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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

The SVAA is pleased to report that we have a new editor for Alberta Rides. Farin Manji, who works full time in the communications industry, will be helping with the magazine. We will have a more thorough introduction in the next edition.

Car shows can be used to raise funds for club projects as well as charitable donations. The relatively small MG Car Club of Calgary made a sizeable financial commitment to the auto body refinishers program at SAIT. Articles throughout this edition show the many ways our members are supporting and enjoying our wonderful hobby. If your club donates or does community service we want to hear about it. It is wonderful to see the enthusiasm that the young people bring to the hobby. Central Memorial High School's Show 'n' Shine helped raise funds and spread awareness of their mechanics program.

Have you heard of diminished value appraisals? A report by Norm Flanders of the Specialty Vehicle Appraisers Institute helps explain this concept. Also if you pull a trailer of any kind with your specialty vehicle, you may want to check with your insurance provider to ensure you are properly covered.

Please do your safety checks and keep on touring.

Harry Bullock

MEET & GREET

Don Cooper Director, SVAA



Don has been a part of the hobby since before he was a teenager, helping his father building and driving Roundy Round cars at the Edmonton track. Since then, his love of the hobby has grown steadily including drag racing, show cars, and, most recently, street/hot rods.

For Don, specialty vehicles are both a passion and a career. He has been a Journeyman Mechanic in Alberta for over 35 years, a qualified inspector for out-of-province inspections, the southern Alberta Good Guys representative, a founder and current president of the Specialty Vehicle Appraisers Institute of Alberta (SVAIA) and, with his wife Gayle, the owners and operators of Street Rod Corner. About seven years ago, Don put his energy into the founding and building of the SVAIA of which he is the president. The organization was formed with the goal of bringing quality standards to the appraisal side of the hobby – something that is very important to us all. Don believes that with his background and daily involvement in the hobby, he can make a contribution in our conversations with regulators and other government bodies. He relishes the opportunity to give back to the hobby and industry

MEET & GREET

Jessica Smith Director, SVAA



Jessica is one of two new Directors to the SVAA. She has been active in the hobby for over five years building a modified 1949 Studebaker truck. While she enjoys all aspects of the hobby, her passion is for pre 1975 vehicles. Her parents, Robert and Valerie, are ardent Mopar enthusiasts. Her father has a sublime green 1969 GTX and mother has a 1971 citron yella Challenger. In her working life, Jessica is an insurance broker for Lundgren Young in Calgary. A good part of her business is insurance for the hobby as well as commercial insurance so Jessica's knowledge and experience will be invaluable to the SVAA.

Jessica is a people person, happiest meeting people, listening to their stories and helping them out to the best of her ability. The preservation and growth of the hobby are what Jessica sees as the challenge for the future. This is why she has taken on a role with the SVAA as she sees the organization as an excellent way to protect and grow the hobby. Jessica brings energy, a keen mind and the desire to make a contribution.

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Calgary MG Car Club provides scholarship to SAIT students

Azim Bhatia

A common problem facing many “vintage” car clubs and enthusiasts is the specialty nature of our hobby. The number of crafts people, repair mechanics and knowledgeable folks is dwindling. The Executive and members of the Calgary MG Car Club recognized that our hobby was even more specialized, our cars being LBCs (Little British Cars).

As an association of like minded folks, we felt it was within our power to make a contribution that would promote the LBC and in a meaningful way, assist an aspiring young person in the automotive field. Our annual signature event, BritsBest Classics was the perfect “vehicle” to generate funds to this end and we decided to approach the Southern Institute of Technology (SAIT) to see what we could arrange. As the world of automobile technology moves at the speed of light, our LBC's are great examples of basic automotive engineering.

In our machines, a technician today would be hard pressed to recognize the origin of items such as mass air flow sensors, passive restraint systems, etc. However, as much as things change, things stay the same...most of us collectors and enthusiasts, no matter what automobile excites us, appreciate the lines, the contours, the shine, the elegance and the sheer beauty of the particular piece of yesteryear.

The art, skill and dedication of the Autobody Technician remains largely unchanged with the passing of time, brands, materials and methods. The Calgary MG Car Club has decided to award the sum of \$1000.00 annually (starting in 2014) for the next 5 years to the Auto Body Refinisher Apprenticeship Program in the School of Transportation. We are very proud that our little LBC club is doing this and challenge other clubs to help support the long term viability of our common hobby.



MG show 'n' shine at Stanley

Calgary T-Birds tour High River Agricultural Museum

Patti Fieger

The Calgary Thunderbird club recently took a run down to High River for an outing to see the High River Agricultural Museum. The Museum is manned by volunteers and most, if not all, of the displays have been donated or are on loan. There were a lot of items the 'over 40's' crowd recognized from our childhoods, which is always fun.

We spent a very enjoyable afternoon going through the tractors, antique gasoline signs, jack collection (who knew there were so many different kinds of jacks) and old toys. When chatting with the gentleman showing us around, the topic of having more household items in the museum came up; the museum is working to

increase mementos of this kind. It's always fun to see items that bring fond memories – like the jars aunt Suzie's jam came in. It also put into perspective just how hard our maternal ancestors worked. No high efficiency front load washers and steam dryers for those ladies! Scrub boards and wooden clothes pegs were the order of the day.

Thanks to the folks from High River for putting together such a great collection of tractors and other memorabilia. I would recommend taking your clubs down for a cruise to look around. It's always nice to support local businesses in High River. Our neighbours to the south can still use our support.



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Canada Day at the legislature

Ed Surbey

Despite dubious forecasts, perfect weather set the stage for the event's success. Even while queuing up before entering the Legislature grounds we were amazed at the crowds gathering around the cars to enthusiastically cheer us on. We parked on the south-west grounds across from the big cannon, but instead of the usual commercial displays a stage was set up across the field from which jazz and contemporary bands played throughout the day. With the cars parked in a large semi-circle facing the stage, many groups of people including lots of families parked themselves on the lawn and around the cars, taking in the music and having a great time.

