



Annual General Meeting May 3, 2025

Trailblazer Room II, Westerner Centre, Red Deer

Meeting called to order at 12:30

Welcome and Introductions

Jim welcomed the attendees to the AGM.

Introduction of Members

Ed Smith	Elk Point Auto Club
Grant Cave	Caveman Crusiers
Allan Cooper	SAACAC
Dave Gray	Chipman Car Crafters
Erich Rupert	SVAA
Glenn Moss	SVAA
Roger Smith	Elk Point Auto Club
Dick McDonnell	CAVAC
Bill Kraft	Ponoka Piston Poppers
Bruce Erickson	Ponoka Piston Poppers
Jim Herbert	Calgary MG Club
Malcolm Fisher	Stettler CAVAC
Scott Thomson	AMAC
Matthew Yeo	Calgary Thunderbird Club
Jim Bateman	AMAC
Bob Poapst	CAVAC
Bob Callfas	EACC VTAA
Chris Yeo	Calgary Thunderbird Club

Al Riise
Kevin Clark
Neil Beckett

APAC
Lloyd Auto Club
Nifty Fifty's Ford Club of Calgary

President's Remarks

The notice of the AGM was sent out 2 weeks prior to this meeting. The package that was handed out includes an agenda. Jim asked how many clubs were represented. There were 20 clubs represented which is well over the requirements of 20% of members for quorum.

Minutes of 2024 AGM

Jim Herbert moved that the minutes be accepted as circulated. Seconded by Bruce Erickson. Carried.

Presentation of Financial Statements

Auditors Report - Glenn Moss reported the auditors report acknowledged the accounting records was changed to show a year end of October 31, 2024: therefore the 2024 are for a ten-month period. The auditor's report indicates the audit represents a good accurate financial position of Specialty Vehicle Association of Alberta as of October 31, 2024.

Glenn discussed the financial statements and explained that some of the membership revenue was reported in the previous year. Overall revenue vs expenses were stable due to the direct relationship between the majority of expenses and revenue.

Advertising revenue for 2024 was \$1975.00. We are currently running significantly better than that for the 2025 year.

We have four \$15,000.00 term deposits in 1- and 2-year terms that mature and roll over every 6 months.

We still have to make a decision on Bursaries or grants that have gone to SAIT and NAIT. Assuming that we spend that money, we will be very close to break even for 2025.

Glenn moved that we accept the auditors report as presented. Seconded by Chris Yeo. Motion carried

Glenn Moss moved that we retain L&J Accounting as our auditor, seconded by Dave Gray. Motion Carried.

Reports

Membership: Grant Cave

In 2025 we have 59 clubs and 13 individual members for a total of 2160 members.

Insurance Program: Jim Herbert

The insurance program is working well. There are still some clubs asking for event insurance at the last minute. There is only one lady at the other end handling all the requests, so far she has managed to keep up, so please try and get your request in early. We would like at least 10 days to get your insurance certificates out.

Safety Checks: Shawn Janke

Shawn was unable to attend the meeting; He is working with the clubs to get more Safety Checks performed. The APAC and Calgary MG Club are holding an inspection get together at North Glenmore Park on May 10th.

Communications: Bob Fisher

There were 4 editions of the Alberta Rides last year. Club participation was great with submission of articles and photos. Clubs also submitted posters of their events.

Scholarships: Dick McDonell

Four years ago SVAA made a three-year commitment to both NAIT and SAIT to provide scholarships to students in auto-tech or auto body studies. Each school received \$2500.00 to be distributed as they felt appropriate.

Throughout the three years of the program we have expressed concern that not only have we had no input with respect to selection of recipients, but

we are not advised of who they were. In the third year of the program, SAIT did provide us with names and SAIT specific e-mail addresses. NAIT has steadfastly refused to provide any information at all, citing “privacy” concerns. We don’t know the identity of the successful students, and they don’t know SVAA. My own background with student awards relates to bursaries through my Rotary Club, and scholarships from Central Alberta Vintage Auto Club. In both cases the awards are made to graduating high school students at their school’s annual awards night, and at our respective Club assemblies. The winning students are celebrated, parents are invited, pictures taken, and there is much applause. “Privacy” is happily irrelevant.

For those reasons I have been hesitant to recommend to our Board that we offer NAIT and SAIT extensions of our program. Instead, I have attempted through CTEC and the Education Minister’s office to identify high schools offering auto related education, but with minimal success.

While I don’t have a hard and fast proposal to make to the Board at this time, I would appreciate feedback on this suggestion. Each of ou

“Each of our directors has a list of clubs in his area for which he is responsible. Locally the club would know of at least some of the high schools with auto programs, and the club will be asked to contact them with information on our scholarships and application forms. An annual time-frame would be to distribute the applications and information sheets in January or February, collect the applications by mid April and have an AGM Saturday morning meeting to rank the applicants and select the successful students. Formal presentations could be made at the respective high school’s awards night and/or at a meeting of the nearest SVAA member club.”

I’m suggesting five award of \$1000.00 each.

I know that President Jim has an alternate plan in mind, and my hope would be that SVAA Board members and Club representatives would discuss both programs so we could have something in place by the start of the 2025-26 school year.

Jim stated that he had contacted the head lady for the Calgary Board of Education who told him the shop classes were struggling to get the proper equipment. Jim will pursue this idea further.

Discussions were held on both ideas by the members.

Events: Dave Scragg

If you want an event listed online, please fill out the form on the web site, you can submit a poster as well. We have approximately 30 events per month. The stolen vehicle reports are also online.

Website: Paul Gordash

Since April of 2022 the number of visits to the main page has dropped by 1123. The events page has increased by 3670. More people reach out and share on Facebook, the visits were 3589, just shy of last year's number of 3608. Email lists were down 18, which can be attributed to clean up of the system. Jim H talked about a new page for insurance certificates. Facebook demographics show 19.7% were from Calgary, 17.6% from Edmonton. The people viewing the SVAA through Facebook are 20.4% are women, 79.6% are men. 80% of the men are older than 45.

Specialty Vehicle Appraisers Institute of Alberta

The Specialty Vehicle Appraisers Institute of Alberta has now gone Canada wide. The name is now Specialty Vehicle Appraisers Canada. Since the change there is an increase in the number of members joining this year.

National Association of Automobile Clubs of Canada

Steady as she goes. The NACCAC recognizes cars that are 25 years and older. If you are ordering in parts for cars in this age group, there is a excise code to use that eliminates duty. The code can be found on the website.

Election of Officers and Directors:

Jim Herbert stated that as per the bylaws Section 7.3a (notice) and 7.3b (quorum), 8.3 (selection of positions open) were met. The nominating Committee have spoken to all current officers and directors whose term is up to ask if they would run again. All said yes.

First order is to nominate Jim Bateman for Vice President- South. Passed unanimously.

Jim Bateman nominated Neil Beckett for the position of Secretary. Passed unanimously.

Jim B nominated Glenn Moss for the position of Treasurer. Passed unanimously.

Jim B nominated Les McKelvey, Bill Parker, Dick McDonell, and Erich Rupert for the positions of Directors. Passed unanimously.

There is one director position open, as there were no nominations from the floor the position will remain open.

Budget: Jim Herbert

Jim spoke to the proposed budget. Motion by Jim H to accept the budget as presented. Seconded by Bob Kraft. Carried

Collector Car Appreciation Day:

July 14th will be the Collector Car Appreciation Day. Posters are available on the website with a spot to add your club's name to the poster.

Moved to Adjourn: Dick McDonell