will be September 8, 2012 so if you did not get out this year – plan for next!

Meeting @ Bill Harris'

Unfortunately due to unforeseen circumstances, many members were away or unable to make our September meeting. Steve and Barb Wohleber as well as Jim and Barb Anderson had some flimsy excuse about being in Europe. So, much to chagrin of Ralph and Marguerite Hart, the CAO A had to put off the September General Meeting until November. Bill Harris would host this meeting which would be our elections plus our salute to the end of summer. Due to the rain, nobody elected to bring their Avanti (many were already put away for the winter). Oh well, our excuse for annual maintenance before spring. As usual it was well attended and we even signed up a new member. Appetizers and food was in abundance so nobody went home hungry. People started arriving around 11:00 am and people were leaving around 4:30 pm, before it got dark. We were pleased that Hugh Campbell attended. Last time I was supposed to meet Hugh was at Plunkett's; he had an ominous valve tick on the 401 and before he could turn the Avanti off, his R1 decided to ingest a valve and let some smoke out. Well, he is finally on the road, just in time to get a few miles on her before she gets packed away for winter. He is hoping for a few more good days.

In the first picture, Hugh is holding the plaque that is currently the last page in the 2012 AOAI calendar. This was taken last year at the Wohleber Estate outside Britt ON.

Our next meeting will be in April 2012. We are currently looking for volunteers. Please plan to attend our next meeting as they are always a great time with great people!



Dave Moxham, Ralph Hart, Hugh Campbell, Steve Wohleber and Bill Harris.



Hugh telling Bill and Dave all that was done to his 289.



Steve loading up with the healthy stuff.



Jim and Barb Anderson relaxing.

Meeting @ Bill Harris'



Barb Moxham, Sue Lusted and Barb Wohleber trying to decide if they can put just one more item in.



Dave, Roly Lusted, Hugh and Sue going around the table.



Bill and Steve talking to our new member Dave Simonson.



Have to end up in the garage eventually. Bill is showing off his new old-style new-style gel battery.



By Mike Emmerich

Hamilton Chapter Christmas Party 2011



This year, the Hamilton Chapter departed from the norm. They have been renting a hall and having the meal catered. This year they reverted back to going to a restaurant with a reserved seating area. Thelma Chapman and Donna Graham graciously volunteered to find a suitable location and make the necessary arrangements. They did not disappoint this year. So on Saturday November 26th fourteen members of the CAO A went to the Sotiris Greek Restaurant in Burlington. Social hour

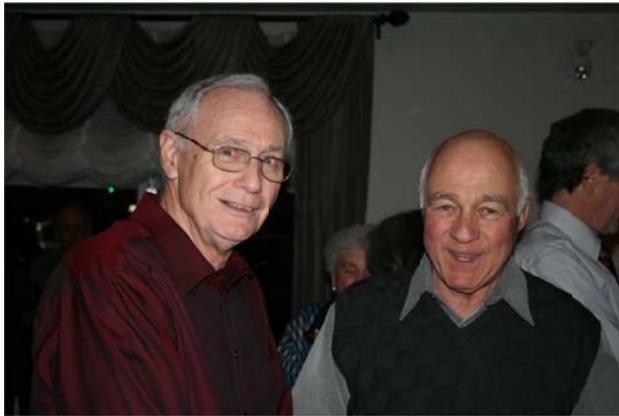
began at 6:00 pm and dinner at 7:00 pm. Best plans sometimes go awry, as the people we were sharing the room with initially arrived late and stayed longer than anticipated so it was very cozy and intimate until they left. The menu was a choice of chicken souvlaki or salmon and the cost was very reasonable. In Greek fashion, I learned that potato is considered a vegetable! We had a Carol (literally!) sing with the support of Paul Revell, Santa Claus and friends with gift giving, and the optional Studebaker National Museum contribution and Food Bank donation. Members were asked to bring a gift for exchange with a value as close to \$5.00 as possible. It was a great time to see friends before the holidays and members we do not get to see on a regular basis. Thank goodness the weather cooperated as it has been unseasonably warm this year and this night was no exception.

They held three raffles this year, with proceeds going to their Studebaker National Museum “adopt-a-car” fund (1966 Cruiser; the last Studebaker). Two were 2012 Avanti Calendars donated by the CAO A. They were won by Joanne Easton and Roly Lusted. Steve Wohleber donated a copy of “Requiem to a Pioneer”, a collage of newspaper clippings on the demise of Studebaker Canada compiled in 1986 and autographed by Stu Chapman. This was won by Bob Stowell. This raffle, along with the SNM contributions totalled \$136.07.