The scene portrayed an atmosphere very reminiscent of a family 'folk festival', which worked really well with the antique car display. Of course Chris was kept busy helping kids take turns climbing onto his 1912 KisselKar, while other Club members fielded lots of questions and discussions about their vehicles.

Hats off to the Legislature Organizers who did a great job putting this year's Canada Day celebrations together. Legislature Security was very cooperative, the Club Member lunch was great, and it was nice to be individually canvassed for feedback on the event.

Many thanks to Ron and Verna for their significant efforts again this year in planning, organizing and executing this 'record setting' Canada Day event on behalf of the Edmonton Antique Car Club.

This year's Canada Day at the Legislature set an all-time record turnout for the Edmonton Antique Car Club, with 20 cars spanning over 40 years of antique automobile history:

Mike & Mary Reid – 1911 T Touring
Chris Bamford – 1912 KisselKar
Sean & Alison Rogers – 1920 T Touring
Ken & Sharon Berg – 1921 T Coupe
Ren & Karen Gusek – 1928 Durant M2
Dave Bodnar – 1928 Porter
Al & Judy Rogers – 1928 A Coupe
Clem & Doreen Lamoureux – 1929 Graham-Paige
Bob Lee – 1929 DeSoto Roadster
Ken & Susan Denning – 1929 Chev 4 Door
Ryan Surbey – 1929 A Phaeton
Mike Wasylasko – 1929 Essex Super 6
Bob Gray – 1930 A Truck
Clarence & Anne Kephart – 1930 A Tudor
Les & Rose Djuff – 1930 A Coupe
Denis Trepanier – 1931 A Coupe
Ed Surbey – 1935 Ford Coupe
Ron & Verna Eagleson – 1937 Ford Coupe
Dave & Dolores Jeffares – 1947 Pontiac Sedan
Nels & Hilde Andersen – 1952 Chevy Sedan



Edmonton Indoor Custom and Rod Show

Garry Cooper

Richard Hammer comes from small-town Viking – about an hour's drive east of Edmonton Alberta, whose hometown products include New York Rangers president Glen Sather and head coach Darrell Sutter of the NHL Stanley Cup champions Los Angeles Kings. So, naturally, Hammer boldly took a shot last winter at the two biggest hot rod shows in North America, the Grand National Road Show at Pomona, CA, and the eastern U.S. counterpart show at Detroit, MI.

The hobby hot-rod builder from Viking – hauled his 1967 C10 into the world's heartland of premier hot rod builders and – like Sather and Sutter – took his place among the elites from the big U.S. cities. In his very first shot in the big leagues he said, "I didn't win Best Truck at Pomona," Hammer confessed, "but we won Best Engine and Best Frame." Richard (who played minor hockey at Viking as a teammate of Darrell Sutter) and his 22-year-old hot-rodder son Joel, also hauled down their 1966 V8 Pontiac Acadian station wagon and took home a Best in Class for it.

The following month, at Detroit, the unique and wildly creative C10 from Alberta was judged "Best Truck." It was then that Hammer learned that he was not

eligible to go after the coveted Riddler Award because the truck had been shown previously, at Pomona. "To go for the Riddler, your project car must almost be a secret. Not even pictures of it can be published prior to the Detroit show." Otherwise, the awesome Hammer hot rod would likely have been the Riddler Award feature in last month's first-annual Edmonton Indoor Custom and Rod Show held at the Edmonton Expo Centre. The little truck did win a trophy, of course, as did the Alberta Iron Indians Pontiac Club (Edmonton) for Best Club Display. Richard and his wife Penny are members of the AIIPC. Another club member, Charles Fougere, won a trophy for his pristinely restored Firebird.

This year's Riddler Award winning car at Detroit was featured in the Edmonton show, that of J.F. Custom from Osoyoos, B.C. The Riddler car is the cover story in the current Canadian Hot Rod Magazine. "I went to the two biggest Hot Rod shows there are. They were long, tough hauls – Viking to Pomona and back, and then Viking to Detroit and back," says Hammer. "But I'm sure glad we did it." Hammer also praised the first Edmonton hot rod show to be produced after an absence of three years for having some excellent cars on display. However, attendance was poor, putting the



Hammers 1967 C10.



prospect of another show in doubt at this time. "It's too bad, but it was poorly promoted" said Hammer. "Northlands should have helped in that. You'd think Northlands would want an annual show to succeed, but nobody I talked with knew anything about the show being held. I saw nothing about the show in the papers, or on TV." Maybe the show will need to hook up with the World of Wheels circuit to survive. And the timing for the Edmonton show wasn't right, either. Successful car shows are held just before spring weather; before the time when people are out on the streets and showing their hot rods.

Liz Oglu, who promoted the Edmonton Powerama show at Northlands for 26 years until letting it die three years ago, was reluctant to comment on this year's revival attempt. "Nobody wants to see a car show brought back to Edmonton more than I. It hurt

to see Powerama die because of circumstances that I couldn't control," she said, noting that "the worst snowstorm in 100 years" caused her huge financial losses several years ago, followed by Northland Expo Centre construction that took away most nearby parking.

And to add insult to injury, Northlands raised the parking rate from \$10 to \$12 instead of offering a break for show producers. Oglu said people attempting to revive the Edmonton car show should not expect attendance and sponsorship support to simply take up where it left off. "It doesn't work that way. You'll have to build it all back up again over the next few years before you can make money," said Oglu. "And you can't expect it to make you a whole lot of money, either. The expenses are enormous. But I hope somebody will try it again. I'll offer my help if I'm asked."



