



The Canadian Avanti

Official Newsletter for the Canadian Avanti Owners Association

Winter 2010

Warm Wishes for a Great Holiday Season!



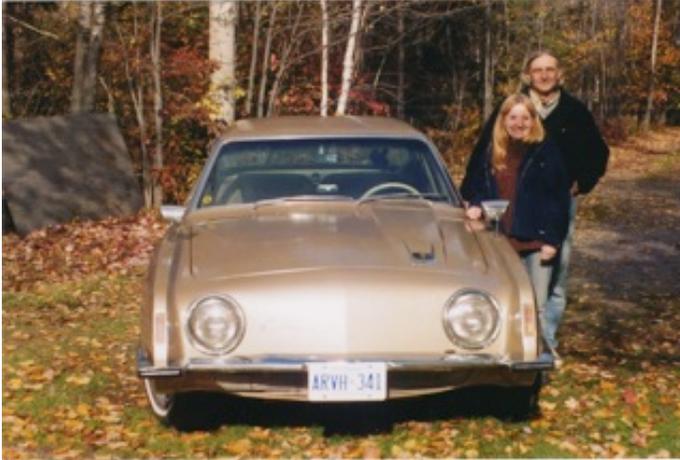
Sharon Pearce and Wayne Hamilton with their 1985 Avanti.

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Message from the President...



As we all prepare for the Holidays and wrap up 2010, we can now look forward to the many events of 2011. CAO A has a number of activities planned for the New Year and we encourage all members to take part in as many as possible. Our regular meetings are open to all, and we hope by moving the venue around that more of you will be able to participate. Dates and places are listed in this newsletter so check

them out and see which ones might fit your schedule. Also we will once more be participating with the SDC in a number of activities through the year and hope to see you there. The Fleetwood Country Cruizein should be number one on everyone's list and we hope all of you will make it for that great event. And finally, in closing, we all want to wish a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and your families and remember the best part of being a member of CAO A is the friendship and camaraderie, of participation.



Unless we can get some snow tires on this puppy, it is hibernating for the winter...

Wishing you all the best,
Steve Wohleber

Editors message...

What? Another newsletter so soon? Didn't we just get one in October? Well, since so many of you are starting to send me items, I thought instead of writing a book every three months I could do a novelette every two months. This way, it will be easier on those with dial-up.



When you read the minutes, we have a bunch of neat things going on. The biggest is the website with Webmaster (Web mistress?) Sue. I was indifferent when the Hamilton Chapter SDC wanted a website. Now that we have it, I take the opportunity to tell people about it, especially the Members section. How many times have you had someone ask "What is an Avanti"? Now you can tell them to go to www.CanadianAvanti.ca and show them your car. It also means Sue and I will be bugging you for a picture of your car as well as a Bio.

The addition of the VPs across Canada is really great. Creates a CAO A presence in your region, someone you can coordinate attending an event with or even just getting together for a Timmy's. For me, I have a person I can harass for pictures and information. Remember to help them (and me) out by sending pictures of you and yours at your local cruises and shows – and remember, need not be Avanti related. All stories are welcome.

I have a good article on our adventure going to Charlotte in October for the NASCAR race. Some of you may remember Judith's story on meeting Jeff Gordon; well, it appears we may have topped this one. Look for it in our next newsletter.

Well, it is back to work on Judith's convertible. Since Cambridge dumped salt on the roads, I can officially pull the Avanti off the road for a much-needed carburetor overhaul. I also had a diversion with my little four-door and now Judith is tapping her foot with crossed arms. I did take all her chrome/stainless into Cambridge Custom Chrome before Reedsville...

CAOA Items for Sale:

2011 Calendars are now in – Featuring CAO A members Wayne Hamilton and Sharon Pearce's 1984 Avanti and Chuck and Karen Douglas's 1963 R-2. Price is a reasonable \$12 if picked up at a meeting or \$15 mailed. There are previous years available as well; supplies are limited so act fast! Please contact Dave Moxham to order yours today.

CAOA Window Stickers: One is provided with every new membership. What do you do if you have more than one Avanti? Or want to show your allegiance on your Brand X? Contact Bill Harris to order yours today. Price is only \$2.50 plus postage.

CAOA Hat/Jacket Crests: We are currently sourcing a supplier and plan to provide one for each membership and all new memberships thereafter. If you want more than one, please contact Bill Harris to reserve. Cost is expected to be under \$10.

