



The Canadian Avanti

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Looking for the Great Pumpkin!



(Glenn Stevens)

Glenn Stevens' 1983 Avanti in Bras D'or, Cape Breton, N.S.

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President's Message...



Well I suppose most of you have your pride and joy put up for the season...I say season because, hey, after all winter is only one of four. Makes it sound better anyway doesn't it? Also because I generally tend to hold off until the last minute to get 1404 put away. Really slid under the line this year as snow fell the day after I got my car into it's winter berth. I say berth as my storage place

is my former boat restoration shop. Only hassle there is that the shop floor is 2 feet above grade which requires two 3 x 12 16' long planks as ramps. Seems simple but with 6 inch wide tread, this only leaves 3 inches leeway on either side of each wheel. Doesn't sound too tricky but that's not a lot of room for error. I usually spend a good bit of time with tape measure, back and forth and considering the front track is wider than the rear etc. Have been right on so far, but two years ago lost it on the way out in the spring. You see the other issue is that my door width is only 7'4" , which means all the stars and planets have to be lined up exactly. When the right front wheel slid off the plank about half way down, I just stepped on the gas and kept going. The grooves from the lower suspension bolts are there as a reminder. Luckily there was no damage and even better...no one else was around to watch. This weekend, the 30th is the Hamilton SDC Christmas Party so any of us in the area are looking forward to that. Do any of our other members further afield get together for dinners etc. in the "off" season? If so, let us know and send some photos. Already looking forward to some of next year's events and marking dates on the new calendars. Hope you are doing the same. In closing, the best to all of you for a safe and happy Holiday season and a lot of miles in your Avanti in 2014.



And this is what happens when you leave your friends/relatives alone with your car when you run into the local store for beer and wine

All the best! Steve Wohleber

Editor's Message...



Looks like another year is fast coming to a close. Time to reflect on what you accomplished (or didn't). Many sold their babies while acquiring others or added to their stable. We unfortunately lost some friends while others gained new. One constant about life is change. Speaking of that, the leaves were incredible this year. I actually got out a lot and went on little drives here and there.

I just spent the weekend moving cars around to place my cars in "maintenance" positions. The coupe is due for an oil change and a new starter. The starter seems to go click instead of whirr when I need to leave an event – always in proportion to the number of people surrounding it. The Avanti, well, it is getting a make-over. Paulette drove the Avanti the other day and told me it seems that her 2009 Focus has more zip. I guess my HO 305 is now HO-HUM. I have a new 383 in the works plus will take time to go through the transmission while it is out. I also plan new universals and 3:31 gears (thanks to Dave Moxham) in the back. I will also get new Thiebault sway bars front and rear along with ultra-HD shocks (whatever they are). I also have Forrest and Forrest putting in a new rack and pinion, keeping the existing a-arms and kingpins (they work). Once this is all done, a new coat of the shiny stuff and a little interior R&R and I will be ready for Dover.



Got great news from Bill Harris – it appears Plunkett will again host the Fleetwood Cruizein for 2014 – June 7-8 to be exact. Always a good show with four-nine Avanti in attendance.

Put Dover Delaware on the calendar for next year. This international meet is actually closer to most than South Bend so should be a great venue.

Our upcoming meeting this December is our Election meeting so send me your nominations or if you would like to stand - always open to new blood. Ralph and Marguerite always do a great job opening up their home to us and this year will be no different.

Your membership expires on Jan 1, 2014. Might as well take the opportunity to renew with Dave Moxham and order a new 2014 calendar. This year has Hugh Campbell on the cover and Sue and Roly Lusted's inside. Your AOAI membership will expire on your anniversary date – just check on your membership card.

Hope you all had a great summer, perfect Thanksgiving and are now looking forward to Christmas!

By Mike Emmerich

International Drive Your Studebaker Day

September 14, 2013

The Studebaker Drivers Club (<http://www.studebakerdriversclub.com/>) has organized with help from all its chapters a day in which all Studebaker (and Avanti) owners get out and drive their car. This could be a chapter hosted tour, rally or BBQ and even an individual just going for a drive to a local car show or an ice cream. This year the Hamilton Chapter (<http://www.thehamiltonchaptersdc.ca/>) had a couple of events planned. One was the Magic Moments concert in Burlington ON. This is a major fundraiser for the Halton Heroes, a group supporting fallen police and fire officers and their families. There were six Studebakers in attendance, which was an “invitation only” for the participants. The other event was their annual BBQ and meeting. Hosted by different members of the chapter, this year Wayne Hamilton and Sharon Pearce offered their home in Mount Hope ON. Weather was cooperative albeit a little cool (but my coupe ran great!). There were 16 cars present for this pot-luck and meeting with over 30 members. As usual, the meeting went quick and food was then served. There was far too much but enjoyed by all. Another one of our members had their 1961 Hawk entered in the Concours D’Elegance in Kemble ON (<http://cobblebeachconcours.com/concours-d-elegance.html>) where they won first place in their category. All in all, another successful IDYSD for the Hamilton Chapter in 2013.