Albertans to choose province's new licence plate

Alberta Government news release

Albertans are invited to participate in an online survey to choose which of three proposed designs will be featured on the new provincial licence plate. The survey, which is available online, will run from July 8 to August 19. The design that receives the most votes will be selected for the new plate.

"Alberta is the best place to live, work and raise a family; and, these three designs are all inspired by the pride Albertans have in their home. The natural beauty of our province is on display in all three designs. I know Albertans will enjoy having a say on what their new provincial licence plate will look like."

– Dave Hancock, Premier

The licence plate, which will be available in spring 2015, is being updated to bring it in line with other jurisdictions across North America. The new plate will include:

- Alberta's new logo
- The Alberta Government's web address alberta.ca
- A reflective coating that makes the plate easier to see under low light conditions and easier for infrared equipment to read.

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– Doug Griffiths, Minister of Service Alberta

Annual vehicle registration will cost five dollars more to help cover the costs of production and implementation. Even with the increase, Alberta's vehicle registration fees will still be about 11 per cent lower than the national average.

Albertans can receive a new plate from their registry agent when they renew their registration during their

regularly scheduled annual renewal, or they may purchase the new plate ahead of their regular renewal time for a fee.



Go to <http://alberta.ca/licence-plate-survey.cfm> to make your choice known to Alberta Transportation.

NAACC update

Jim Herbert, NAACC Director for Alberta

Collector Car Appreciation Month

For the past several years the National Association of Automobile Clubs of Canada (NAACC) has been diligently working on getting the federal and provincial governments to recognize the economic and social contributions that the collector car hobby makes by declaring July as Collector Car Appreciation Month. I am pleased to report that this year 70% of the provinces issued such proclamations or letters of recognition. Copies of these proclamations can be viewed on the NAACC website at www.naacc.ca.

E15 Ethanol Fuel

The Alliance of Auto Manufacturers in their latest report have expressed concerns about failure of mechanical components in older cars, that were never designed to run on ethanol blended fuels. In the report the Alliance states that over half the engines tested had problems while running on ethanol

blended fuels. Their studies also found that vehicles stored with E10 can cause deterioration of rubber components in fuel systems and phase separation in fuel tanks. For more information visit www.autoalliance.org

Importing Cars from the USA

As of April 5, 2014 all self-propelled vehicles exported from the U.S. to Canada are no longer exempt from the Automated Export System (AES) filings. AES is a mandatory filing requirement by the U.S. Census Bureau of the Electronic Export Information (EEI). In order to complete this filing the U.S. seller must have a federal identification number called an EIN. If you are planning on importing a vehicle, check with the Canada Border Services Agency at www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca

Central Memorial High School Show 'n' Shine

Patti Fieger

The Mechanics program at Central Memorial High School started hosting an all makes and models Show 'n' Shine three years ago. The purpose is to raise funds to help support their program, as well as to donate half the proceeds to a charity that is selected each year. Students were able to purchase new coveralls from the proceeds from the first year's show.

Schools have to be creative in ways to spread out their funding, as well as bring in extra money to support extra-curricular and even basic activities. Over the years, most parents have supported Penny Carnivals, Raffles and Book Sales, purchased chocolates, wrapping paper and even frozen chickens. This hosted Show'n'Shine was a first for me. The aspect that I found most interesting was the vast amount of teachers and the 1,100 students from the school who attended. They were invited to look at about 50 vehicles that had been set aside for this event. They asked questions, admired paint jobs and discussed their dream cars. They were respectful and interested

in these cars, trucks and motorcycles that they may not otherwise ever see.

It was also a chance for the owners of these cars to chat with teenagers; this created a fun interaction between two generations who shared a mutual interest. The teachers of the Mechanics program got their students involved by having them volunteer to go to various Show 'n' Shine events throughout the city inviting people to attend.

Our club, the Calgary Thunderbird Club, received a very well written email from one of the students - Liam Eisenberg - inviting us to participate. His teacher, Mr. McDade, organizes the event and the students all participate with various tasks such as parking and collecting the \$10 fee. The school supports the event by providing an extended lunch break and hot dog lunch cooked by the Student Council for students and vehicle owners. There was also great music and even a food truck.



Liam Eisenberg, one of the student organizers of the show

The Mechanics Program is divided into Junior and Senior levels. The students are responsible to complete modules to learn theory and follow those up with hands-on training on various vehicles. This develops strong skills in not only the actual wrench pulling, but also learning how to troubleshoot and repair a problem. The vehicles they work on are ideally brought in by customers who get a good deal on mechanical work. You pay for parts only - the labor is free.

The students are supervised by the teachers so the quality of the end product is excellent. Some students go on to apprenticeship programs at SAIT or NAIT. Some will use what they learn to work on their own cars - or maybe even get that collector vehicle in the future. I asked Liam what we hobbyists can do to support their program. His answer was to bring in our daily drivers for them to work on, as well as referring their program to others to bring in more vehicles to repair. They would also like to see more vehicles show

up for next year's show. Watch for their event to be advertised next Spring and come on out! It is a really great Show 'n' Shine and a rare opportunity to share our passion with individuals who will likely end up buying our autos when we have to part with them. These 'kids' are the future of our hobby – Young Guns in the making.



Nostalgia drag racing at Three Hills – 1/8 mile at a time!

Moe Putney

Meet Miss Morgan Nelson. Morgan is eighteen this year and already a familiar face at the Three Hills 1/8th Mile Drags. She has raced all three years. The inaugural year of the Three Hills event was her first experience with Drag Racing. She made it all the way to the final round, won a bit of money, and was hooked. Year two saw her still in the running when the event was rained out. Once again she brought home a cash prize (funny how the parents pay the entry fee but Morgan keeps the prize money).

Year three found her behind the wheel of a freshly built 1963 Ford Integral Cab, better known as a Unibody. This truck is an original paint, black, big back window truck the Nelsons bought several years ago near Swalwell Alberta. It was tucked away for awhile until the right donor truck was found. Last winter work began. A rusty 1978 F-150 donated its low mileage 460, C-6 automatic, radiator, electronic ignition and other miscellaneous parts.