By Mike Emmerich



CAOA Meeting Minutes

November 28, 2010

- Members Present:** Held at the home of Bill Harris in Dundas ON. Steve and Barb Wohleber, Dave and Barb Moxham, Roly and Sue Lusted, Bill Harris, Hugh Campbell, Ralph Hart, Barry and Carol Leppan, Jim and Barb Anderson, Mike Emmerich.
- Call to Order:** 1:30 PM
- Opening Remarks:** Steve Wohleber welcomed everyone to the home of Bill Harris. He thanked Bill for the great spread (and the members who brought additional items) and opening his home to the CAOAs members in attendance. Steve thanked the Hamilton Chapter SDC for inviting them to their Christmas party on November 27, 2010. Members also commented that he and Barb “cleaned up” on all the door prizes!
- Minutes:** Minutes of June 27, 2010 read by Steve Wohleber. Motion to accept minutes made by Roly Lusted, seconded by Sue Lusted, accepted.
- Treasurer’s Report:** Motion to accept report for November 28, 2010 made by Dave Moxham, seconded by Roly Lusted, accepted. Dave Moxham asked that when the new executive has been determined, that the executive have a budget meeting for 2011.
- Membership Report:** Membership status - we are now at 64 members. Bill Harris advised that there were 15 renewals for 2011 and two people paid up for 2012.
- Old Business:**
- CAOA Membership Patch: Paul Cronkwright investigated could it be made any smaller and due to the amount of detail, no. It was then discovered that Keith Brooks was the originator of the CAOAs logo and is willing to make any changes necessary to accommodate. Bill Harris printed off a logo @ 3.5” and taped it to a hat, which looked good (should also look good on a jacket). Paul Cronkwright will work with Keith and his embroiderer to advise what details need to be changed in order to accommodate. The members in attendance agreed that the CAOAs logo and crest need not be identical, only similar.

By Mike Emmerich



Suggestions were made to:

- Lose the car, bars
- Make “Avanti” larger
- Only list “Owners Association” along the bottom.

These changes will create the image with the red maple leaf being Canadian, Avanti script and Owners Association along the bottom = Canadian Avanti Owners Association.

Action Items:

Paul Cronkwright to work with Keith Brooks and embroider to see if the above changes could be implemented in 3.5”.

Web Site:

Sue Lusted presented our preliminary site. It will have our logo on the top, with an Avanti (TBD) beside it. Along the left hand side will be Home, Executive, Membership, Newsletter, History of Avanti, Links, Upcoming Events & Happenings (Canada and US), Past Events and Members Cars. Consensus is that it looked good, minor tweaks recommended. Sue will purchase our domain name from Godaddy.com on Monday (Cyber sale). Sue plans to launch December 15, 2010. The members present thanked Sue for all of her hard work so far and what she needs to do in the upcoming weeks.

Update November 30, 2010: We now have our URL, it is www.CanadianAvanti.ca

November 19-20, 2010:

Reedsville PA Swap Meet hosted by the Keystone Region Chapter, this swap meet is routinely attended by many members. Venders were down, notably Phil Brown and Studebaker International. SI seems to be focusing on the mail-order side of the business. There were many “real time” links to the forum. As usual, let the buyer beware and know your pricing. Good deals were out there. All of the soft goods from SASCO have been transported to Starlight Studebaker who will make kits available soon. See <http://starlightstude.wordpress.com/> for more information.

New Business:

AOAI Minutes Oct 10, 2010: “Steve James was asked by the board to send to all AOAI Chapters an update on the bylaws as it pertains to membership in the AOAI for an individual to be a member of a local chapter. It is necessary for all members of a local

By Mike Emmerich



AOAI Chapter to be AOAI members for the insurance to be in effect at the local meetings and this requirement is a part of the AOAI bylaws.”

Steve Wohleber will verify with Mike Baker if the agreement arranged by Roland Vardon is still in effect. Conversely, is membership in the SDC considered an equal?

Bill Harris will record all AOAI membership numbers along with CAO member's information. Members are encouraged to join AOAI in the meantime – AOAI membership dues have not gone up for 2011 and the Avanti magazine is worth the price of admission alone.

SDC Membership:

The SDC has increased their dues for an International (CDN) Membership to \$39 USD. This is due to the cost of postage in mailing to Canada. They have been losing money in the previous years and this will help them break even.

Powerama:

Due to circumstances, there will not be an Avanti display as previously planned. Ted Dirksen is still working on the details and a report will follow if the CAO's help is required.