They collected several boxes of food for the food bank. They filled the back of Barry and Carol Leppan’s Edge as Carol planned to deliver early the following week. Studebaker owners are often called cheap. I say we are careful with our money and share it for a good cause, like those this night.

All in all it was a great time enjoyed by everybody. Thanks go to Thelma and Donna for all of the arrangements. I just fear I will have reoccurring nightmares because of those elves.

Hamilton Chapter Christmas Party 2011



George Wingfield and Bill Harris.



The Cronkwright's, Barry Leppan, and the Moxham's.



The Leppan's and Wayne Hamilton & Sharon Pearce.



Steve Wohleber and Joann Easton and Barb Wohleber.



Sue Lusted and Barb Wohleber and Barb Moxham.



Sue & Roly Lusted.



Barb Wohleber and Dave Moxham.



A least they are sharing the songbook!

By Mike Emmerich

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Marilyn Monroe and Friends.



Santa Baby...



I told you they were scary!



Honest, I have been a good girl this year...



Santa has all the fun.



Ahh, Wayne, that is not Santa...



Stu Chapman thanking all for coming.



Wayne's last official duty for the Hamilton SDC in 2011.

By Mike Emmerich

DRIVESHAFT STUFF

The caption reads DRIVESHAFT but the parts and service manual issued by Studebaker refer to it as the PROPELLOR SHAFT. I think that I prefer to call it the driveshaft as our cars do not have propellers like boats or aircraft.

Anyway, in my opinion the driveshaft is the most neglected part of our cars. It is buried in the bowels of the undercarriage where nobody sees it. As a result the universal joints that are attached to the driveshaft are not always lubricated as they should be.

Strange noises or vibrations are a clue that something is wrong. First inspect the universals for any kind of "play". Replace these first. If the noise or vibration continues you may need to take your driveshaft out and have it balanced. (See note below for recommended Driveshaft Shop).

Still having vibrations, then the next place to check is the rear axle pinion angle. This to me is a "black art" and is best left to a shop that services springs. They will measure the angles to ensure that they conform to the factory specs and add shims to correct any variances. This should ensure no more vibrations.

Do not neglect your driveshaft. I have seen where a front universal broke due to neglect and the owner was fortunate to escape with his life. A broken front universal will cause the driveshaft to "flail" and it will remove the floor pan of the car and injure occupants because the driveshaft, although no longer connected to the engine, is still connected to the rear axle and as long as the car is in motion the driveshaft will continue to turn and flail the bottom of the car.

If a rear universal fails the result will usually mean the driveshaft will fall out and be a hazard to other motorists.

Check AND lubricate your universals regularly.

Recommended Driveshaft Shop:
Lindsay Driveline
42 Needham St Lindsay.

Cost to balance driveshaft \$44.00 plus tax. Takes about 1/2 hour if you remove your driveshaft yourself and take it in to be balanced. Only four bolts to undo!

Upcoming Events...

Chapter Events

- Meetings for 2012: April – TBA
June 3 – Mike Emmerich/Bill Harris tour (Cambridge/Dundas ON)
Sept 9 – Ralph and Marguerite Hart (Cambridge ON)
Nov 25 – Jim and Barb Anderson (Dundas ON)
- June 1-3, 2012: Fleetwood Country Cruizein. See ad in Old Autos. See also <http://www.fleetwoodcountrycruizein.com/> for more details (when it gets updated). We will have an Avanti display again this year, so plan to attend. Can we break nine?

AOAI Events

- July 29- Aug 4, 2012: Nobody wants to miss the "50th Avanti Birthday Party". You can register for meet online at www.sdcmeet.com or paper registration form. See also 48th INTERNATIONAL SDC and AOA I MEET below.

SDC Events

- June 15-16, 2012: Crossroads Zone Meet, Frankenmuth MI. Host hotel is located centrally – walking distance to everything. Details will be provided as they become available.
- June 28-July 1, 2012: Studebaker “Made in Canada” Celebration, Ontario Chapter SDC. It's to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the SDC, 40th of the Ontario Chapter and 160th of the Studebaker Corporation. See <http://www.ontariosdc.ca/> as information becomes available.
- July 29- Aug 4, 2012: 48th INTERNATIONAL SDC and AOA I MEET, July 29-Aug 4, 2012 in South Bend, IN. Hosted by Michiana Chapter. HQ: Marriott Downtown Hotel. Join us in celebrating 50 years of the Studebaker Drivers Club! Meet hotel is the Marriott, with activities at the Century Center, and Fairgrounds. Come to South Bend and enjoy a fun filled eventful week! See <http://www.michiana-chapter-sdc.net>

Have an event you would like to add? Please contact Mike Emmerich with the details and I will include.

Mistakes that I have Made

(Confessions of the amateur mechanic)

They say that if you never make a mistake then you are not doing anything. I think that that is true BUT sometimes stupidity takes over.

