

**Specialty Vehicle Association of Alberta**  
**Information Meeting**  
**12:30 pm, Saddleroom**  
**Early Bird Swap Meet, Lethbridge**

**1. Introduction**

Jim called the meeting to order at 12:30 pm. Each attendee introduced themselves and their club affiliation. Jim announced that we have two new clubs this year, the Edmonton & Area 567 Club (Swap Meet on April 20 in Sherwood Park) and Chinook Country Cruisers. Chinook Country Cruisers was a member years ago and the son of original members has brought it back to life.

Thank you to the Southern Alberta Antique & Classic Auto Club for arranging this room and paying the rent. Much appreciated.

**2. President's Remarks**

We are moving more to an online presence through online registration and the electronic newsletter. The shutting down of Alberta Rides was a tough decision. We struggled to breakeven using advertising and were losing advertisers likely due to the downturn.

There is a bill tabled in California that permits the registration of non-polluting cars only by 2040. It is a measure to eliminate the internal combustion engine.

Federally, the US is considering a 20% tariff on parts imported into the country. This may well wind up costing us money.

There have been some vehicle equipment checks this past fall. They were looking at vehicle height, fender and fender width, glass shading, etc. We need to look at the regulations to ensure that our vehicles comply.

A 1974 vehicle with a 1974 license plate was ticketed. The last year we can use a year of manufacture plate is 1973. The Registry issued the certificate for the 1974 plate in error so the ticket was cancelled.

Use your antique or regular plate when crossing the border. Use a modern plate on your car to avoid any difficulties.

**3. Reports**

**3.1. Membership**

We have 35 clubs representing 1,352 enthusiasts. The GTO Club and the Crowsnest Pass Wheel Nuts have ceased operating as clubs. We have two new clubs, Chinook Country Cruisers and the Edmonton & Area 567 Club. 34 clubs have opted into the insurance package.

### 3.2. Financials

Bob spoke to the 2018 financials. We are tracking much the same as 2017. We lost money on the magazine but not a substantial amount. Otherwise, we are in good fiscal condition.

We anticipate some costs as we change our face to the world.

The assets held are against any action we may have to take in the area of government regulation.

### 3.3. Newsletter

We have moved to an online newsletter in an effort to better serve our membership. Please share the newsletter with your club members.

We cannot sufficiently express our appreciation to those who contributed. Without the writers and photographers we would not have had such a fine publication.

Content in the SVAA newsletter is freely available to member clubs for publication in their newsletter.

### 3.4. Website

Deferred.

### 3.5. Safety Checks

Randy has written an article on driving safety he plans on publishing in an upcoming newsletter.

The SVAA Safety Check Form does not need modification. It states at the bottom that "Completion of this Safety Check does not constitute a formal safety inspection...".

Clubs are encouraged to arrange safety checks. The forms need not be kept on file by the clubs. Rather, the form is to be kept by the owner/driver.

## 4. Related Groups

### 4.1.1.SVAI

Don Cooper has stepped down and Abe Weiler is interim president pending elections.

### 4.1.2.NAACC

The president's computer and data in the Cloud were hacked. All the information was lost. He encourages all of us to back up our data on a physical medium.

The next Coasters tour is in 2022 with sponsorship by the NAACC.

Import threats appear to have gone quiet.

There was question about the currency of the NAACC website. The data hack problem has contributed to this and work is being done to catch up.

#### 4.1.3. Historical Vehicle Association

The fall issue had a spread on Canadian museums with Reynold's featured. Clubs are encouraged to use the material in the magazine. They need not get permission just needing to give credit to Hagerty.

#### 4.1.4. SEMA/SAN

Lobbying is taking place on the 20% parts tariff and the fuel tax law.

### 5. Old Business

#### 5.1. 2019 Elections

Members are encouraged to become involved in the coming elections. The goal is to help our governments better understand the nature of our hobby and the contribution it makes to the Alberta and Canadian economy. There about 40,000 specialty cars in Alberta and the hobby generates \$40,000,000 for the economy.

### 6. New Business

#### 6.1. Collector Car Appreciation Day, Friday, July 12, 2019

With the elections coming, we are waiting on invitations to politicians. We are most definitely proceeding with staging events on the day.

There are bans occurring in various parts of the world for diesel vehicles. We need to be aware of the implementation of such regulations. Our provincial and national organizations are diligently monitoring such regulations.

### 7. Next Meeting: SVAA Annual General Meeting

The next meeting of the SVAA membership is the Annual General Meeting at the CAVAC Original Red Deer Swap Meet on Saturday, May 4 at 12:30 pm.

### 8. Hagerty Presentation – Bryce Walsh

Bryce made a presentation on the improvements to the Hagerty program most benefiting the hobbyist. It was well done and well received. Thanks Bryce!