Newsletter:

First issue was e-mailed to everyone with e-mail and mailed to six people without e-mail. This represents a significant cost savings for the chapter (\$118). As there will be four newsletters a year, total annual savings will be \$472. This being said, if you cannot tolerate receiving via e-mail (dial-up, printer costs, etc.) please let Mike Emmerich know. We are hoping that when the website is up and running you can download from the web site rather than receiving as an e-mail. Mike Emmerich and Sue Lusted need Member Bios for the Newsletter and Web Site. Newsletter articles need not be Avanti related – special events and/or interests are allowed and encouraged.

2011 Calendars:

They are in and are marvelous! They feature CAO members Wayne Hamilton and Sharon Pearce's 1985 Avanti and Karen and Chuck Douglas's 1963 R-2. Price is \$12 (at meetings) or \$15 mailed. Please contact Dave Moxham for your copy today!

By Mike Emmerich



2011 Dues: Our membership dues are still only \$15 yearly. Please contact Dave Moxham today to renew. Please ensure that you update Bill Harris and Mike Emmerich with any address or e-mail changes. Bill Harris is planning to mail a renewal letter to each member along with CAO and AOAI application forms and a 2011 Calendar request. Mike Emmerich will e-mail same information as well.

Tufted Tit-Mouse: Roly Lusted spotted a rare Tufted Tit-Mouse (sorry, no picture) at one of Bill's numerous feeders. Bill got rather excited – I will let your imaginations run wild about the retorts made by some present...

Events:

March 3-5 2011: York Pennsylvania Keystone Region Chapter annual Swap Meet.

May 6-7 2011: South Bend Indiana CROSSROADS ZONE MEET hosted by the Michiana Chapter. See <http://www.michiana-chapter-sdc.net/>.

June 3-5, 2011: Fleetwood Country Cruizein: The Hamilton Chapter SDC is once again going to arrange a "Studebaker" display at this show. This will be less formal than the previous 100 Year Anniversary show. Proposed expense will only be a dash plaque to commemorate the event. The CAO can take advantage of this by getting all of the Avantis together from Ontario in one big display (can we beat nine last year?).

Update November 30, 2010: Sue Lusted found out the inside track to this year's show which is around the June 3-5 time again this year. Friday night's entertainment will be the Beach Boys playing in the big tent. Saturday is the cruise-in with about 3500-4000 cars. Saturday night's dinner/dance will have Lighthouse playing this year. Sunday is now added to the show and will be a judged car show with about 5 awards given out by the likes of George Barris, Gene Winfield, etc. All of this tentative.

June 19-25, 2011: 47th INTERNATIONAL SDC MEET in Springfield, Missouri. Hosted by Ozark Trails Chapter. See <http://www.sdcmeet.com/>.

July 13-17, 2011: AOAI National Meet, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. See www.aoai.org for additional information as it becomes available. Anyone planning to attend?

By Mike Emmerich



July 22-24, 2011: Summerfest Weekend, hosted by Ontario Chapter, presented by Bob Easton. It will be a Niagara weekend with cruise, tours and dinner cruise planned. CAO A is cordially invited to attend. If enough people attend, dinner cruise will be exclusively “Studebaker”. More details will be available as they come out, contact Bob Easton (jemmz@sympatico.ca) for more information.

September 10, 2011: International “Drive Your Studebaker Day”. We really need Avanti owners to embrace this and get their Avanti’s out there – even if for a simple solo trip. Pictures and stories needed! Stay tuned for more information.

Meetings for 2011: Due to the welcome the CAO A had to attend the Hamilton Chapter Christmas party (and verifying if we are welcome at future Christmas celebrations), Steve Wohleber suggested that we consider tying in a meeting with an event. This would enable those who drove a great distance to have a weekend of activities. Therefore, the scheduled meetings will attempt to tie into an event.

February 2011: Executive Meeting, date/location TBA
(Steve Wohleber)

April 2011: Date/Location TBA

June 5, 2011: Mike and Judith Emmerich, Cambridge,
ON. Fleetwood Country Cruizein.

September 11, 2010: Ralph and Marguerite Hart, Cambridge,
ON. Coincide with Drive your Studebaker
Day.

November 27, 2011: Bill Harris, Dundas ON. Coincide with
Hamilton Chapter SDC Christmas Party.