For instance, I needed a new dipstick and tube for an engine that I was building. I ordered the parts from Phil Harris and when the engine was installed I put the new dipstick assembly in place. Then I filled the crankcase with 5 litres of oil plus filled the oil filter with about a half a litre as you are supposed to do. Fired the engine and did the usual check for leaks. After about 15 minutes I took a reading on the dipstick. It was down one litre. This was odd. I rechecked it and used another dipstick and got the same result.

I came to the conclusion that the new dipstick tube was too long and did not go into the crankcase far enough to give a correct reading.

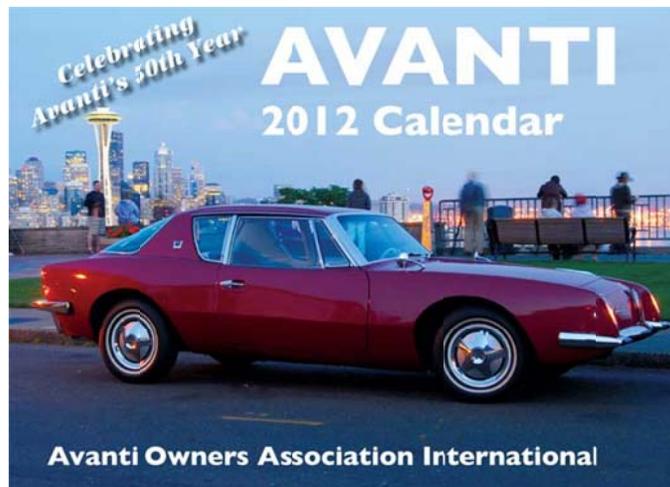
My stupid solution, and I have to admit this, was to cut about 3/4" from the top of the tube. Now the dipstick read full !!.

Sometime later, much later, I was draining oil from another engine and needed to put it somewhere to take to the disposal station when I noticed that the jug that I had filled the engine with was not 5 litres. It was only 4 litres !

Talk about feeling foolish. I ordered another dipstick and tube from Phil Harris and told him that I would not tell him why.

We all do dumb things and the above story is not the only blunder that I have made. From time to time I will add to this.

2012 Avanti Calendar



The eighth annual Avanti wall calendar is IN STOCK for IMMEDIATE shipping. Order yours now and be ready for the coming New Year. Full color, 14-inches X 10-inches (opens to 14-inches X 20-inches). This next year celebrates the 50th anniversary of the introduction of the Avanti automobile by the Studebaker Corp -- a last ditch effort to revive sales for the company.

CAOA Members Ted and Lorrie Dirksen's 1964 R2 is featured in September while members Bill Harris, Dave and Barb Moxham, Steve and Barb Wohleber, and Peter and Marna Sant's are featured on the last page.

Price is only \$12 each \$15 mailed. Contact Dave Moxham to order yours today!

CAOA Crest



We still have crests for sale – only \$5 each which includes postage. Please contact Bill Harris to order yours today!

AOAI celebrates 50 Years of AVANTI Tradition!



You are invited to the Avanti's 50th birthday party!

The AOAI Indiana Chapter is excited to host and celebrate with you the "50 years of AVANTI tradition" in South Bend, Indiana on July 29th through August 4th, 2012. This is a joint meet with the Studebaker Drivers Club. We will be remembering the past in the present.

AOAI has reserved the Inn at St. Mary's as the AOAI Host Hotel. A majority of activities will be at the host hotel. We have

an outstanding room rate of \$84.99 per night which includes Free Hot Breakfast, Complimentary Internet, Parking, Local Shuttle Service and Newspaper. The Inn at St. Mary's also has a whirlpool, sauna and swimming pool access. Most importantly to members, this is a really clean hotel and recently renovated with the latest technology upgrades.



Arrive Sunday or Monday in anticipation for a whirlwind week of Avanti and Studebaker fun. After checking into to the Inn at St. Mary's on the beautiful St. Mary's College campus, you can stop by the AOAI Hospitality Room and start renewing friendships or make new ones. A silent auction of unique Avanti and South Bend items will be on display and ready for your bids. If you or your chapter wishes to donate an item, let Max Starkey know. The AOAI Hospitality Room will be open daily and evenings following dinner events. Monday evening, enjoy the Welcome Reception at the Century Center. Cool down with some tasty ice cream.

Tuesday, the AOAI Board Meeting will be held from 9:00am until Noon. This will be a good opportunity to see the Board in action and share your views. In the afternoon and throughout the week, visit the St. Joseph County Fairgrounds to find some treasures and visit the multiple vendors selling their goods.



