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**WE REMEMBER:** The Legion presented Acton students with certificates for their efforts in Branch 197's poem, poster and essay contest. Four of the area's eight schools participated in the competition, which attracted 850 entries. Grade 7, 8, 9 winners are, back row, left to right, Shawn Brown (McKenzie-Smith), Mike Lenizky (St. Joseph's), Tom Robertson (Acton High), Tanya Tonkovich (St. Joe's), Melissa Pawlak (St. Joe's). Middle row are Robert Kemp (Rockwood), Chris Seeds (M-S), Corey Rivers (M-S), Susan Lehman (St. Joe's) and Amanda Swartz (St. Joe's). Front row are Mary Beth Robertson (M-S), Corey Brock (M-S), Michael Borrelli (St. Joe's), Erin Montgomery (St. Joe's) and Bronwyn Marshall (St. Joe's). (Doug Harrison photo)

## Teacher has success with rare car

BY DOUG HARRISON

The Acton Tanner

Norbert Axtmann will not drive his 1973 Pierre Cardin Javelin more than 2,000 miles a year.

What's fascinating about this figure is that the bulk of it is often eaten up just roaming the southern United States — searching for extra parts.

That's because Chrysler bought out American Motors Corporation in 1987 and immediately crushed all the old stock with fork lifts.

The 38-year-old Acton High technical teacher has searched high and low through various wrecking yards and says that every AMC part has been picked clean. He adds that old AMC dealers have parts, but they usually throw them out, thinking they won't sell.

"I always seem to be sending letters out to various companies who advertise they have AMC parts," laughs Axtmann.

He recently won a "Best AMC in Show" award out of 20 in his class at the Chrysler Club Car Show in New Hamburg, Ont. It

was the first time the show was open to AMC cars.

The Brampton resident also made the trek to Columbus, Ohio last year to enter the AMX (an experimental "X" AMC) in an international meet. Norbert came home with the High Gold Medal in his class.

And for two years Axtmann was AMC Champion at Performance World, the largest custom show in Canada, held at the International Centre in Mississauga.

"I took the Acton High tech kids on a field trip there and it was a thrill to most of them. I had a display thanking them for doing the car's front suspension," remembers Axtmann.

Axtmann covets one of only 13 Pierre Cardin models in the North American registry. It's the most unique Javelin interior of all.

It was created for the 1972 AMC model year by the fashion designer. He felt people should feel like they're sitting in a living room instead of sitting in a machine.

In 1991, Axtmann and his wife

Kathy drove 1,400 miles to Cocoa Beach, Florida, in order to get parts and they made a two-week holiday of it.

Ironically, the parts would have been available five years prior at the former Brampton Assembly Plant, a mere five minutes from their home.

The 14-year AHS teacher prefers to drive the car in cruise nights, around town or shows.

"I probably won't get the money out of it that I have put in because the AMC's aren't as popular as a Camaro or Ford," says Norbert of the Pierre Cardin Javelin, which had a base price of \$3,191 in '73.

"It's a hobby, not an investment. I like the car and now I'm having fun with it."



## Cinema Listings

41 Quebec St.  
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**Wednesday, Nov. 17**  
7pm: Like Water for Chocolate (AA)  
9:15: Kanehsatake (TBA)  
**Thursday, Nov. 18**  
7pm: Kanehsatake (TBA)  
9:30: Like Water for Chocolate  
**Friday, Nov. 19**  
7pm: Like Water for Chocolate  
9:15: Ordinary Magic (PG)  
**Saturday, Nov. 20**  
1:30: The Secret Garden (F)  
7pm: Ordinary Magic (PG)  
9:15: Like Water for Chocolate  
**Sunday, Nov. 21**  
1:30: The Secret Garden (F)  
7pm: Ordinary Magic (PG)  
9:15: Like Water for Chocolate  
**Monday, Nov. 22**  
7pm: Like Water for Chocolate  
9:15: Ordinary Magic (PG)  
**Tuesday, Nov. 23**  
7pm: Ordinary Magic (PG)  
9:15: Menace II Society (R)