Elections 2010: Please see the next page for election results. Mike Emmerich is pleased with the addition of the VPs to our executive. This will enable him to get more local articles and pictures across the country, plus add local cars shows and events to our schedule.

Meeting Adjourned: Motion to adjourn by Sue Lusted @ 3:30 PM, all in favour.

Canadian Avanti Owners Association

November 28, 2010



Barb Anderson, Carol and Barry Leppan talking about...



Hugh Campbell, Steve Wohleber, Bill Harris and Dave Moxham. Bill is modeling the new crest (albeit paper) on his hat.



Barb Moxham in the kitchen. Why do women gravitate to the kitchen? I suspect to get away from our boring meetings!



Ralph Hart, Carol Leppan and Roly Lusted helping themselves to a hearty lunch. Thanks to Barb and all the people who brought food and set it all up!



The gang in Bill's garage. No, we did not help Bill with any chores needed to be done – flanged axles, 1955 T-Bird assembly, etc.



Bill's 1963 Avanti alongside his new pride and joy, 1936 Ford Tudor.



Meet Your New Executive for 2011

Many thanks to the 2010 Executive (Steve Wohleber, Dave Moxham, Bill Harris, and Mike Emmerich) in a year of transition. We would also like to welcome the new appointment of Webmaster – Sue Lusted, who along with Bill Harris will be members of the Executive for 2011.

Your New Executive for 2011 is:

President:	Steve Wohleber	Yes
Vice President:		
Prairies: <i>(Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba)</i>	Ted Dirksen	Yes
British Columbia	Dwayne Jacobson	Yes
Ontario:	Hugh Campbell	Yes
East: <i>(Quebec, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, PEI, NFLD)</i>	Graham Gagne	Yes
Treasurer:	Dave Moxham	Yes
Secretary:	Mike Emmerich	Yes
Membership*:	Bill Harris	Yes
Newsletter*:	Mike Emmerich	Yes
Webmaster*:	Sue Lusted	Yes

* These positions are appointments as opposed to elected and are considered part of the Executive.

Meet Your Executive – Bill Harris



I have been interested in birds and nature ever since I was a kid playing on the banks of the Humber River in Toronto or vacationing up at the family cottage 50 KM north of Parry Sound. For about 30 years I have traveled to Pointe Pelee to watch the spring migration northwards, Pelee being a world famous migration location. I have also birded in Costa Rica, Florida, Alaska, Pennsylvania, and Alberta. Like the car hobby I find it very relaxing, challenging and mostly enjoy the people I meet along the way. I have introduced many people to the hobby.

In my youth at the cottage I built 5 boats along with my father. The fastest was a 16' three point hydroplane with a 100 HP mercury that would go 83 MPH. I love boat, oval and drag racing and about 6 years ago acquired a 16' Raveau race boat made in Palmetto, Florida. Newly built at the time by the original builder Bob Walwork who built them in the 60's when he was a teenager. Bob builds about 4 a year and the waiting list was 4 years to completion. It is beautifully constructed and goes 55MPH with a vintage 1973 115 HP Merc. I have a rare 1978 Mercury 1500 XS at 155 HP that may go on it next season. Winter will find me at the Mt Dora wood boat show in Florida and every second summer at the Clayton, NY antique race boat regatta.

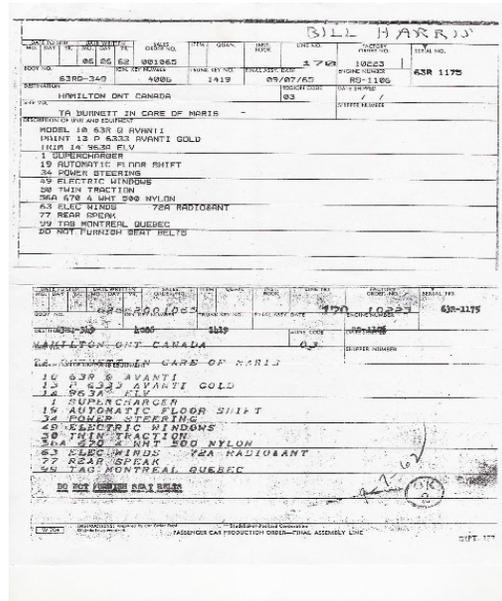


Besides the Avanti I have a 1955 Ford Thunderbird which I have owned since 1978. It has been off the road for 4 years as I need to put in the new interior, restored chrome and stainless, plus a new wiring harness. I have long had a love of early street rods and in my late twenties built up a full fender 1930 5 window model A coupe with a balanced 440 Chrysler and push button torqueflite. Fast car and a ton of fun. This summer after looking on the internet and at shows for 3

years I found the right car, a 1936 Ford humpback sedan. It was purchased from Vanguard Motors in Novi, Michigan near Detroit. Power is a tuned port 350 chev, 350 turbo 3 speed tranny, 9" Ford rear, Mustang II front end, air, pw, ps, tilt etc. I plan on doing a few suspension, exhaust and interior upgrades.

