



Specialty Vehicle Association of Alberta

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**Minutes: Information Meeting
Lethbridge Early Bird Meet
12:30 pm, February 12, 2011**

Attending:

Anderson, Alan	Foothills Street Rod Association
Anderson, Peter	Foothills Model T Ford Club
Bownes, Bob	Red Deer Cruisers
Briggs, Jim	APAC, VSCCC
Bullock, Harry	SAACAC, Lethbridge
Callfas, Bob	Edmonton Antique Car Club
Clements, Earl	Alberta Post-War Car Club, Edmonton Antique Car Club
Dent, Ben	Red Deer Cruisers
Gretzinger, Henry	
Hnatiuk, Al	Cruisers Club of Red Deer
Lazarowich, Orest	Iron Runners Auto Club
Lobley, Geoff	Alberta Pioneer Auto Club, Calgary Motorcycle Club
Lobley, Ted	APAC, Stampede City Model A Ford Club
Manning, Brian	APAC
Mazurick, Don	SCMAFC
McKelvey, Les	Cypress Rod & Custom
Meidinger, Tal	Lebarons Car Club
Morrison, Kim	Cruisers Club of Red Deer
Riise, Al	APAC, Foothills Model T Club
Rogalsky, Warren	Alberta Iron Indians
Smith, Glenn	Stampede City Model A Ford Club
Stasiuk, Irving	Central Alberta Vintage Auto Club
Sundsten, Greg	Red Deer Cruisers

1. Introductions and Announcements

Harry Bullock called the meeting to order at 12:35 pm. Each person identified themselves and their club affiliation.

2. Financial and Membership Report

- a. We have 23 clubs renewing for 2011. This is somewhat behind our normal renewal rate.
- b. The financial reports for 2010 were presented in draft form. Final, audited statements will be presented at the Annual General Meeting in May.

A question was asked about the audit process. Could we not have two members do the audit and sign off? It would be cheaper than a formal audit. Earl Clements advised the meeting that the audit cost the SVAA \$175. The meeting felt the audit was good value for the money.

3. Club Insurance Plan

There is information on the details of the insurance plan in the newsletter. Al Riise reviewed the content for the meeting.

4. Committee Reports

- a. Communications
 - i. Website

Al asked for feedback on the website. Some feedback will be elicited via the survey. The meeting response to the website and its functionality was positive. We need to know if the website is of value to the membership. Answers to questions such as:

- Do you use the website?
- What page do you use the most?

would be of value to the website team.

- b. Newsletter and Advertising

All advertisers save one have renewed for 2011. Clubs are encouraged to patronage our advertisers mentioning where they saw the advertisement for advertiser's products.

We are printing 400 copies each quarter. The newsletter is posted on the website in PDF format.

c. Safety

Al Riise and Les McKelvey are organizing for spring. Les has constructed a set of ramps that can be used by clubs for inspections.

5. Old Business

a. Administrative Assistant

Harry expects to announce the successful candidate very shortly.

b. Out-of-Province Inspections

We have not met recently with the government. When we did, they were very clear that there was not much wiggle room. Our concern is to avoid an unintended result of well meaning legislation and regulation.

c. Vehicle Classifications

Last November, there were articles in Calgary's newspapers talking about emissions regulations. Al Riise investigated and the MLAs involved were more looking at a Cash for Clunkers program rather than emissions. Al supplied the MLAs with the SEMA vehicle classification definitions. Al is working to include a definition for street rods in the Alberta vehicle classifications which currently is a very broad inclusive system.