Magic Moments:



Kevin and Della Mullett – 1963 GT



Barry and Carol Leppan – 1964 GT



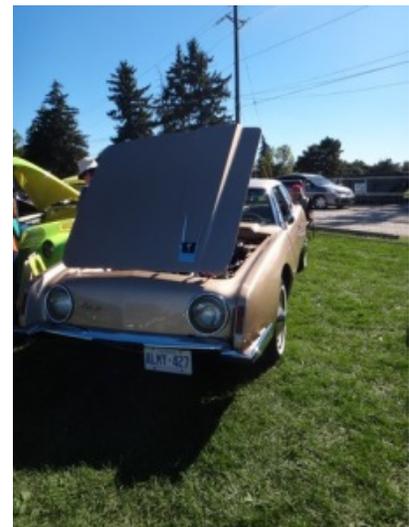
Jim and Barb Anderson – 1963 Avanti



Steve and Kathy Porter – 1964 GT



Steve and Kathy Porter – 1950 Champion



Bill Harris – 1963 Avanti

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Hamilton Chapter BBQ:



Wayne Hamilton and Sharon Pearce
– 1985 Avanti



Jim and Barb Anderson – 1963
Avanti



Larry and Barb Gibson – 1964 Avanti



Mike Emmerich – 1940 Champion



Stu and Thelma Chapman – 1964
Daytona



Ray and Vera Martin – 1965
Wagonaire



Raymond Wise – 1963 Avanti



Bill Harris – 1963 Avanti



John and Ingrid Koshty – 1955
Commander



Kevin and Della Mullett – 1963 GT



Steve Tournay – 1962 Lark



Fred and Sharon Hall – 1962 Lark
Daytona

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George and Donna Graham – 1963 Lark Daytona



Larry and Suzann English – 1965 Daytona



Steve and Kathy Porter – 1958 Commander



Bob and JoAnn Easton – 1960 Lark



So much food, so little time...



Trying to stay warm...

Concours D'Elegance:



Roly Lusted with his first place ribbon



1961 Hawk



2013 Pure Stock Muscle Car Drag Races



Studebakers at this year's event became the cars to beat. The seven Studebakers attending put on quite a show and had spectators gathering and asking questions about the cars. We had three R3 cars there. Two Lark types and one R3 Avanti built by Nimesh Solanki. It was his first time at the track with this car. Many of you know that Nimesh builds and sells high quality parts to make our Studebakers go faster. Some of his workmanship is a treat to look at even if you

do not understand it. We had three R2's, one Lark (The Tomato) one GT Hawk R2 and My Avanti R2. This year we had a very enthusiastic Dave Warren from Barrie in attendance with a really nice 1955 Commander Hardtop. Dave had attended two prior events but was not allowed to participate due to his car no having a 4 barrel carburetor. He fixed that this year. His car had a lot of attention.

The races were the usual focussed event for drivers. Not much time for socializing due to car prep for the next race. There were many helping hands and much advice about how to improve your times, but little time to chat.

I could not follow the results of every participant but I do know that Nimesh Solanki with the R3 Avanti won his shootout. George Krem with Ted Harbit driving the Plain Brown Wrapper (R3 Challenger) won its shootout. The Tomato was driven this year by John Kern. John is the son of Chuck Kern who was unable to attend this year due to a family issue. Normally Ted Harbit drives both the Wrapper and the Tomato but because the pairings were so close it was obvious that he could not jump into one car quick enough to get back and drive the other. John heard the call. He drove the Tomato faster than I have seen Ted drive it. In the shootouts John came back with his time slip with a big smile. He had won his race but went too fast and lost because of the breakout rule where you cannot go three tenths faster than your qualifying time. John was ecstatic even though he lost. I think that it was a new record for the Tomato.



I am not sure about the rest other than my own result of beating a 1966 Pontiac 2+2 421 Tri Power. I was spotting him 132 cubic inches and 67 horsepower. Weight of the Pontiac was about 200 lbs heavier than my Avanti.