In the evening, arrive at the Studebaker National Museum (SNM) for a delicious Polish Dinner, a South Bend tradition. Have you ever dined at the SNM before? This is a real treat. You can arrive as early as 5:30pm to tour the museum and see the "Avanti Design Display" and visit the club room besides other Studebakers. Following dinner, we will have two amazing presentations. The first will be Ted and Scott Andrews, who are sons of Robert Andrews, talking about saving the destroyed Avanti clay model from the 2nd floor of the Avanti Motor Corp factory. You'll relive this daring rescue and see reconstruction photos and hear stories of their father's love for the Avanti. You'll be able to see the clay model in person. This is a ticketed event with limited seating for only 100 people so you'll want to register early. Following the Andrew brother's presentation, we have arranged for Dan Booth, Jon Myers and Roger Penn to share their stories on being Avanti Motor Corporation Service Dealers and Sales Representatives. Around 10:00pm, you can enjoy the first day of the Avanti History Video Marathon at the Inn at St. Mary's.

AOAI celebrates 50 Years of AVANTI Tradition!



Wednesday morning, we have arranged something new for the golfers in the club; you can demonstrate your skills at the South Bend Country Club an exclusive private club. You'll have a sneak peak where the AOAI Awards Banquet will be held. Cart fees are included in the rate. Rental clubs are available too just in case you want to save room in your Avanti for swap meet purchases.



Wednesday afternoon, Greg Prince, who is authoring the AOAI Studebaker Avanti Authenticity Guide, will give a detailed presentation on this subject. The goal is to have this Studebaker Avanti Authenticity Guide Book available for purchase during the meet. Greg will serve as Studebaker Avanti Chief Judge in South Bend.

Greg Lowry, Avanti 4 Door Designer, and Avanti Restoration & Service Inc. will give a demonstration on Avanti paint stripping and repairing fiberglass. Greg has worked with fiberglass since he was teenager and worked for Michael Kelly and then JJ Cafaro. Greg designed the 25th Silver Anniversary Avanti front and rear bumpers with ground effects which lead JJ Cafaro to ask him to design and create the 4 Door Avanti. Greg also worked for Calloway designing the special Corvette following the close of Avanti in Youngstown. This creation was shown on the cover of Hot Rod Magazine. Greg currently designs and builds fiberglass front and rear end clips among other things for the RV industry.

Wednesday evening, dinner will be on your own but hurry back to the Inn at St. Mary's for the opportunity to meet John Hora, one of the AOAI founders. Unfortunately, Captain Dick Collins recently passed away. Plus, meet Past AOAI Presidents during the AOAI "From the Beginning" Seminar. Following a short break, multiple guest speakers will give a two hour seminar highlighting Avanti Designers, Quality and Marketing followed by more Avanti History videos.

(Insert picture of John Hora and Captain Dick Collins at their first meeting – shaking hands)

Thursday, Concours at the St. Joseph County Fair Grounds with the Studebaker Drivers Club. You can choose to have AOAI judging as well as SDC judging. Plus, if you have a Studebaker Avanti, you can have it judged for original authenticity and earn a badge with certificate noting this rare status. The AOAI Judges meeting will be in the morning at the Inn at St. Mary's. Given the huge number of Avantis to be judged at this 50th

Anniversary Meet, we need each chapter to volunteer two or more members to serve as judges along with members at large. Contact Greg Prince and let him know you want to be an Avanti judge.



Thursday evening, the AOAI Awards Banquet starts at 6:00pm at the private South Bend Country Club (SBCC) on the west side of South Bend with Hors d'oeuvres of Swedish Meatballs, Mini Maryland Style Crab Cakes and Creamy Dill English Cucumbers. Business casual clothing is required. Dinner will be served at 7:00pm. You'll start off with a SBCC House Salad - crisp green salad with sliced cucumbers, shredded carrots, and diced tomatoes: Choice of Ranch or Raspberry Vinaigrette Dressing. The main entrée will be a Chef prepared split plate of Grilled & Sliced Portobello Sirloin Steak – Angus Sirloin sliced served with a Portobello Mushroom reduction, truffle and whipped potatoes, roasted seasonal vegetables and Chicken & Shrimp Scampi – Grilled chicken and shrimp combo in a roasted garlic butter sauce, seasonal linguini and vine ripe roasted tomatoes. For dessert, Tangerine & Gran Marnier Crème Brule plus a sampler plate of Chocolates for each table. Kids Meal (Chicken Tenders, French Fries, Applesauce, Fresh Fruit Cup) are available. You'll need to attend to see other surprises.