Meet Your Executive – Bill Harris

Here is some history on my Avanti. My brother in law and I first saw the car at the RM auction at the International Center and were very intrigued that it was supercharged. It did not sell there so we visited the owner Jim McGregor of Brantford (a previous Ontario or Hamilton SDC member); test drove it in a snow storm and bought the car for \$9,000. This was a lot to pay back then but we thought the car was in tip top shape. Turned out it had over 100,000 miles and almost everything was worn out. We registered the car on December 19, 1980. I had the car painted in 1983, then discovered some rust on the frame just above the rear axles on both sides. Thought why not pull the body off and have the frame repaired plus this would give me a chance to check the running gear. Denton Wright did the frame and painted it in epoxy. Finding lots of other problems I ended up taking it completely apart. I bought my brother in law's share in the Avanti January of 2001.



In the winter of 2007 it was displayed at the Canadian International Auto Show in Toronto, ON. Studebaker was the featured marque at the show with its own room. The Avanti was proudly displayed with over 20 Studebakers from the Hamilton Ontario Chapters, along with cars from the Studebaker National Museum. It was quite a display and an honor to be selected.



Bill's Avanti in its glory, with Judith Emmerich being the model.

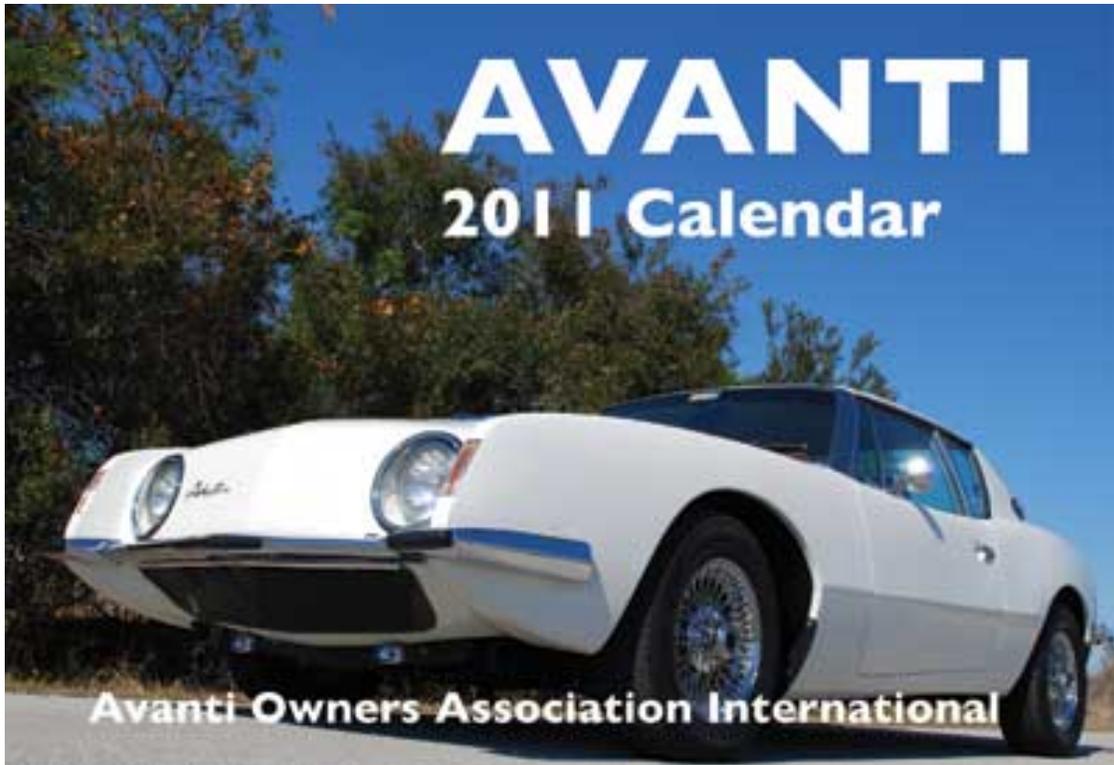


Bill getting down and dirty in preparation for being moved to the display room.