These were coupled to the 63's original Dana 44 rear end that came with a 3.73 posi. Cab mounts and partial cab floors were all that was required to make the body presentable. In a tribute to the original F-100 XL Drag Truck from the 60's, exhaust cutouts and factory style Bucket seats and Center console were added. Despite the fact that this was Morgan's first chance to drive the truck, she quickly got her system figured out. In test and tune and time trial runs, she ran from 10.450 to 10.255. Trap speeds were between 65 and 68 mph. She chose a 10.20 dial in to give herself a bit of room for improvement. Her first round time was 10.34 at 68 mph.

The second round run proved to be her best yet at 10.055 at 69 mph. Unfortunately she had left her dial in at 10.20 so her day came to an end. On a good note being eliminated for going faster is not all bad! Morgan would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to put on these events! They make the day fun and safe.



The Rocke Hallsworth story

Al Riise

The first time I met Rocke and his Street Rod Model A was at the 2014 Nifty Fifties Spring Thaw show 'n' shine at Deerfoot Mall in Calgary. I was an aisle or two over when I noticed a lot of heads turning to look at this purple or blue Model A drifting in to park.

By the time I reached the car to take some pictures, it was surrounded by some very interested onlookers. The car started off in life as a 1929 Model A Ford Tudor, and now incorporates seats from a 1995 Kia Rio, Autometer gauges, 1963 Corvette Radio, Chevy V-8 350/350 package, 700R4 transmission, Chevy 10 bolt rear end with 373 gears, 1935 Ford driveshaft, headers and some neat wheels with moon hubcaps. You might notice that part of the appeal of the car

is this shortened version and where his seats are located, rather than the Ford manufactured version.

After meeting Rocke, and discussing the car we determined that it was very worthy story. Those we talked to had never seen a Model A like this before, and were intrigued with how it was made into a cruising street rod. The pictures here tell the rest of the story. A huge thanks to Rocke for sharing his Model A story with us.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All information contained herein was compiled by the Specialty Vehicles Association of Alberta for all to use. We encourage reprinting of the information and would appreciate credit for its use.

AUGUST

Aug 1

A&W Cruisin The Dub S-S, at the junction of Deerfoot Glenmore Trail, SE Calgary. Every Friday night. Door prizes and 50-50.

Aug 1 – 3

Heritage Acres Farm Museum Annual show. Early Transport theme, Horses, wagons, cars, tractors. heritageacres.org.

Aug 3

Dropsicles Meltdown in Edmonton 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
dropsicles.com
meltdown@dropsicles.com.

Aug 2

Crowsnest Pass Wheel Nuts, Annual Show & Shine; Hillcrest Mines AB. 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Contact Brian at 403-563-3844.

Aug 1 – 4

39th Annual Circle Tour at McNally Community Center (about 5 km SE of Lethbridge). Tours include Fort Museum, Head Smashed-In Buffalo Jump, Birds of Prey Centre, Gem of the West Museum, and private collection of international vehicles. Contact Doreen Rogalsky: 403-345-5449 or drogalsky@hotmail.com, or contact

Barb Yakubowski at 403-381-6971 or byakubowski@shaw.ca.

Aug 5 – 9

Rock 'n' August by St Albert Cruisers. stalbertcruisers.ca

Aug 6

Wednesday Kruz Night by Just Kruzin; Lloydminster, AB at the CO-OP Marketplace. 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. Contact Cliff at 780-205-2154.

Aug 8

Cypress Rod & Custom presents Friday Night Cruise from Dunmore A & W; 7:00 p.m. Contact Ron Beauchesne at 403-526-1574 or Les McKelvey at 403-526-0545.

Aug 8 – 10

Pioneer Acres 45 Annual show & reunion. pioneeracres.ab.ca.

Aug 9

Annual Show 'n' Shine by Western Wheels Car Club Main Street, Rocky Mountain House. 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Contact Bill at 403-844-4203.

Aug 9 – 28

Annual Show 'n' Shine by Cypress Rod & Custom; Medicine Hat College. 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Registration is \$20. Gear head challenge; Friday Night Cruise from Dunmore A&W at 7:00 pm. Contact Ron Beauchesne at 403-526-1574 or Les McKelvey at 403-526-0545.

Aug 9

Annual Airdrie Summer Classic Car Show presented by Time Travellers Car Club.
timetravellers@hotmail.ca

Aug 10

Show 'n' Shine sponsored by Porcupine Hills Classic Cruisers Club; 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
porcupinehillscruisers.com
Contact Dave at 403-625-6023.

Aug 12 – 17

Western Canada Power Cruise 2014. Open to all makes and models, \$10 registration. Various tiers of cruises.
wcpcc@outlook.com or westerncanadapowercruise@hotmail.ca.
westwrcnadapowercruise.webs.com. Contact Chris at 403-504-9454 or Rob at 306-729-2656.

Aug 15

Rock'n August Concert at Servus Place; St. Albert, Alberta. Kim Mitchell, Kenny Shields and

Streetheart, and Prism will be performing. rocknaugust.com

Aug 16

Chestermere Lake Show 'n' Shine; 201 West Chestermere Drive. 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. All rides welcome. Public free; \$10 to enter trophy competition; live band, DJ, vendors, concessions, beer gardens, all on the grass by the lake. Contact Elaine at 403-272-5354.

Aug 16 – 17

Murray King of Spruce Grove huge auction. Murray operates a restoration shop and has over 500 project vehicles on his site. kustomking.net
so-calcalcanada.net

Aug 17

Cold Lake Cruisers Car Club Annual Show 'n' Shine. Contact Lance at 780-634-3084

Aug 21

A & W across Canada presents Cruisin' The Dub fundraiser for the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada. Check your local listings for locations.