It is our honor to have Robert Lee as our AOAI Keynote Speaker. He was a silent investor in Avanti Motor Corporation and served as their lawyer since Nate Altman started the company. The golden nuggets of Avanti history will be released as Robert shares his journey and love of the Avanti. The other day, I phoned Robert and only intended to talk for a few minutes but before I knew it, he had shared 45 minutes of amazing Avanti Motors strategy and perseverance with me. I am excited for your opportunity to learn more about this Avanti history.

Final AOAI Silent Auction bidding will cease following the AOAI Awards Presentation.

Friday morning, the AOAI Chapter President's meeting will be held at the Inn at St. Mary's followed by a trip to Elkhart, Indiana to see the Avanti RV Motor home Factory Tour and RV museum tour. If you want to see American manufacturing in action, this will be one to see.

Saturday,

Drive your Avanti on the former Studebaker Proving Grounds. I can imagine Sherwood Egbert, Raymond Loewy, John Ebstein, Robert Andrews and Tom Kellogg standing on the infield cheering us on as we open up the throttle on the straight away and realize their dream is still alive.

Now, fill out the meet registration form and send it in or register online before these events fill up. You'll regret it if you don't. Book your room at the Inn at St. Mary's to be in the heart of the action for the Avanti club.

The AOAI Indiana Chapter looks forward to welcoming you to South Bend.

Regards,
Mike Baker & Max Starkey
Meet Co-Chairman

Winner of a free night stay - Inn at St. Mary's for 2012 AOAI Meet.



Thanks to the 16 dedicated AOAI members who signed up for the 2012 AOAI Meet following the AOAI Awards Banquet in Gettysburg. These folks were entered into a drawing for one free night stay at the Inn at St. Mary's during the 2012 AOAI Meet. Congratulations to Stuart and Delilah Moody from Butler, Pennsylvania for being the lucky winners. They drive a 1963 R1 Avanti and are also members of the Mid-America AOAI chapter.

Congratulations to Stuart and Delilah Moody from Butler, Pennsylvania, winners of a free night stay - Inn at St. Mary's for 2012 AOAI Meet.

First Name	Last Name	Location	Avanti	Local Chapter
Peter	Crisitello	Rahway, NJ	1967 AVANTI II RQA-0206	Raymond Loewy
Carl & Cheryl	Doughty	Palm Bay, FL	2004 Convertible	John Ebstein - Florida
Steve & Lark	James	Elkton, FL	1964 AVANTI	John Ebstein - Florida
Richard & Mary	James	Fredericktown, OH	2006 Convertible & 1988 Convertible	Indiana - Florida - MidAmerica
Milan & Dot	Johnson	Overland Park, KS	1963 AVANTI R2 63R-1443	Heartland
Douglas & Ellen	Komer	Northville, MI	1964 Avanti R1	
Thomas & Judith	Krolikowski	Dryden, MI	1984 AVANTI TOURING COUPE RQB3864-305	Indiana
Gill	Lott	Glen Burnie, MA	1976 Avanti	Raymond Loewy
Stephen & Joyce Hulen	Montgomery	Bakersfield, CA	1964 AVANTI R5365-BR1	Southern California
Stuart & Delilah	Moody	Butler, PA	1963 AVANTI R1 63R-2899	Mid-America
Michael & Nancy	Nicolella	Upper St Clair, PA	1963 AVANTI R2281-R2	Mid-America
Dale & Norma	Sexton	Chandler, AZ	1988 25TH ANNIVERSARY LSC 1000312	Arizona
Richard & Jackie	Sutphen	Essex Junction, VT	1976 Avanti	
Marc	Udoff	CALABASAS, CA	2007 AVANTI	Southern California
Robert (Bob) & Lisa	Wilson SR	Edgewater, MD	1963 AVANTI R1636-R1	
Paul & Betty	Windish	Tinley Park, IL	1976 Avanti	Chicagoland AOAI

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AOAI Host Hotel



Inn at St. Mary's Hotel & Suites
 53993 Indiana State Rte. 933, South Bend, IN 46637
 574.232.4000 or 800.947.8627 Toll Free
 Room Rate for Avanti Owners Association is \$84.99

**2012 SDC & AOA International Meet, South Bend, IN
July 29-Aug 4, 2012**

EVENTS

Sunday, July 29, 2012

8:00a to 5:00p Swap Meet Set-Up and RV Check In
10:00a to 5:00p Registration
10:00a to 5:00p Memorabilia & Display Set-Up

*St. Joseph County Fairgrounds (SJCF)
DoubleTree 2nd floor or SJCF Commercial Bldg.
DoubleTree 2nd floor Notre Dame Room*

Monday, July 30, 2012

8:00a to 5:00p Registration
8:00a to 5:00p Swap Meet and RV Check-In
8:00a to 5:00p SDC National Board Meeting
8:00a to 5:00p Memorabilia, Watches, & Toys
9:00a to 3:00p Hospitality Room
4:00p to 6:30p Casual Cruise-In
7:00p to 10:00p Welcome Reception
10:00p to 11:00p AOA Avanti History Videos