**HOT CAR:** Norbert Axtmann recently won "Best AMC in Show" at the Chrysler Club Car Show in New Hamburg with his plum metallic 1973 Pierre Cardin Javelin. (Submitted photo)

## WHAT'S HAPPENING!

A Weekly Round-Up of Coming Events in Acton & Area

**Nov. 18, Thursday — 12 noon:** The Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce invites you to a luncheon workshop for small business and the self-employed titled "Seven Ways to Up Your Cash Flow," presented by Ian Mishkel. To register, please call the Chamber at 877-7719 or fax 877-5117. Cost is \$27 per member and \$32 for non-members, which includes GST, lunch and materials.

**Nov. 18, Thursday — 6:30 to 8:30:** Parent Interview Night at Acton High. Phone the high school at 853-2920 for more info.

**Nov. 18, Thursday — 7 pm:** University and College Application Night at Acton High. For more info call 853-2920.

**Nov. 18, 19, 20, 21 — Thursday and Friday, 10 am to 9 pm; Saturday, 10 am to 6 pm; Sunday, 11 am to 5 pm:** Fair November at the University Centre, University of Guelph. An exhibition and sale of fine Canadian crafts. Admission is free. For more information call 519-824-4120, ext. 3902.

**Nov. 20, Saturday — 11 am to 2 pm:** St. Joseph's Christmas Bazaar at St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Church Street, Acton.

**Nov. 20, Saturday — 1 pm:** Acton's annual Santa Claus Parade winds its way from McKenzie-Smith middle school to the library. Insiders tell *The Tanner* that Santa himself will once again anchor the procession. For details call Bill Spielvogel at 853-2924.

**Nov. 20 and 21, Saturday and Sunday:** C.P.R. classes begin. The popular classes, taught by the local St. John Ambulance, run for two days. For details call Yvon Essiembre at 853-4889.

**Nov. 27, Friday — 9 am to 3 pm:** Fundraiser for Acton's Novice I hockey team at the Community Centre. Bazaar, bake table, raffle and garage sale items.

**Nov. 28, Sunday — 3 pm:** The Acton Ministerial invites you to the Annual Community Advent Worship Service at Trinity United Church. Celebrate the central reason of Christmas, the birth of our Savior, with our mass choir, traditional hymns and candlelight. Nursery provided.

**To Nov. 28, Daily — 1 pm to 5 pm:** Guelph Museums present "The Ontario Iroquois: History Through Archaeology" at the Guelph Civic Museum, 6 Dublin St. S. For more information call 836-1221.

**Nov. 30, Tuesday — 6 pm:** Annual Christmas Dinner presented by the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 197 and the Acton Rotary Club will be held at the Acton Legion Auditorium. Tickets, \$2 — refundable at the door.

**Dec. 4, Saturday — 9:30 am to 12:30 pm:** The Rockwood Nursery School Moms' Best Christmas Baking Sale. Squares, cookies, cakes, shortbread and assorted trays of delicious fresh-baked goodies. At the Rockwood Town Hall, 191 Main St. S.

**Dec. 6, 8, 13, 15, Mondays, Wednesdays — 6:30 to 9:30 pm:** First Aid Course offered by St. John Ambulance. Taught under Heart and Stroke Foundation Standards. Don't forget: "We can help you!" For details call Yvon Essiembre at 853-4889.

**Dec. 9, Thursday — 12 noon:** Mayor's Christmas Luncheon at North Halton Golf and Country Club in Georgetown. The mayor will be giving a "State of the Town" address. RVSP no later than Dec. 6. Phone 877-7119 or fax 877-5117.

**Dec. 10, 11, 12, Friday, Saturday, Sunday — 7 pm:** "Journey to the Centre of Christmas." Acton Baptist Puppeteers will be presenting their newest musical production at the Baptist Church. A group of 13 talented Acton teenagers promises a fast-paced and appealing musical production with a Star Trek theme and special effects. Admission: \$4 for adults; \$2 for children. For more info call Rev. Cullen at 853-0690 or 853-2712.

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