Mike Emmerich notes that Bill was one of the founding members of the Canadian Avanti Owners Association and has continued to be a valuable member, not only in taking care of the membership duties but offering his advice and guidance when needed. It is rare not seeing Bill in the Avanti at club events and he has even offered up his home to meetings.

By Bill Harris

Avanti Calendars are Here!



The seventh annual Avanti wall calendar is available! 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). Enjoy the year with even more colorful Avanti automobiles hanging on your home and office walls. Calendar includes many historic dates in Studebaker and Avanti history, as well as many national and religious holidays, moon phases and other important dates.

They also feature CAOIA members Wayne Hamilton and Sharon Pearce's 1985 Avanti and Karen and Chuck Douglas's 1963 R-2.

Calendars for 2011 are \$12.00 each (at meetings) or \$15.00 mailed. Contact Dave Moxham today to order yours!

More Pure Stock Muscle Drag Pixs...

These pictures are taken at the entrance of the Mid Michigan Motor Plex at Stanton, Michigan for the 2010 Pure Stock Muscle Car Drags on September 17, 2010.

This is Steve Doerschag's rig from Colorado that brought his '64 Silver R 3 Powershift in front, George Krem's '64 R 3 four speed in the middle, and Steve's '64 R 1 four speed in back. On the trailer is my '63 clone R 3 Super Lark.

Me (Ted Harbit) on the left, George Krem in the middle and Steve Doerschag on the right.



Thanks to Ted Harbit

A&W Cruise Eastern Style

I didn't have my camera with me at the A & W on August 19th for the 4th annual '500 Plus' night but remembered that I took a couple of pictures with my Blackberry.

I have not heard a firm number (free registration but they were having problems getting people to go register) but somewhere over 1000 cars this year.

Last year, 2009, there were 1241. 2008 had a record 1500 autos but some were parked in a church yard across the street, at the Tim's handy, etc., etc. 2007, the first one, where the '500 +' goal was set, had reached the 500 goal by 6:40 PM and was about 1100 in total.

All this is possible because the A & W is across a side street from a ferry parking lot (people park there and take ferry to Halifax) but most of those people are gone with their cars by 6 PM.

On Aug. 19th some 'car nuts' took there cars there at 8 AM to get a choice spot, others kept arriving all day. They come from all over Nova Scotia and some from New Brunswick for this event. For those not familiar with Halifax harbor, that's a deep sea oil drilling rig in the background behind our 1975 Avanti, it's in for refit. Also there is usually a cruise ship or two that leave through the evening and pass by near the oil rig. A cruise ship with over 5000 people aboard is dang big!!

I took the Avanti to the A & W last Thursday evening, Oct. 1st, in the fog and light mist, there were approx 75 cars there. Every Thursday all spring summer and fall has 'cars of interest' there, on nice nights from 100 to 200 cars weekly.



Maple Leaf Tour

On the lovely fall weekend of Oct. 1 to 3, approximately 35 Studebaker devotees converged on Collingwood Ontario for a few days of good food, good friends and a scenic drive through the countryside enjoying vistas of the Niagara Escarpment, Georgian Bay and charming towns and villages along the way. Winery and brewery tours as well as apple orchards and of course the amazing collection of Roy and Sophia Ionson and their wonderful hospitality. Wouldn't it be enough of a dream fulfilled to own one 53 Commander Coupe...but to have two! As well as Avanti, Hawk, Daytona, you name it, Roy has one and in beautiful condition. This event is hosted by Ontario Chapter SDC and is open to all. This was my second tour and I can only say it's a great way to wind up the touring season. Many thanks to the organizers and hosts for providing such a great driving experience.



Reedsville 2010



It has been three years since I last went to Reedsville. Since I recently purchased an original 1963 Lark four-door sedan, I needed some parts (tune-up, hoses carb rebuild kit, etc.). I am still looking for parts for Judith's convertible. Some parts I need to restore, so if I can find a better replacement, so be it. Paul Cronkwright had arranged his usual "bus" for the trip down so I volunteered to be one of the passengers, along with Barry Leppan, Bob Easton, Eric Harnett and Sarah Wise. The trip started on a positive note. The weather forecast was great and Eric even arrived in his 1966 Cruiser. Once we got settled in (who is riding

shotgun, stick the youngsters in the far back seat, etc.) we left for Welland to pick up Bob. There were no problems crossing the border and off we headed. We headed via the "fast route" according to Barry's GPS, but it seemed to tell us to make a U-turn or recalculating a lot. After a great dinner at the Copper Kettle, we arrived at our hotel.