*DoubleTree 2nd floor or SJCF Commercial Bldg.
St Joseph County Fairgrounds (SJCF)
DoubleTree 2nd floor Grand Ballroom Salon B&C
DoubleTree 2nd floor Notre Dame Room
DoubleTree 2nd Floor Bethel Meeting Room
Studebaker International
Century Center Discovery Ballroom
Inn at St. Mary's*

TOURS

TBA #1 St Paul's Church, South Bend, IN Drive Yourself, Church Donation

Tuesday, July 31, 2012

7:00a to 8:00a SDC Chapter Newsletter Judges Breakfast
8:00a to 5:00p Registration
8:00a to 5:00p Swap Meet and RV Check-In
8:00a to 5:00p Memorabilia, Watches, & Toys
8:30a to 10:00a **Seminar #1 Studebaker's National Treasures** Andrew Beckman

*Century Center Discovery Ballroom
DoubleTree 2nd floor or SJCF Commercial Bldg.
St. Joseph County Fairgrounds (SJCF)
DoubleTree 2nd floor Notre Dame Room
The Studebaker National Museum Wiekamp Auditorium*

8:30a to 10:25a Printed Newsletter Meeting
9:00a to 12:00p AOA National Board Meeting
9:00a to 3:00p Hospitality Room
10:30a to 12:00p **Seminar #2 Former Employees Studebaker Automotive General Discussion**

*DoubleTree 2nd Grand Ballroom Salon C
Inn at St. Mary's Parlor C
DoubleTree 2nd floor Bethel Meeting Room*

10:35a to 11:25a Electronic Newsletter Meeting
11:35a to 12:00p Webmaster Meeting
1:00p to 2:30p **Seminar #3 Have Your Car Judged**
1:00p to 2:30p International Meet Committee
1:00p to 2:00p AOA Chapter Newsletter Editors Meeting
2:00p to 3:30p Studebaker Band Practice
2:30p to 4:00p Chapter Presidents, Zone Coordinators & Region Managers Meeting
3:00p to 5:00p **Seminar #4 Co-Operators Session**
4:00p to 5:30p Studebaker National Foundation BOD Meeting
5:30p to 10:00p AOA Polish Dinner & Presentations
7:00p to 8:30p SDC General Membership Meeting
10:00p to 11:00p AOA Avanti History Videos

*The Studebaker National Museum Wiekamp Auditorium
DoubleTree 2nd floor Grand Ballroom Salon C
DoubleTree 2nd floor Grand Ballroom Salon C
Century Center Lower Level Recital Hall
DoubleTree Grand Ballroom Salon B
Inn at St. Mary's Parlor C
Century Center Discovery Ballroom
DoubleTree Grand Ballroom Salon C
The Studebaker National Museum Wiekamp Auditorium
DoubleTree 2nd floor Indiana Room
The Studebaker National Museum
Grand Ballroom Salon B & C DoubleTree 2nd floor
Inn at St. Mary's*

TOURS

9:00a to 2:00p #2 Hudson Museum Shipshewana, IN Drive Yourself ½ price admission
10:00a to 12:00p #3 Studebaker Administration Bldg - Limited availability
2:00p to 4:00p #4 Studebaker Administration Bldg - Limited availability

Wednesday, August 1, 2012

8:00a to 5:00p Registration
8:00a to 5:00p Swap Meet and RV Check-In
8:00a to 5:00p Memorabilia, Watches, & Toys
8:00a to 11:00a ASC Board Meeting
9:00a to 3:00p Hospitality Room
9:00a to 1:00p AOA Golf Outing

*DoubleTree 2nd floor or SJCF Commercial Bldg.
St. Joseph County Fairgrounds
DoubleTree 2nd floor Notre Dame Room
DoubleTree 2nd floor Grand Ballroom Salon C
DoubleTree 2nd floor Bethel Meeting Room
South Bend Country Club – Private Club*

10:00a to Noon **Seminar #5 SDC Judges Training**
1:00p to 2:30p Studebaker Band Practice

*Century Center Lower Level Recital Hall
Century Center Discovery Ballroom*

1:00p to 2:30p **Seminar #6** Painting Car Parts
 2:00p to 3:00p AOAI Avanti Appraisal Evaluation Seminar
 3:00p to 4:30p **Seminar #7** Toy Seminar
 3:00p to 4:00p **Seminar #8** SNM Planned Giving
 3:00p to 4:00p AOAI Studebaker Avanti Authenticity Seminar
 4:00p to 5:00p AOAI Avanti Paint Stripping Seminar
 5:00p to 6:00p AOAI Avanti Fiberglass Repair Seminar

