

# Check out these beauties in MotorFest field

The date was Sept. 1. The time was 7 p.m. The sun was descending like a fireball in the west. The moon was rising like a phantasm in the east. There wasn't a cloud in the sky.

So where was I? Admiring a stream of 32 antique and classic cars travelling south on Mostar Street. Their destination? Cruise Night at Stouffville's Royal Canadian Legion. Their purpose? Pre-acceptance to MotorFest 2015 this Saturday at nearby Teva Canada.

MotorFest, hosted by EastRidge Evangelical Missionary Church, is one of the largest car shows of its kind in Ontario with, weather permitting, more than 1,000 vehicles on display. All funds raised through donations go to Teen Challenge GTA in Aurora, an organization that offers young women and adults freedom from drug and alcohol dependence. There's no admission fee. Also free lunch for the first 1,000 registered drivers.

Two entries are sure to attract attention. There's a 1959 Cadillac Seville, owned by Harry Brock of Claremont and entered by



## Roaming Around

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son Adam. This beautiful black Caddy, powered by a .390 cubic inch V-8 engine, has been driven only 81,000 miles. The asking price — \$40,000. The other — a 1972 Avanti II, owned by Peter Barker of Blackstock. Originally built by Studebaker,

the Avanti was later produced by the Altman & Newman Co., of South Bend, Indiana. This one carries a price tag of \$22,000.

## Ride with pride

Following the Terry Fox Run, Sept. 20, Sandy Schell-Kennedy will retire as the 25-year director of this remarkable community event. But hopefully not without the send-off she so justly deserves. My suggestion? A ride with pride aboard a two-wheeled chariot pulled by two Lionel Purcell ponies. Think about it.

## Will look like new

When refurbished, Stouffville's 1946 Fargo fire truck will look like new. Work, under the direction of brigade fire prevention education officer Jennifer Cooper, will begin next month and hopefully be completed by 2017. The anticipated cost is \$80,000.

## History repeats

A capella voices will again echo from the rafters of Altona's historic Mennonite Meeting House Sept. 13 when the caretaker committee hosts its annual 3 p.m. service. The hamlet is in Pickering, three kilometres southeast of Stouffville. The church was erected in 1852. The cemetery is the burial site of Abraham Stouffer, Stouffville's first reeve.

## Married 60 years

Congratulations to Lemonville's Grant and Marion Wells, married 60 years, Sept. 2. The well-known and highly respected couple celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary at Stratford, attending a live performance of Sound of Music, a gift from their family. Congratulations also to Stouffville's Jean O'Neill, 90 years young, Aug. 29.

## Church garden to return

Gone but not forgotten, the beautiful prayer garden at Stouffville United Church will be restored, but slightly smaller in size and at a different location, says Henrike Bowman, the church's property committee chair. The original garden was removed to provide space for a Montessori school playground.

## Questions remain

What happened to Country Style in Stouffville's Giant Tiger plaza? The popular coffee and donut shop closed suddenly two months ago. There's been no comment from head office. Safe to say managements at Tim Hortons and McDonald's aren't complaining.

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