Next morning, we got up early to head to the swap meet. Eric had issues with Sarah (something about shaking but it was more than I wanted to know). After breakfast at a nice little restaurant, we arrived at the meet. As usual, all headed off in different directions as we searched for the elusive deal. Thankfully nobody bought any quarter panels for their car, so there was still room in the van.



For dinner Jim Bradley made arrangements at a local fish restaurant – the name escapes me. I do remember that the food and service was very good and highly recommended. The original reservation was for 14 – somehow it grew to 25+ which made it a challenge seating everyone, but it was done. After dinner we headed over to Max Corkins Auto body shop. For those who are unaware, it is an old Studebaker dealership turned garage featuring Studebaker cars, trucks and memorabilia of all sorts. Max also hires a band and jams along with them in the shop. It is an event you do not want to miss. Afterwards, we headed to the home of Jim and Rosemary Bradley for some drinks and bits and bites at their annual "Reedsville Weekend Open House".

The next morning, we checked out of the hotel and made our way over to the meet for the final look-see. Some more purchases were made and we headed off home. Thus ended another successful Reedsville trip.

By Mike Emmerich

Reedsville 2010



Hamilton Chapter SDC Christmas Party

The Hamilton Chapter SDC hosts an annual Christmas Party typically in November for its members. It was being held November 27th this year and since the CAO A General Meeting was being held November 28th an invitation was extended to CAO A members attending. This was happily received by Dave and Barb Moxham and Steve and Barb Wohleber as they are both driving a great distance to attend. Many Hamilton Chapter Avanti Owners already belong to the CAO A so this was a perfect fit.

To keep costs low and not subsidize the event, silent auctions are generally held for donated items. Jim Anderson won the Avanti pennant and Steve Wohleber won the Studebaker pennant (both donated by Sheldon Rier at MitoGraphics). In fact Steve and Barb won two bottles of wine in door prizes which we noticed was not shared with the group the following day. This was just as well because they need a little “relaxation time” after shoveling all that snow in Britt ON. Dave and Barb won a bottle of the grape for being the long-distance attendees.

There was also a donation box for the Studebaker National Museum “Adopt-A-Car” program. The Hamilton Chapter is sponsoring the 1966 Cruiser; the last Studebaker built at the Hamilton Plant.

There is typically one hour of socializing before being treated to a deluxe turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Once the desert, coffee and tea have been served, we have a sing-a-long to assorted Christmas songs including Twelve days of Christmas with a Studebaker flavour. This is to allow certain members to transform into Santa Clause and friends for the draw prizes.

After all is done, members socialize until they are asked to leave for another year.

The Hamilton Chapter graciously extended an invitation to future events so the CAO A will schedule the fall General Meeting to coincide. Now there are even more compelling reasons to attend our fall election meeting!



Sue Lusted and Carol Leppan taking in the money and handing out draw tickets and name tags.



Steve Wohleber, Dave Moxham, Barb Wohleber and Barb Moxham are all smiles.

Hamilton Chapter SDC Christmas Party



Jim Anderson, Barb Gibson and Barb Anderson with Roly Lusted in the background.



Lorraine and Paul Cronkwright.



Paul Revell and Carol Leppan provided the “after dinner” music with a sing-a-long.



Santa and Mrs. Clause (George and Donna Graham), Grandma (Harold Ferrier) and two reindeer (Cliff Tattersall and Fred Hall). What is next?



You should have guessed “Grandma got run over by a reindeer”.



Barry Leppan getting his Christmas goose by grandma. You had to suffer this indignity in order to claim your prize!

BREAKING-IN A NEW ENGINE



Peter checking the timing @ PSMCD. Photo courtesy of Larry Mitchell.

I recently had a new engine built for my Avanti. I thought that I would share the break in process with you.

Before you start a freshly built or new engine you should use an electric drill and a screwdriver blade to prime the oil pump and lubricate all the engine surfaces. This means that the distributor must be removed. Put the timing marks on top dead centre with Number 1. Cylinder firing and remove the distributor. Prime the oil pump and reinstall the distributor. Install Joe Gibbs Break in Oil and a new filter. The

Joe Gibbs oil has all the necessary ZDDP for the break in process on your flat tappet camshaft. Now you can start the engine. Set the fast idle to operate about 2000 rpm and operate the engine for approximately 25 minutes.