Aug 21

Annual Show 'n' Shine sponsored by Edmonton Thunderbird Club. Open to all makes and models. St. Albert A&W; \$10 registration or new clean teddy bear. Benefits the Edmonton Victim's Services. edmontonthunderbirdclub.com. Contact Harold at 780-930-2165.

Aug 23

Street Spectacular Show 'n' Shine by Peace Classic Wheels. 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Contact Elaine at zummy1@telus.net

Aug 23

Calgary Thunderbird Club Show 'n' Shine; 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Contact Dale at 403-254-5360 or calgarythunderbirdclub.ca

Aug 23

Kingsway Toyota Edmonton is having their very First Show & Shine. Looking for participants with show cars, non-domestics, and collectors. To participate email acote@kingswaytoyota.com. All proceeds go to charity, and first place prize is a trip for two to Jasper and a golf package. Come with the family and have a great time. Contact Ashley at acote@kingswaytoyota.com or 780-478-8300.

Aug 23

Mopars at the Mall, Parkland Mall, Red Deer. Sponsored by Central Alberta Mopar Association. Any Mopar vehicle past & present welcome. Contact Robin Larsen at 403-340-1260
robinoutdoorsrv@yahoo.com
centralalbertamopar.com

Aug 23

Annual Taber Show 'n' Shine sponsored by Taber Corn Country Cruisers. 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Contact Brian at 403-394-4585.

Aug 23 – 24

50th Anniversary of the Saskatoon Antique Auto Club (SAAC) is being celebrated with a provincial tour. On the Annual Cruise Day, there will be more than 600 cars in downtown Saskatoon. Contact Ray Fribance at 306-477-0231 or rayfribance@sasktel.net or Lloyd Minion at 306-384-3430 or 306-384-3430 or minil@sasktel.net.

SEPTEMBER

Sept 3

Grey Eagle Casino S-S Calgary, every wednesday night until fall.

Sept 5

A&W Cruisin The Dub S-S at the junction of Deerfoot-Glenmore Trail, SE, Calgary; every Friday night. Door prizes and 50-50.

Sept 6

All Pontiac Show 'n' Shine by Alberta Iron Indians. Pontiac Club (Edmonton) at Southgate Buick GMC, 9751 - 34 Avenue, Edmonton. Registration is \$10 from 10:00 a.m. – noon; charities on site. Public is free but are requested to purchase a Chieftain Award ballot to vote on their favorite car. Cost is 1 for \$2 or 3 for \$5 with all proceeds going to Stars Air Ambulance. Door prizes, trophies, and a fun time. dscragg@shaw.ca; 780-040-2641.

Sept 6 – 7

Pioneer Acres Irricana Steam & Stationary engines
www.pioneeracres.ab.ca

Sept 7

Wild Rose Rod & Custom Car Club breakfast & toy run. Contact Mike at 403-273-5096.

Sept 13

Cardel Quarry Park & Polish Auto Show; 180 Quarry Park Blvd SE, Calgary. Free Public Admission. \$10 Exhibitor Fee. Contests, BBQ, Movie theatre, raffles, vendors, and more. QuarryParkAndPolish.com.

Sept 13

Men & Machines 3 Annual Car Show; 1117 29 Street South, Great

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Falls Montana. A family-friendly event to help support cancer programs at Benefis Sletten Cancer Institute; Great Falls, Montana. 10:00 a.m – 3:00 p.m. Registration begins at 7:00 a.m. \$25 per vehicle minimum donation. All vehicles allowed, registrants will be provided a t-shirt, dash plaque, meal ticket and a goodie bag. benefis.org/carshow 406-731-8250. Call the Great Falls Inn at 1-800-454-6010 for reservations today.

Sept 13

Diablos Car Club, Greaseball Bash. 10:00 – 7:00 p.m. Contact Keith at 403-512-5896, or Pat Roy at 403-630-3779.

Sept 14

Heritage Acres Farm Museum, Pincher Creek Fall fair, Annual Threshing BEE. heritageacres.org. Pioneer Acres Irricana Steam & Stationary engines www.pioneeracres.ab.ca.

Sept 12 – 14

Touring Tin Car Club Picnic. www.touringtin.ca or kelvin-pearsonk@bantrel.com or 1bigguy@telus.net

Sept 14

Annual Cochrane Show 'n' Shine sponsored by Cochrane Classic Car Club. Contact Ray Kaczmer at

403-932-2504.
cochrane.classics.com

Sept 19 – 20

Red Deer Fall Finale Collector Car Auction by the Electric Garage at Westerner Park. theelectricgarage.com/auctions

Sept 19 – 20

Autumn Show 'n' Shine at Radium Hot Springs. Sponsor Columbia Valley Classics. Register on Friday at 7:00 p.m. Pancake breakfast on Saturday at 8:00 a.m., show from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Activities steadily for both days. Always a great weekend. columbiavalleyclassics.com

Sept 20

8th Annual Pig & Pumpkin Festival Antique Car Show sponsored by Lethbridge Lion's Club. 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 pm, at Broxburn Vegetables & Cafe. Contact Nick Hayes at 403-381-0756, or 403-328-9977. nick@astro-insurance.com

Sept 21

Annual Show 'n' Shine sponsored by Edmonton Thunderbird Club. Open to all makes and models. At St. Albert A & W. \$10 registration or new clean teddy bear. Benefits the Edmonton Victim's Services. edmontonthunderbirdclub.com Contact Harold at 780-930-2165

Sept 28

River City Classics Show 'n' Shine in High River. Expecting 1,200 vehicles. Contact Brian Chipchase at bc7226@telus.net, or 403-652-7226 or 403-361-1949.

OCTOBER

Oct 4

Majestic's Annual Swap Meet; Regina, SK from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Admission \$5. majesticscarclub.com/events/swap-meet

Oct 11

Quick Times swap meet at the Westerner park, Red Deer, AB.

