



**Information Meeting
Saddle Room, Lethbridge Exhibition
February 14, 2015**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 pm. Members introduced themselves and their club affiliation.

2. President's Remarks

The SVAA insurance for general liability has increased tremendously. There will be no increase to the clubs this year. We are working to secure the best possible cost and coverage for our clubs. Fees will undoubtedly increase significantly for 2016. We will keep you informed.

We have had a concern about the impact of possible government regulation on right hand drive vehicles. The letter from Ardith Holtz to Walter Drysdale, Minister of Transportation, was read to the meeting. The point made was that the marketplace is taking care of itself not needing or wanting government involvement. The Alberta government has a survey online including a right hand drive regulation question. Members are encouraged to reply to the survey to address the importance of both the gathering of a strong sample on the attitude to right hand drive vehicles and to demonstrate the strength of the SVAA as the provincial lobbying group.

3. Reports

a. Financials & Membership

We have 39 clubs and about 1,400 members targeting 65 clubs for the year. Please get your renewals in as soon as possible. Insurance does not start coverage until membership is submitted.

b. Safety Check

Clubs are encouraged to organize safety checks for spring.

Peter McFarlane of APAC proposed a one day blitz, suggesting May 9, as the day in major centres we do a super safety check. It could be done in any open area. Suggestions are welcome. Questions that occur are

- i. should I do a safety check annually? Absolutely
- ii. is it dependent on how many miles I drive? no
- iii. What percentage of us do an annual safety check? A very small number – too small.

We could get some publicity around many clubs are acting responsibly doing our checks.

Who is responsible should there be an accident? Is it the person who signs the form? In the case of the safety check, the owner signs, dates and retains the form. Clubs determine whether they want to become involved in storing the forms. The SVAA needs to know how many safety checks are completed annually ideally reporting at least the total number of safety checks performed to date in *Alberta Rides*. Alberta Transportation receives copies of our magazine.

One of the clubs has members with multiple cars. They focus on vehicles that are going to be driven on public highways, not, for example, vehicles in museums.

It was suggested that we include the form in the magazine.

c. Government Liaison

See President's Report. It was noted that Premier Prentice is now part of the hobby having acquired a 1956 Ford Thunderbird. That is good news for specialty vehicle enthusiasts.

d. SVAI Report

No report.

e. NAACC from Warren

4. The NAACC held its annual board meeting in Las Vegas to coincide with the Specialty Equipment Market Association's (SEMA) annual after-market automotive equipment show. This also allowed the board to meet with Colby Martin of the SEMA Action Network (SAN). Colby is the Government and Public Affairs Manager for SAN. Colby re-enforced SAN's need for NAACC communications to know what is happening in Canada. It should be noted that there is hardly a situation that SEMA SAN has not dealt with. Not only heavy in advice, but in reputation, SEMA SAN brings strong political clout to any battle we may consider ourselves in. Just visit www.SEMASAN.COM to see the multitude of efforts they are involved in!

The board reluctantly accepted Gord Foreman's resignation as Vice President for health reasons. Gord has been a long time support of the NAACC and did a lot for the association during his many years as Vice President. Gord is remaining on the board as the Manitoba Director. Wilfred Moase from PEI was elected to replace Gord as Vice President. Wilfred also has taken on the role of maintaining the NAACC Facebook page. To all of you that are on Facebook please mark the NAACC page as a page to follow. Jim Herbert, one of the Alberta Directors, was appointed to take over Gord's role as the NAACC representative to the Canadian Council of Motor Transport Administrators.

Under the discussion of Club memberships, the lack of participation by the Alberta clubs was noted. The Alberta Directors were given the task to work with the SVAA to encourage their member clubs to support and join the NAACC.

As always, the 'National' relies on communication with its members/supporters through our NAACC Provincial Directors. This communication is vital! Without it we do not know what action to prepare for!

The NAACC not only as Facebook page but also as a new website. Please check out both.

a. Alberta Rides

We printed 1,000 copies of this issue. We have reduced our printing costs. Advertising revenue is rapidly approaching our production costs. The February issue is available in hard copy and on the SVAA website. The next issue will be published for Spring Thaw in Calgary.

Please pick up copies to take back to your clubs.

Articles and stories are welcome. Please send them to albertarides@svaalberta.com.

b. Website – changes and comments

Clicking the Events tab takes you directly the calendar – no intermediate step. Planned improvements include advertising on the Events page, PayPal and online registration, an improved version of the events calendar structure and a mobile app.

5. Barry Ferguson, High River Agricultural Museum

Barry invited car clubs to come to the museum. Clubs can use the facility at no cost. The hours are 9 am to 5 pm daily seven days a week.

6. Elections at the Annual General Meeting on May 2

Positions up for election

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| i. Vice President, South | iii. Treasurer |
| ii. Secretary | iv. Directors (4) |

The committee structure of the SVAA is reflected in the list of committee reports above.

7. Member Announcements & Comments

An Alberta group went to Scottsdale for the auctions in January. They made a distinct impression about the Canadians in the hobby. Brian T was very appreciative of the effort made by Todd Hutcheson and Hagerty contributing to the quality of the trip.

1959 Ford Simca Cadet is being built by an Elk Point Car Club member. Help is needed securing engine parts.

NSRA has a “yellow pages” listing people who are available to help hobbyists as they travel the country. Is it possible that the SVAA could set up something similar in Alberta. We could make a mobile app for the SVAA site available to smart phones.

The five year vehicle appraisal was a problem for a member. The car was put away for the winter and the insurance broker said that an appraisal was due. They would not extend the insurance to cover the car until spring. Is this

normal? The consensus was that the broker was not providing the service that should be extended.

8. Other

If your club is holding an event and/or supporting a charity let us know. We will get the word out via the SVAA Events page.

A thank you was made to the SAACA for providing the meeting space.

9. Adjourned at 1:35 pm.

**Next meeting: Annual General Meeting
Red Deer Swap Meet
May 2, 2015**

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