Al is expecting to meet with the MLAs next week

6. New Business

a. Race City Speedway

Race City Speedway, located in close proximity to the Shepherd Landfill in the City of Calgary, may lose its lease as Shepherd expands. Alderman Keating held a meeting January 27. 30 people attended including Al Riise. Al reported that it was a very good meeting. The next meeting is being held on February 17 with Ric McIvor chairing. The purpose of the meetings is to explore ways to keep Race City Speedway open. The SVAA, with Al Riise as spokesperson, is taking part in support of motor sports facilities. The Motor Sport Council of Calgary (<http://www.motorsportcouncilofcalgary.ca>) is on the committee. Al will report on progress.

b. NAACC Report

Warren Rogalsky, Alberta Director to NAACC, reported on the Annual General Meeting held in Montreal in February. There was very full agenda. Thirteen people were in attendance. John Carlson was reelected President. The balance of the positions will be included in Warren's formal report in May.

Items reported:

- Considerable time was spent on the 2010 Coasters Tour and its successes across the country.
- The new NAACC membership cards have been issued. There are discounts with the card that, if used, will make the membership itself virtually free.
- Gord Foreman from Manitoba is monitoring the forum on the NAACC website. The forum is proving to be quite popular.
- The Heritage Classic will be held in the month of July. The theme for 2011 is to recognize people who have made a contribution to the hobby.
- The NAACC made a \$500 donation to the Canadian Model A Ford Foundation. The money is to be used to secure and maintain Model A artifacts.
- The NAACC has introduced an individual membership. The membership is for three years at a cost of \$20.
- A major topic at the meeting was the building of the membership. The focus for 2011 is on Alberta, Quebec and Ontario.
- Warren told the group about the NAACC Judging Standards encouraging their use at show'n'shines doing judging. Copies are available on the NAACC website or from Warren.
- The NAACC is very pleased that the SVAA is active in Alberta and enjoys working with the SVAA in support of the hobby. The NAACC looks forward to building a stronger relationship with the SVAA.

Warren was very impressed with the work being done by the NAACC and is looking forward to working with the NAACC as his role grows in definition. He was very encouraging about the relationship of the SVAA and the NAACC.

- c. Historical Vehicle Association (HVA)
(<http://www.historicvehicle.org/home.php>)

Harry referred all to his report in the February newsletter. The HVA was formed in the summer of 2009. Hagerty Insurance is funding the HVA with Hagerty's 300,000 customers as members. The goal is to become a national lobbying organization, for both Canada and the United States, representing an estimated 20,000 unrepresented car clubs. A contributing factor to the formation of the HVA was the desire of the Federation Internationale Des Vehicules Anciens (FIVA, <http://www.fiva.org/EN/index2.html>) to have a North American representative. HVA has five Directors on FIVA.

HVA, in its role as a lobbying organization, wants our input including our issues and concerns. They have staff that can research and prepare briefs to government agencies. They are prepared to help in any way they can.

HVA differs from SEMA in that SEMA's members are manufacturers and retailers. The focus of the HVA is on historical vehicles and their owners.

Harry noted that Alberta is known for its good regulatory environment for our hobby. That is at least partly due to the efforts of the SVAA on behalf of the hobby. Our responsibility is to maintain the momentum.

Club representatives are asked to share information about the HVA with their members and encourage their joining. A note: the HVA welcomes all individual members regardless of their affiliation with a club.

Harry, based on his research and what he learned at the Arizona meeting, recommends that the SVAA become involved with the HVA. He also mentioned that the HVA has individual memberships at no charge. To join, go to their website.

d. SVAA Survey

Ted reported that the SVAA Survey had been sent to 2010 member clubs. The purpose of the survey was to determine the degree to which the SVAA is meeting club needs and what could be changed in an effort to better meet club needs. Clubs were encouraged to complete the survey. The expectation is that completing the survey would only take a few minutes.

The results will be reported at the Annual General Meeting in May.

e. Excess Noise Bylaw – Calgary

Al Riise and Jim Herbert have been following the progress on the bylaw. They have learned that the City of Calgary is looking at the SAE measurement method which is very complicated.

**Next Meeting: Annual General Meeting
12:30 pm, May 7, 2011
Pioneer Room
Red Deer Swap Meet**