Oct 11

SVAA Info meeting at 12.30 p.m., during the Quick Times swap meet. svaalberta.com.

Oct 8 – 11

Hershey Swap Meet; Hershey, PA. October 8 – 11 from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. daily; hersheyaaca.org

Diminished value appraisals

Norm Flanders, Vintage Vehicle Appraisals

US Courts and to a lesser extent, Canadian Courts have recently recognized Diminished Value also known as “Accelerated Depreciation” losses as being valid under certain circumstances. Essentially when a collector vehicle has been in an accident, and suffered a loss, even though the insurance company has arranged for professionally finished repairs to return the vehicle to original pre-loss condition, the vehicle may not have the same value because for one of three possible reasons.

First, the vehicle now has an accident record and by means of searching databases such as CARFAX, this will be on record. This means that if the vehicle was for sale and a prospective buyer chose to check the database, the selling price would likely be less than for an identical vehicle without an accident history. In effect, the vehicle has a “stigma” attached to it that may make it harder to sell.

The second type of Diminished Value claim occurs when the insurance company directs the repair shop to use cheaper, used parts, non-OEM parts and parts that are no longer “matching numbers” and this could affect the value of the vehicle after the repairs are finished.

The third and final possible claim for Diminished Value arises when the repairs are completed but not to the pre-loss condition. There may be residual structural or cosmetic damage or reliability issues that remain. Possibly the vehicle has “squeaks and rattles” or driveability issues that were not there before the accident.

Any one or a combination of all three factors could form the basis of a Diminished Value claim. There is a possibility that insurance companies will recognize a claim for damages after an accident if one or more of these factors can be proven in an appraisal.

Insurance companies sometimes challenge such claims and a reward is certainly not automatic as it is a fairly new area of law. The courts in Canada and Alberta have looked at these challenges and made rulings that establish some guidelines for validating these claims. There have been some successes (as well as some failures) but SVAI has studied the court cases and has established some guidelines for SVAI appraisers that show what steps have to be taken to present a claim for damages and establish the monetary value of such claims.

For information about SVAI appraisers, go to their website at www.svai.ca.

SVAA INFORMATIONAL MEETING

**October, 11, 2014
12:30 p.m.**

Westerner Park, Red Deer, AB.
Pioneer room.
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MEMBER CLUBS

The SVAA represents 62 clubs with a total of 2,555 members across Alberta. Here is a list of our member clubs with their meeting and contact information.

Alberta Iron Indians Pontiac Club
(Calgary)

First Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
ABC Country Restaurant
11520 24 St SE
Calgary, AB
Phone: (403) 650-2009

Alberta Iron Indians Pontiac Club
(Edmonton)

Last Monday 7:00 p.m.
ABC Country Restaurant
140 Avenue & 127 Street
Spruce Grove, AB
Phone: (780) 940-2641

Alberta Pioneer Auto Club

Second Tuesday 7:30 p.m.
Sept – June
Alberta Aerospace Museum
Calgary, AB
Phone: (403) 475-1186

Alberta Post War Car Club

Second Monday, 7:30 p.m.
Memories Funeral Chapel, 13
(403), St Albert Trail NW
Sherwood Park, AB
Phone: (780) 454-8148

**Alberta Region of Packards
International Motor Car Club**

Third Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. except
Jul & Aug; Private residences
Calgary, AB
Phone: (403) 652-7806

**Alberta Super Run Association
Car Show**

First Sunday at Noon
Westerner Park
Red Deer, AB
Phone: (403) 250-7046

**Antique Willys Association
Innisfail Legion**

Crossfield, AB
Phone: (403) 932-2175

Bonnyville Gear Grabbers Car Club

Irregular
Agricultural Society Boardroom
Bonnyville, AB
Phone: (780) 826-9645

Calgary Cruz 'n' Tour Club

Second Last Tuesday 7:00 p.m.
Austrian Canadian Club
Calgary, AB
Phone: (403) 203-0073

Calgary Firebird Club

Last Tuesday 7:00 p.m.
Calgary Motor Products
Calgary, AB
Phone: (403) 686-6048

**Calgary Plymouth & Friends Car
Club**

Varies
Denny's on 16 Avenue NE
Rockyview County, AB

Calgary Thunderbird Club

First Thursday at 7:30 p.m.
Royal Canadian Legion, 9202

Horton Road SW
Phone: (403) 251-3339

Calgary Z Club

Third Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
Brasso Nissan
195 Glendeer Circle SE

**Canadian Vintage Motor Cycle
Group**

Rocky Mountain Section
Third Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
Chapelhow Legion #284 606 - 38
Avenue NE, Calgary, AB
Phone: (403) 293-4105

Central Alberta Mopar Association

Second Tuesday 7:00 p.m.
Humpty's Classic Café
Gasoline Alley
Red Deer, AB
Phone: (403) 748-2185

Central Alberta Vintage Auto Club

Second Tuesday 7:00 p.m.
Golden Circle
Red Deer, AB
Phone: (403) 704-3039

**Chestermere Lake Show'n'Shine
Association**

Third Tuesday 6:45 p.m.
Dockside at Chestermere Lake
Chestermere, AB
Phone: (403) 630-4007

Chinook Wings Motorcycle Club

Third Monday 7:00 p.m.
ABC Country Restaurant

11520 24 St SE
Calgary, AB
Phone: (403) 271-9159

Chipman Car Crafters Car Club
Second Tuesday
Chipman, AB
Phone: (780) 363-2324

Coaldale Custom Cruisers
Second Wednesday 7:30 p.m.
The Hub
2107, 13 Street North
Coaldale, AB
Phone: (403) 330-4598

Cochrane Classic Car Club
Fourth Thursday 7:00 p.m.
Cochrane A&W
Cochrane, AB
Phone: (403) 932-1677