2013 Pure Stock Muscle Car Drag Races

Both of our qualifying times were the same 14.1. This is remarkable in itself as I am running a 3.07 axle. Everybody is amazed that this can happen including me.

I lost the first shootout because of my slower reaction time at the light. I made up for it by cutting a .022 light for the second round and beat the Poncho by three car lengths. The third round must have had him psyched out as he tried to beat my reaction time at the light and in so doing he Red Lit and lost the round. So in a best two out of three Studebaker and Avanti prevailed.

I think Dave Warren won and Allen Anderson won with his GT Hawk but I am not sure. I know that Steve Doerschlage lost with the gorgeous R3 Challenger because he told me as I was leaving.

Nobody broke anything, everyone got home safe and sound and we all agreed that we should be there again next year. In fact I have my reservation at Maxfield's Hotel already.

Think about marking this drag race/car show on your calendar for next year.

Eye Candy...



THE MAPLE LEAVES PERFORMED!



The sun shone on the 2013 Maple Leaf Tour, at least part of the time. A day that started out a bit cloudy became pleasant and 18 Studebakers, including Harry and Jane Clarks' beautiful 1979 Avanti II, completed the 145 mile run without a hitch. Although the Motel Minden was the official meet location, we filled the newly refurbished Noble Motel to capacity (all 6 rooms of it). Those who joined us Friday evening enjoyed a great meal at the Riverside Inn. We actually overfilled the dining room and the Foy's, who arrived early, graciously retired

to the fireplace for cocktails in order to make space. Thanks, Bill and Cathy. Mervis and I check this place regularly to maintain confidence in the quality and prices.

We began Saturday at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre with a good showing at Nature's Place, the museum and pioneer village although the art gallery was closed due to a possible trace of asbestos in the older section. Lots to see anyway. The drive north from there was on paved back roads – the Bobcaygeon Road, which we have done before then the Kushog Lake Road. This latter is slow, hilly, twisty and very pretty. Ask the guys with power steering by Arm-strong for an assessment. From Kushog Narrows we had to use Highway 35 due to a total lack of back roads.



Crabby Joe's in Huntsville put on an excellent lunch with a special group menu for us. We then followed the intended route down the Brunel Road to Baysville although the Lake of Bays Brewery had copped out on our tour. This put us into Dorset a bit early. It's a pretty little village which just happened to be overflowing with classic cars. Several auto clubs had inadvertently scheduled a stop there at the same time, so it became quite a car show. The loss of our brewery tour also gave time for a visit to Buttermilk Falls on the return trip and a stop at Kawartha Dairy for an ice cream cone.

Saturday evening, the Noble Motel and Restaurant served up their usual great all-you-can-eat prime rib dinner. Most of our folk choose this as it is the best deal going. Door prizes were plentiful this year and included a special "mystery prize" won by Harley Timbers (several other potential winners generously said "I already have one" and took the next choice). He went home with a 3 ½ ton floor jack donated by Canadian Tire in Minden! This is by far the biggest item ever given to our tour. The evening wound up with the Noble's Saturday night karaoke session.

As usual, good food, good company, good time, good tour despite a couple of hitches. Next year we work out of Orillia to explore more back roads. Until then, keep warm and we'll see you at the Christmas Lunch.

Edelbrock Vs Carter AFB

I have a Carter AFB carburetor on my Avanti. Avanti engines and a lot of other Studebaker 289 V8's came with Carter AFB Carbs. These have become worn out over time and people have replaced them with Edelbrock carburetors. These are actually clones of the Carter AFB's. They look slightly different and their fuel inlet fittings are in a different location plus they have the PCV fitting and vacuum advance connections in different locations, but most of the parts on an Edelbrock carb can be interchanged with the Carter AFB. For instance the jets and metering rods are identical making tuning of a Carter easy with readily available parts.

Now if you decide on a total swap of an Edelbrock for a Carter, the question is which one is right for your engine?

Edelbrock 1406 is the most popular model as it fits a 350 engine so people gravitate to it. Also it is cheaper since Edelbrock sells tons of them, but is it right for your Studebaker engine? The answer is yes and no. How's that for sitting on the fence!

My thoughts are that on an original Studebaker 259 or 289 V8 I would use an Edelbrock 1403. It is a 500cfm carb which will produce good power and economy right out of the box. I think that with increasing use of Ethanol in our fuels I would be inclined to richen up the main jets by one or two sizes. The 1403 comes with .086 main jets and I would generally increase them to .089 or even to .092 especially with a 289.