*DoubleTree 2nd floor Indiana Room
 Inn at St. Mary's Parlor D & E
 DoubleTree 2nd floor Indiana Room
 SNM Wiekamp Auditorium
 Inn at St. Mary's Parlor D & E
 Inn at St. Mary's Parking Lot
 Inn at St. Mary's Parking Lot*

5:00p **DEADLINE for Concours Registration**
 6:00p to 7:00p Studebaker Band Concert
 7:00p to 11:00p SDC National Auction
 7:00p to 8:00p AOAI "From the Beginning" Seminar
 8:00p to 10:00p AOAI Avanti Designers and Marketing Seminar
 10:00p to 11:00p AOAI Avanti History Videos

*Century Center Discovery Ballroom
 Century Center Discovery Ballroom
 Inn at St. Mary's Parlor D & E
 Inn at St. Mary's Parlor D & E
 Inn at St. Mary's*

TOURS
 8:00a to 4:00 p #5 Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum - Auburn, IN
 10:00a to 1:00p #6 Studebaker Sites by Shuttle
 1:00p to 4:00p #7 Studebaker Sites by Shuttle

Thursday August 2, 2012

7:00a to 9:00a Judges Breakfast Meeting
 8:00a to 5:00p Registration
 8:00a to 5:00p Swap Meet and RV Check-In
 8:00a to 5:00p Memorabilia, Watches, & Toys
 9:00a to 4:30p Concours
 10:00a to 11:00a Model/Watch Judging
 11:00a to 1:00p Ladies Luncheon
 1:00p to 2:00p Studebaker Band Concert
 4:30p Parade: Fairgrounds to Downtown Form up @ Gate 5
 6:00p to 10:30p AOAI Awards Banquet & Silent Auction
 7:00p to 10:00p ASC Auction
 7:00p to midnight Fun Night

*St. Joseph County Fairgrounds - Singer Bldg
 DoubleTree 2nd floor Grand Ballroom Salon A
 St. Joseph County Fairgrounds (SJCF)
 DoubleTree 2nd floor Notre Dame Room
 St. Joseph County Fairgrounds (SJCF)
 DoubleTree 2nd floor Notre Dame Room
 Tippecanoe Place
 Concours Field
 St. Joseph County Fairgrounds (SJCF)
 South Bend Country Club
 The Studebaker National Museum
 Century Center Discovery Ballroom*

Friday August 3, 2012

7:30a to 8:30a AOAI Chapter President's Meeting
 8:00a to 4:00p Registration
 8:00a to 2:00p Swap Meet
 8:00a to 12:00p Pick-up Memorabilia, Watches, & Toys
 6:00p to 7:00p Social Hour
 7:00p to 11:00p Awards Banquet

*Inn at St. Mary's Parlor D & E
 DoubleTree 2nd floor Grand Ballroom Salon A
 St. Joseph County Fairgrounds (SJCF)
 DoubleTree 2nd floor Notre Dame Room
 Century Center Convention Hall A & B
 Century Center Convention Hall A & B*

TOURS
 TBA #8 St Paul's Church, South Bend, IN Drive Yourself, Church Donation
 9:00a ASC Tour departs St Joe Cty Fairgrounds
 9:00a to 4:00p #9 Avanti Motor Home Factory Tour and National RV Museum

Saturday August 4, 2012

8:00a to 9:00a South side Wal-Mart Ireland Rd. form up for proving ground
 9:30a to 1:00p Studebaker Proving Ground Test Track

****Tour**Only Studebaker, Avanti, Packard allowed on test track**



48TH SDC INTERNATIONAL MEET & 2012 AOAI INTERNATIONAL MEET REGISTRATION FORM



Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

Spouse/Guest: _____

Guest # 1: _____ Guest # 2: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

SDC/AOAI/ASC #: _____ Local Chapter: _____

(Note: Guests may not be members of SDC, AOAI or ASC with the exception of immediate family. Children under 18 are no charge)

General Registration – Per Family or Vendor – REQUIRED \$ 30.00

Late Registration after June 15, 2012 add \$10 \$ _____

SDC Concours Registration: (Division/Year/Model i.e. Div 3, 59 Lark, 2dr Wag)

Car #1: _____ \$15 \$ _____

Car #2: _____ \$15 \$ _____

Display Car Only:

Car #1: _____ \$5 \$ _____

Car #2: _____ \$5 \$ _____

AOAI Authenticity Certification Judging Registration: (Studebaker Avantis only)

Car #1: _____ \$15 \$ _____

Car #2: _____ \$15 \$ _____

AOAI Concours Registration: (Year/Model)