Cold Lake Cruisers Car Club
Second Monday 7:00 p.m.
A&W Cold Lake
Cold Lake, AB
Phone: (780) 639-3084

Crowsnest Pass Wheel Nuts
Hillcrest, AB
Phone: (403) 563-3844

Cypress Rod & Custom Car Club
First Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.
Member garages
Medicine Hat, AB
Phone: (403) 526-0545

Diablo's Car Club
Every Thursday
Member garages
Airdrie, AB
Phone: (403) 512-5896

Didsbury Car Club
First Wed, 7:00 p.m.
Didsbury Museum
Phone: (403) 994-0845

Dropsicles
Last Wednesday 8:00 p.m.
Tim Horton's, 7508 Gateway Blvd.
Edmonton, AB
Phone: (780) 473-6644

Edmonton Antique Car Club
First Wednesday 7:30 p.m.
Northern Alberta Pioneers &
Descendents Association
9430 - 99 Street
Phone: (780) 910-3767

Edmonton Thunderbird Club
Last Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. Sep – Jun,
Chateau Louise Conference Centre
Edmonton, AB
Phone: (780) 920-8624

Elk Point Auto Club
Second Wednesday 7:30 p.m.
Magic Pizza
Elk Point, AB
Phone: (780) 724-2527

Foothills Chapter, Studebaker Drivers Club
First Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
Austrian Canadian Club
Calgary, AB
Phone: (403) 247-0581

Foothills Model T Ford Club
Fourth Wednesday 7:30 p.m.
Aero Space Museum
Calgary, AB
Phone: (403) 540-2093

Foothills Street Rod Association
Second Monday 7:00 p.m.
www.fsra.ca
Calgary, AB
Phone: (403) 259-4764

Ford Central Club
First Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
MGM Ford
Red Deer, AB
Phone: (403) 505-9811

Iron Runner's Auto Club of Vegreville
First Wednesday; 7:00 p.m.
Vegreville Historical Society
Museum
Phone: (780) 632-4279

Just Kruzin' Specialty Vehicle Club
Second Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
Lloydminster Exhibition Grounds
Lloydminster, AB
Phone: (780) 8710484

Lebarons Car Club
First Tuesday 7:30 p.m.
Member garages
Lethbridge, AB
Phone: (403) 3282923

Lloydminster Auto Club
First Wednesday 7:30 p.m.
Heritage Bldg, Weaver Park
Phone: 3068250511

Medicine Hat Vintage Vehicle Club
First Wednesday 7:30 p.m.
Veiner Centre 225 Woodman
Avenue SE
Phone: (403) 527-6169

MG Car Club of Calgary
Second Tuesday 7:30 p.m.
606 – 38 Avenue NE

Mountain View Pistons Vehicle Club
First Wednesday
Smitty's Restaurant
Olds, AB
Phone: (403) 9946667

Nifty Fifty's Ford Club of Calgary
Second Tuesday 7:00 p.m.
Advantage Ford
Phone: (403) 5473537

Northern Thunder Car Club
Third Thursday, 7:00 p.m.
January – October

MEMBER CLUBS

Westwinds Motor Inn
Drayton Valley
Phone: (780) 514-0957

Peace Classic Wheels
Third Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.
Dunvegan Motor Inn
Fairview, AB
Phone: (780) 835-0544

Ponoka Piston Poppers
First Tuesday
Member garages
Ponoka, AB
Phone: (403) 782-9390

Porcupine Hills Classic Cruisers Club
6 p.m. on Sunday's, April – Sept
Klein Auto Sales
Claresholm, AB
Phone: (403) 625-6023

River City Classics Car Club
First Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
Snowy Owl Transportation
High River, AB
Phone: (403) 652-7226

Rollers
Calgary, AB
Phone: (403) 289-0711

Southern Alberta Antique & Classic Auto Club
First Tuesday 7:30 p.m.
Atco Gas Auditorium
Lethbridge, AB
Phone: (403) 308-0640

Southern Alberta Chapter of the Military Vehicle Preservation Society.
At shows/events. Contact the club.
Museum of the Regiments
4520 Crowchild Trail NW
Crossfield, AB
Phone: (403) 443-2213

Southern Alberta Drag Racing Association
First Wednesday 7:30 p.m.
1610 – 31 Street N
Lethbridge, AB
Phone: (403) 3207272

St. Albert Cruisers
Second Wednesday 7:30 p.m.
St. Albert Inn
St. Albert, AB
Phone: (780) 4995546

Stampede City Model A Ford Club
Second Wednesday 7:30 p.m.
Club Garage
Calgary, AB
Phone: (403) 2829655

Studebaker Drivers Club
Edmonton Chapter
Edmonton, AB
Phone: (780) 471-6993

Sylvan Lake Customs & Classics
First Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
Legion Hall, Sylvan Lake
Phone: (403) 8877047

Taber Corn Country Cruisers Club
Second Tuesday 7:30 p.m.
Taber Legion
Phone: (403) 223-1581
The Cruisers Club of Red Deer
Second Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
Burger Baron
Red Deer, AB
Phone: (403) 8864016

Time Travellers Car Club of Airdrie
First Monday
85 Eastlake Circle
Airdrie, AB
Phone: (403) 850-8257

Touring Tin Car Club
Second Monday, 7:30 p.m.
Member's homes
Edmonton, AB
Phone: (780) 862-4748

Vintage Sports Car Club of Calgary
Second Wednesday
Austrian-Canadian Club
Phone: (403) 238-1075

Western Wheels Classic Auto Club
First Wednesday at 7:15 p.m.
Mar – Oct; supper at 6:00 p.m.
Tamarack Inn
Rocky Mountain House, AB
Phone: (403) 845-2335

Wildrose Rod & Custom Car Club
Third Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.
Shagannapi Community Hall
2516 – 14 Avenue SW
Calgary, AB
Phone: (403) 936-5301



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Model A safety checks

Ron Rigby, President

An overview

The general consensus amongst collectors is that safety inspections are desirable, and that the various members of specialty vehicle clubs, in our case Model A Fords, are in the best position to do a conscientious job of developing safety check lists and providing technical guidance.