If you go with a 1406 you can leave the jets the way it comes. You can expect a bit less fuel economy but it will still work.

One thing, with the Edelbrock 1403 or the 1406, you MUST either cut off a part of the throttle arm or use a thick aluminum spacer for the linkage to clear the intake manifold. In addition this spacer is necessary if you swap out a Carter WCFB carb. The secondaries on the Carter AFB and the Edelbrock are bigger than those of the Carter WCFB and will not open properly.

One thing about the switch from AFB to Edelbrock is the diameter of the carb top. The Edelbrock is bigger and your air cleaner may not fit. This is especially true for a Supercharger Bonnet. The solution here is to change the tops of both Carbs so that you end up with an Edelbrock carb with an AFB top. The benefit here is that the fuel inlet is the correct position and the air filter or Bonnet will fit.

Another plus for the Edelbrock is the Electric Choke. These are great for fuel savings. It takes a long time for the choke to open on an AFB and while it is closed you burn more fuel. Not so with the electric choke it comes off fast, thus more fuel economy.

I think that you will like the re-jetted Edelbrock 1403 on a 289.

Upcoming Events...

Chapter Events

November 30: Annual Chapter Christmas Party, Kings Court, details to be provided. Roly Lusted is the contact.

Meetings for 2013: December 1 – Home of Ralph Hart, annual elections.
Alternate – in case of scheduling difficulties, Wayne Hamilton and Sharon Pearce have offered their home.

AOAI Events

See SDC Events below.

SDC Events

June 28-July 5, 2014: 50th (Golden Anniversary) INTERNATIONAL MEET, at Dover Downs Hotel & Casino/Dover International Speedway in Dover Delaware. Hosted by the DelMarVa Peninsula Chapter. Website: www.DelMarVaSDC.org

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

Maple Leaf Tour courtesy of Verne Brinsmead



What Love means to a 4-8 year old...

A group of professional people posed this question to a group of 4 to 8 year-olds, 'What does love mean?' The answers they got were broader and deeper than anyone could have imagined. See what you think:

'When my grandmother got arthritis , she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore.. So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That's love.' – Rebecca, age 8

'When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You just know that your name is safe in their mouth.' – Billy, age 4

'Love is when a girl puts on perfume and a boy puts on shaving cologne and they go out and smell each other.'
– Karl, age 5

'Love is when you go out to eat and give somebody most of your French fries without making them give you any of theirs.' – Chrissy, age 6

'Love is what makes you smile when you're tired.' – Terri, age 4

'Love is when my mommy makes coffee for my daddy and she takes a sip before giving it to him, to make sure the taste is OK.' – Danny, age 7

'Love is when you kiss all the time. Then when you get tired of kissing, you still want to be together and you talk more. My Mommy and Daddy are like that . They look gross when they kiss' – Emily, age 8

'Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and listen.' – Bobby, age 7

'If you want to learn to love better, you should start with a friend who you hate" –Nikka, age 6

'Love is when you tell a guy you like his shirt, then he wears it everyday' –Noelle, age 7

'Love is like a little old woman and a little old man who are still friends even after they know each other so well.'
–Tommy, age 6

'During my piano recital, I was on a stage and I was scared. I looked at all the people watching me and saw my daddy waving and smiling. He was the only one doing that. I wasn't scared anymore.' – Cindy, age 8

'My mommy loves me more than anybody. You don't see anyone else kissing me to sleep at night.' – Clare, age 6

'Love is when Mommy gives Daddy the best piece of chicken.' –Elaine, age 5

'Love is when Mommy sees Daddy smelly and sweaty and still says he is handsomer than Robert Redford.' – Chris, age 7

'Love is when your puppy licks your face even after you left him alone all day.' - Mary Ann, age 4

'I know my older sister loves me because she gives me all her old clothes and has to go out and buy new ones.'
–Lauren, age 4

'When you love somebody, your eyelashes go up and down and little stars come out of you.' - Karen, age 7

'Love is when Mommy sees Daddy on the toilet and she doesn't think it's gross' –Mark, age 6

The winner was a four year old child whose next door neighbor was an elderly gentleman who had recently lost his wife. Upon seeing the man cry, the little boy went into the old gentleman's yard, climbed onto his lap, and just sat there. When his Mother asked what he had said to the neighbor, the little boy said, 'Nothing, I just helped him cry'.

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR 2014



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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