



The Canadian Avanti

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President's Message

Greetings all.

First off, all the best wishes for the upcoming holidays and another new year. I certainly hope 2024 finds you well and ready for another season of cruising and re connecting with friends and family. Once again 2024 calendars are available from our treasurer Dave Moxham, however due to rising costs: US dollar exchange, postage etc. we need to charge \$25.00 this year which includes membership still at \$5.00 and a calendar. Additional calendars are \$10.00 each. Years ago, we used to make a few dollars profit on the calendars but lately we're happy to break even. This year's July feature is from Brian Chappell from Bedford Nova Scotia. His 1975 Avanti II was originally purchased by Charles F. Pratt who was executive Vice President of Studebaker during the close out in 1966. And what a great picture. Congratulations Brian. So, lets hope another of our members submits their Avanti for the 2025 issue!

In other news we have decided due to financial constraints to cease our contribution to the Ron Hall Avanti at the Studebaker International Museum. However, we will continue to offer our usual donation to the International Meet which will be held in Detroit for 2024. Hopefully as many of you as possible will be able to attend as this location is "relatively" central. Information on the event is available in the latest Avanti Magazine or on line at AOAI.org. Some preliminary information is attached FYI. As always we welcome our new members and hope you who have been with us over the years will continue your interest and support.



All for now, and hope to see many of you in Detroit next September.

Steve

Avanti Wheels into Motown. Again.

Last in Metro Detroit in Summer 1995, Avanti Owners Association International again wheels into Metro Detroit the host city of our international convention in 2024. The names, they are many: Motown, The Motor City, The D, Tiger Town, Hitsville USA, Hockeytown, Automotive Capital of the World are but a few. And, in September 2024 Detroit is named AOAI 2024 Detroit!

Next year's host hotel is Embassy Suites Detroit-Livonia/Novi, conveniently located 21 minutes from Detroit Metro Airport, 28 minutes to Detroit's downtown and 22 minutes to The Henry Ford – home of Greenfield Village and Henry Ford Museum, named National Register of Historic Places in 1969. And, get ready for a visit to The Henry Ford – one of several tours planned for September 2024.

Welcome Reception? There's a complimentary one – every evening for hotel guests. What a better way to wind down after a day filled with seminars, the Avanti automobile and its many iterations, and like-minded Avanti enthusiasts, and friends of past and those newly found!

A preliminary week-at-a glance schedule is found on a nearby page along with a convention registration form. Remember: registrations on or before August 10, 2024, qualify for a random drawing of one-free night at Embassy Suites Detroit. Attention vendors, your reservation at Embassy Suites entitles you to a complimentary vendor table in the Ambassador Room during the convention – details to follow.

Nightly rates at Embassy Suites are \$129 for a single king bed and \$139* for two double beds. All room rates include a complimentary breakfast and evening reception; all rooms are two-room suites, and non-smoking. As for past conventions, the host hotel offers us the same nightly rate two days before and after our convention dates – use this opportunity to come early, stay late and enjoy Metro Detroit!*

So...until September 2024 watch this spot for updates.

*Note: * Plus applicable state and local taxes, fees, and assessments.*

Editor's Message

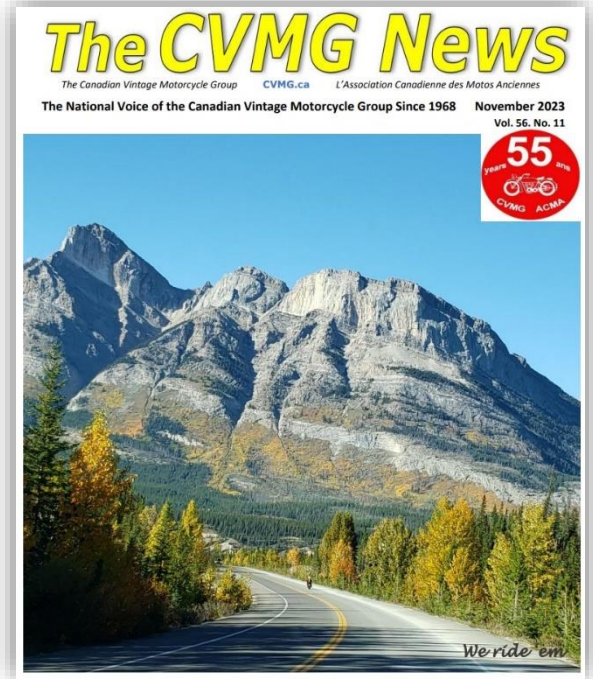
Hello fellow Canadian Avanti enthusiasts. It's been a while since I've heard from most of the membership. Is it because we are all aging? Nah, age is only a number! We hear all the time from member Pete Yuen. Keep those wheels turning Pete you're an inspiration to us all! Additionally, earlier this year I read about member Pete Sante and company partaking in the 2022 Studebaker drags. Look at Pete S. go, literally and figuratively, down a race track!

Would the Canadian club like to receive more than the annual Avanti calendar with membership? I like putting together a blurb a few times or more a year to share with the membership. I am sure Steve does too. Now with some post covid pandemic living normalcy returning - still not normal but as normal as can be - there might be member submissions forthcoming. I am happy to hear of many events resuming and there being new event additions.