With the SVAA acting as a common voice on behalf of the participant Collector Car Clubs, the province allows the various specialty vehicle clubs to develop their own guidelines and conduct safety checks. They require evidence of active safety check programs flowing from the various clubs through the SVAA to the province. To date the voice of the SVAA and the evidence provided has held advocates of a more stringent process in abeyance. Only the continued success of the overall program can be expected to preclude our current provincial regime from further regimenting the process.

Our 2014 Safety Checks Day

Whenever a Model A owner documents the successful inspection of a Model A, their completed form c/w signature is relayed to the Club Secretary and the owner is provided with a safety check sticker for their windshield. This process can take place at any time but is mostly concentrated during the Club's annual 'Spring Safety Check' get-together, which was held on May 31, 2014 this year.

Once again we must thank Keith and Christine Robinson for hosting the day and for the use of Keith's shop, as well as express appreciation to everyone who organized the luncheon and contributed their expertise. All-in-all 22 club members participated in the event this year and amongst the Model A's checked only one or two were rejected until further work allowed them to pass inspection.

The program has been a successful multi-year activity for our club which has not only met our safety objectives but in view of the number of members who participate annually, it also serves as an annual team building exercise.

One last topic worthy of comment

Although some members of the collector car community advocate annual checks of all collector cars, the arrangement with the province does not require that every car be re-checked annually as it is recognized that many of them travel somewhat less than one or two hundred miles per year. At present the sheet received from the SVAA reflects that, "upon a change of ownership a new check is required", and that, "a copy of each check-sheet is to be retained by each club for verification purposes". Besides checking newly purchased vehicles, owners should consider the wear and tear their vehicles may be exposed to and use good judgment when deciding how often to re-check it.



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If you are an officer or director of your club, you will want coverage. It is your responsibility in your role to act in a reasonable and prudent manner. That being said, in the litigious culture of today, directors and officers are being named in lawsuits even when they are not apparently involved. The SVAA insurance program covers the cost of your legal defence. Our current limit is \$1,000,000.00.

What does the SVAA insurance program cost us?

Using a club with 20 members as an example, the cost of insurance is \$110 per year. A certificate of insurance is sent to the club upon receipt of their application for membership. Additional certificates covering specific events are provided at no additional charge. Insurance is available only to SVAA member clubs.

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Summer must be near – the mole has returned!

Malcolm Fisher

Well now, there are those who think the ol' editor may be jumping the "summer" gun a bit, but signs are signs, and that's a fact. The Mole has returned! But, let me digress an explanation.

Way back in the 60s before many of our club members was even born – and many more claim they weren't – it was common to find the ol' boy cruising around weekends and after school with his car buddies. He was going to high school, although some may claim there is no evidence of that, and was quite content polishing his '57 Pontiac Laurentian (Sierra Gold Metallic and Adobe Beige), chasing his girlfriend and washing cars at beloved McTaggart Motors. It was a great place to work as they would let the young editor take used units out for a cruise once in a while because in doing so, he sold quite a few of them.

The ol' editors Uncle Dale was looking for a nice pickup around the farm, something cheap but with enough power to haul big loads of bales. And there on McTaggart's lot was a '60 GMC half-ton that fit the bill. Why, she even had a 283 which was going somewhere in those days. Only obvious flaw was

that the passenger-side door was sticky and didn't like to open or close without a good tug and a bit of cussing. So, one evening, the young editor loaded up his buddies. Donnie, who sat in the middle, and Gord, who sat next to the aforementioned door, and off they trundled to let uncle Dale have a peek at this dandy, powerful machine. Which he did, and he was impressed.

Now it just so happen that on the way back to town on that gravel road, Bob, one of the McTaggart mechanics, who had an acreage was out working on his garden. So, the young fellas couldn't resist showing it off a bit. The young editor cut 'er hard left to take the road to Bob's driveway. Then another hard left, complete with gravel flying, into Bob's driveway. Well it just so happened that the door, you know the stubborn one, never did latch. In fact, that old truck had been in a bit of a wreck and the previous owner had hastily fixed it up and repainted it. When she was in full show-off, gravel spewin' hard left turn number two mode, why, that old culprit door just sprang wide open! And with Gord leaning hard on it in, what could he do but fly on out!

There was a loud scrape, and the sound of a flapping door, and out Gord went. It was really quick, so Don and the wild driving young editor had to glance over their right shoulders to see what all the commotion was about. All they saw was a pair of heels flying in the air from Gord the Acrobat. And guess what? Well it turned out that Bob had just laid the nice black dirt right alongside that driveway, and in the dirt, spaced about twenty feet apart were six foot chunks of telephone pole drilled into the ground with a bird house on each. Bluebird houses.

Now, you might think... because the young editor sure did... what would happen if Gord was to collide with one of the poles? My, that would be nasty. But, it was Gord's lucky day. He rolled right between two poles.



When he hit that dirt, he got a good mouthful of the nice black soil – that happens when you're yelling for help as you hit! Of course, his ears and nose and anywhere else he had holes, was plugged. He was quite a good looking specimen.

When Gord got up, and Don and the young editor could see he was alright, they were falling on the ground laughing. Gord was sputtering and coughing and saying some pretty bad words, and he looked pretty much like a mole! So the nickname was henceforth applied and it has stuck all these years, as nicknames sometimes do.

It turns out that the Mole, or Moler, as Gord is still called, has lived in the States a long time, but he has moved back and is living in Calgary. And if there was ever a sign that summer is on the way, wouldn't the return of the mole be as reliable as any of them?

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