Car #1: _____ \$15 \$ _____

Car #2: _____ \$15 \$ _____

Registration cut off for Concours and Display vehicles is August 01, 2012 @ 5:00 pm

Literature, Watches & Toys Judging # _____ @ \$5 each \$ _____

Model Car Judging # models _____ @ \$5 each \$ _____

Pocket Watch Judging # models _____ @ \$5 each \$ _____

Sub Total column A \$ _____

2012 SDC & AOAI International Meet Registration Form cont.

SPECIAL EVENTS & TOURS

Monday, July 30

	Count	Cost	Totals
Welcome Night	# _____	\$5 each	\$ _____

Tuesday, July 31

AOAI Polish Dinner @ Studebaker National Museum (limited seating)	# _____	\$20 each	\$ _____
Tour # 1 Hudson Museum - Drive Yourself		Discounted Admission	
Tour # 2 Studebaker Admin Bldg. limited availability	# _____	\$20 each	\$ _____
Tour # 3 Studebaker Admin Bldg. limited availability	# _____	\$20 each	\$ _____

Wednesday, August 1

AOAI Golf Outing – South Bend Country Club (morning) (18 holes and includes golf cart) (Club rental available for fee)	# _____	\$74 each	\$ _____
Tour # 4 ACD Museum, Auburn, IN (BUS)	To be announced		
Tour # 5 Studebaker Sites by Shuttle	# _____	\$25 each	\$ _____
Tour # 6 Studebaker Sites by Shuttle	# _____	\$25 each	\$ _____

Thursday, August 2

Ladies Luncheon & Fashion Show	# _____	\$35 each	\$ _____
Fun Night	# _____	\$25 each	\$ _____
AOAI Awards Banquet – (Sirloin Steak and Chicken & Shrimp Scampi)	# _____	\$40 each	\$ _____
Kids Meal (Chicken Tenders, French Fries, Applesauce, Fresh Fruit Cup)	# _____	\$10.95 each	\$ _____

Friday, August 3

Awards Banquet	_____ Chicken	_____ Beef	_____ Veg	\$40 each	\$ _____
Tour# 7 RV DAY - Avanti Motor Homes Factory & RV Museum by bus	# _____	\$40 each	\$ _____		

Sub Total this column (B) \$ _____

Sub Total column A (A) \$ _____

GRAND TOTAL Column A + B \$ _____

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: **48TH SDC INTERNATIONAL MEET**

MAIL TO: Cornerstone Registration, P.O. Box 1715, Maple Grove, MN 55311-6715

CANCELLATION POLICY: Refunds except for \$10.00 registration fee will be honored until June 20, 2012.

Celebrating 50 Years of SDC and AVANTI Tradition!

CANADIAN AVANTI OWNERS ASSOCIATION

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR 2012



The Canadian Avanti Owners Association (CAOA) is a non-profit organization committed to preserving the history of the Avanti automobile. We currently have +60 members located in all provinces across Canada. We are a Chapter of the Avanti Owners Association International Inc (<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 CAO 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.

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
 P0M 2N0

Any questions? Please Contact:

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CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION & ANNUAL RENEWAL FORM for 2011

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:

Year	Serial #	Engine Cubic In.	Car Model	Exterior / Interior Color	Cond. Code*

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



Membership Application & Renewal Form

New Membership

 Renewal

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

AOAI Membership C/O Cornerstone Registrations, Ltd. P.O. Box 1743 Maple Grove, MN 55311-6743 U.S.A.	Phone (763) 420-7829 Fax (763) 420- 7849
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Membership in U.S.:

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|---|-----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> First-time membership special (<i>includes one-year subscription to Avanti Magazine</i>) | \$ 19.95 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Renewing members (<i>includes \$20 for a one-year subscription to Avanti Magazine</i>) | \$ 25.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Special: Pay for five years, get a 20% discount. It's like getting the 5th year free! | \$ 100.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LIFE MEMBERSHIP | \$ 500.00 |

Canada and Foreign Membership:

- | | |
|---|----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> First-time foreign Membership special (<i>includes one-year subscription to Avanti Magazine</i>) | \$ 25.95 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Renewing foreign members (<i>includes \$20 for a one-year subscription to Avanti Magazine</i>) | \$ 31.00 |

Additional:

- | | |
|---|----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Studebaker National Museum Building Fund Donation (\$5, \$10, \$25, \$100 or higher) | \$ _____ |
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Total Amount: \$ _____

Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Spouse Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Prvnc: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ E-Mail: _____

Where did you learn about the A.O.A.I. ?: _____

AOAI Member # (if renewal): _____

Avantis Owned:

	Year	Model (Example: "Avanti II")	Serial Number
1			
2			
3			