DO NOT SHUT THE ENGINE OFF DURING THIS TIME.

This ensures that your camshaft wears in with enough lubrication to protect the lobes. You are now ready to drive your vehicle on the road.

Drive very moderately for the first few miles and never at a steady speed. Vary your speed gradually increasing it and look for a road with a few hills. Occasionally accelerate and then back off allowing the engine to work and coast. This will seat the rings.

After 100 miles, drain the oil and change the filter. Refill with Shell Rotella and drive it for 750 more miles at normal road speed again with several bursts of wide open throttle. Avoid constant running at the same speed.

After the 750 miles you can again drain the oil and change the filter (I use NAPA GOLD 1049) I plan on using Joe Gibbs Hot Rod Oil. It is a synthetic with plenty of ZDDP but you can use whatever you normally prefer.

If you use synthetic such as Mobil 1 you can change your oil and filter once a year, usually in the Fall before you store the car for Winter. It's good for 7500 miles and as long as you don't exceed that you are good for the whole year.

Happy Motoring.

By Peter Sant



AOAI Election Results for 2011-2012 Board Candidates

Results for the AOAI 2011-2012 term board elections are as follows.

Mike Baker	207 Votes
John Hull	206 Votes
Michael Nicolella	201 Votes
Jason Ford	200 Votes
Ernest Edwards	199 Votes
Donald Hedgepeth	197 Votes

Receiving 1 vote each were Peter Crisittle, John Holtz, Dennis Lang and Peter Miller.

Total ballots returned were 212. Thank you to all the members who took the time to consider this election and return their ballot. Remember, this is the membership's board and the board represents the membership. Let the board know your interests and concerns.

Congratulations to Mike Baker, Ernest Edwards, Jason Ford, Donald Hedgepeth, John Hull and Michael Nicolella on your election for the next 2 year term.

Respectfully submitted by Steve James, Secretary, AOAI.

Upcoming Events...

Chapter Events

- April 2011: Powerama at Edmonton Expo Centre. More details will be provided as they become available. Contact is Ted Dirksen, tdirksen@suncor.com, 780-458-6134.
- June 3-5, 2011: Fleetwood Country Cruizein: Studebaker and Avanti display, promises to be huge this year. Detail TBA, see <http://www.fleetwoodcountrycruizein.com/> for more information as it becomes available.
- July 22-24, 2011: Summerfest Weekend, hosted by Ontario Chapter, presented by Bob Easton. It will be a Niagara weekend with cruise, tours and dinner cruise planned. CAO A is cordially invited to attend. If enough people attend, dinner cruise will be exclusively "Studebaker". More details will be available as they come out, contact Bob Easton (jemmz@sympatico.ca) for more information.
- September 10, 2011: International "Drive Your Studebaker Day". We really need Avanti owners to embrace this and get their Avanti's out there – even if for a simple solo trip. Pictures and stories needed! Stay tuned for more information.
- Meetings for 2011:
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| April 2011: | Date/Location TBA (Millar Young?) |
| June 5, 2011: | Mike and Judith Emmerich, Cambridge, ON. |
| September 11, 2010: | Ralph and Marguerite Hart, Cambridge, ON. |
| November 27, 2011: | Bill Harris, Dundas ON. |

Please contact Mike Emmerich to add your local event to this schedule.

AOAI Events

- July 13-17, 2011: AOAI National Meet, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. See www.aoai.org for additional information as it becomes available.

SDC Events

- March 3-5 2011: York Pennsylvania Keystone Region Chapter annual Swap Meet.
- May 6-7 2011: South Bend Indiana CROSSROADS ZONE MEET hosted by the Michiana Chapter. See <http://www.michiana-chapter-sdc.net/>.
- June 19-25, 2011: 47th INTERNATIONAL SDC MEET in Springfield, Missouri. Hosted by Ozark Trails Chapter. See <http://www.sdcmeet.com/>.

The Canadian Avanti

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CANADIAN AVANTI OWNERS ASSOCIATION

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR 2011



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Renewal fee \$ 15.00 per year
 Make Cheque Payable to: Canadian Avanti Owners

Mail cheque to: C. A. O. A.
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 P.O. Box 341
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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 Inc.)

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:

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| <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:

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| <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			