You may have heard I recently volunteered to be the new editor for the Canadian Vintage Motorcycle Group (CVMG). It's a busy and fun monthly venture for me their having almost 2,500 members owning over 9,000 motorcycles. If that would interest you, please reach out to me, I could send you a digital copy of a monthly CVMG News for your considering. Like the Canadian Avanti, you don't need to own a vintage motorcycle to be a member.

I would also like to continue with assisting the Canadian Avanti membership. In whichever newsletter editor capacity, once, twice, or more issues each year. Yes, I have a fondness and kinship for Studebaker. And I would be happy to own an Avanti successor model someday for modernness touring comfort too. Though being the custodian presently of five Studebakers, my wife likely won't allow me. She's already been overly permitting; my life is still very grandeur!



May you have good health and safe travels during 2024. And I hope to hear from you and please share anytime your Avanti and or other motoring news (current or previous).

Peace and Joy,
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Canadian Avanti Owners Association, Chapter Officers and Support Personnel



The Canadian Avanti Owners Association (CAOA) is a non-profit volunteer run organization committed to preserving the history of the Avanti automobile. We currently have members located in all provinces across Canada. We are a Chapter of the Avanti Owners Association International www.aoai.org. Our group strives to promote the research and study of the Avanti and the companies that have produced it over the years. We wish to share our knowledge with others and encourage the acquisition, preservation, restoration, and maintenance of all Avantis produced by Studebaker and successor companies. Our Canadian Chapter also promotes fellowship and camaraderie by publishing a newsletter quarterly, participating in local CAOAs or Studebaker Drivers Club events and our general meetings held quarterly at various members' homes. Ownership of an Avanti (Studebaker or successor) is not required.



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Members' Random Pics

Susan Lusted sent me these pics. She says that she was out and about at a local cruise night earlier this year. *How fun/thanks for sending Susan – Shawn 😊*



Happy 95th Birthday Pete Yuen

Happy belated birthday Pete! And here follows is a website link to a short video of Pete's 95th birthday party that was sent to me. *Thanks for sending Jon Wong, Shawn* 😊

<https://youtu.be/p8sqPCfQG5w>



2024 Avanti Calendars (and CAO A dues)

As Steve mentions earlier (in his president's message), "THE 2024 CALENDARS ARE IN". Sending Dave Moxham (CAOA Treasurer) \$25.00 you get a new 2024 Avanti calendar (including shipping and handling) and current renewal of CAO A membership for 2024. *Terrific value says I* 😊

Membership Forms for the CAO A and the AOAI

If you have enjoyed reading this newsletter and currently aren't a member of the CAO A please consider joining us. Should you have any questions or like further information please contact me anytime. My contact info (as earlier in this newsletter for Shawn) is phone calls or texts (780)812-5452, or email sb58regent@outlook.com. Likewise, a membership form for the CAO A can be accessed at <http://canadianavanti.ca/membership.html>, and the website for the Avanti Owners Association International (AOAI) is <http://www.aoui.org/index.php>. Neither membership requires ownership of an Avanti (Studebaker or successor). Please take care / thank you for reading 😊

Remembering Roly Lusted 1939 to 2023

It is with sadness we must report that on, April 6th, the Hamilton Chapter lost their good friend and fellow Hamilton chapter member Roly Lusted to a short illness.

Roly was raised in Hamilton, Ontario, close to the Studebaker factory. He used to pass the factory on his way to Robert Land School each day.

He always had a soft spot for Studebakers. Back in the 1960s, in his early 20s then, he would look out the window at the Otis Elevator factory and admire the sleek cars being made in the Studebaker plant next door. At that time, the first real Studebaker that caught his eye was the '62 Gran Turismo Hawk. He admired the gleaming black car with the bright red interior. He and his coworkers thought that it looked like a Thunderbird.

Roly's first car was a 1948 Studebaker which he purchased from Clark Brother Motors in Hamilton at the corner of Main Street and Ottawa Street.



award-winning 1964 Avanti R1 which he has owned ever since he got into the Studebaker world.

Roly was a past president and current treasurer of the Hamilton club. While Roly was president, he was the driving force in speeding



The '61 Hawk - First in Class at Cobble Beach Concours.

up the installation of the Commemorative plaque which was installed at the corner of Mars Ave and Wentworth St. in Hamilton on IDYSD in 2016. The site of the factory has become an industrial park and the main street is called Studebaker Way.

Roly's keen sense of humour and wit will be sorely missed by all who knew him. Roly will be lovingly remembered by his wife Susan, his three daughters Carol, Susan, and Joanne.

Submitted by Hamilton Chapter SDC.



Roly and his award-winning 1964 Avanti R1.

He always had a fondness for anything with wheels. It ran the gamut from motorcycles, Corvettes and then back to Studebakers. Roly has been a member of the SDC and the Avanti club for 25 years. Members who follow the Studebaker Addicts page will know him or they will remember him from swap meets or Internationals that Roly frequented for years. He always had a story or an anecdote to relate. His knowledge of all things automotive was encyclopedic.

Roly had flawlessly restored a number Studebakers over the years. However, his main love was his



The commemorative plaque at the corner of Mars Avenue and Wentworth Street in Hamilton. For a better view of the plaque, go to: <http://www.thehamiltonchaptersdc.ca/Studebaker%20Plaque%20FINAL.jpg>.