

# TOP 5 MUST HAVE ROAD TUNES

Alberta DJs give us their favourite tunes

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Australian MG enthusiasts bring their world tour to Alberta

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A 1962 Thunderbird becomes the realization of a dream decades in the making

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A group of Australian MG enthusiasts led by Dave Godwin and his wife Laurel bring their world tour to Alberta.

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

# Meet Your New President



im Herbert has been building, restoring and driving collector and rally cars for 40 years. His current collection includes an award winning 1951 MGTD and 1961 TR3A. He has just finished a 1978 280Z Datsun for his son and is currently going a running restoration on a 1970 MGB.

Jim has served as club representative, a Director, the Safety Director and Treasurer for The Specialty Vehicles Association of Alberta of the since 2008 and as the Alberta Director of the National Association of Automobile Clubs of Canada since 2010, and is a past President of The Calgary MG Car Club. He has served as a judge at numerous All British Field Meets and at the Cobble Beach Concours. Jim also restored and flies a 1951 Cessna L19 warbird. He has been involved in building an EAA Golden Wrench Award winning Cessna L19 and has worked on the warbird judging team at EAA Oshkosh.

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ar show season is upon us. Since taking over the steering wheel from Harry as the new President of the SVAA (
Thanks Harry for all your great work), I have been able to meet many of our members around Alberta and I can honestly say that the Specialty Vehicle hobby is alive and well.

Whether it is a small town show in Elk Point or Chipman , an evening show in Beaumont, a fly in - cruise in at Sundre or Olds, a Fathers Day Event in Vegreville, the International Antique Auto Meet in Leduc or the weekly cruise in at the local A&W, the car guys and gals are out having fun with their vehicles while raising funds for numerous charities. This is what the hobby is all about and why it is important to encourage our local, provincial and national politicians to continue to support our hobby.

To this end the Mayor of the City of Calgary, Mayor Naheed Nenshi, has proclaimed July 8, 2016 as "Collector Car Appreciation Day". This is a start in getting the recognition that I feel our hobby needs for all the great work that is done by the many car, bike and truck clubs across the province.

I would also like to thank MLA Jessica Littlewood, Fort Saskatchewan - Vegreville, for introducing the SVAA executive members to the spring session of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta. It was the good work of past Director Orest Lazarowich that made this happen.

Remember this is your association and it is through your support that we can keep our automotive history and our automotive rolling art on the streets and roads.

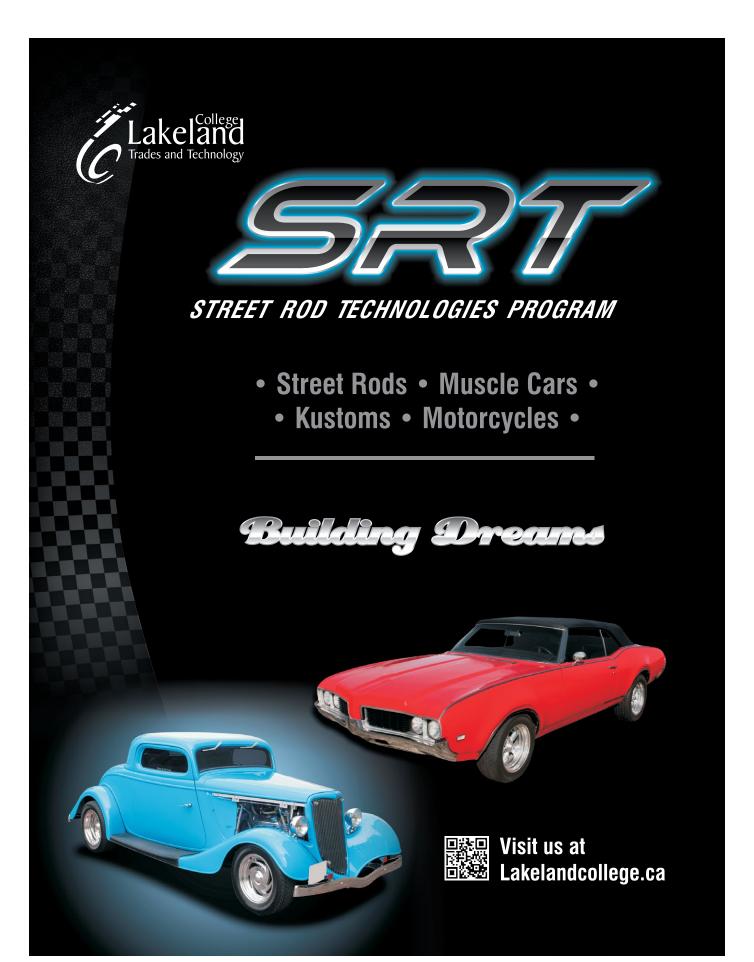
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Jim Herbert







# TOP Must Have Road Treip Tunes

By **Teak Sato** Calgary

hh, the roadtrip. There's nothing quite like hitting an open highway. Maybe to somewhere, maybe to nowhere. But what's a road trip without tunage? Some people like a chill vibe to cruise to. Some people gotta have a pedal to the metal, blow your eardrums out jam. Graham Mosimann from X92,9 in Calgary said, "Road trip tunes are a funny thing. You have to catch that right balance between going all out and having a time, without getting blasted on a photo radar ticket!"

I remember painstakingly assembling road trip mix tapes calculating minutes and seconds so that they would fit evenly on a 90 minute cassette tape. Everybody's musical tastes are a little bit different so you had to be careful in your selection if you weren't travelling solo. These days, you can load up a bazillion tunes on your iPod and I feel like the art of the mixtape has been lost a little bit. You don't need to take the same care when it comes to decision making when you can have thousands of songs at your fingertips. RIP mixtape.

Having said that, we reached out to radio personalities across Alberta for their Top 5 Must Have Road Tunes. It sounded like narrowing it down to 5 tunes was pretty tough but we got a great collection of Top 5's. A huge thank you to all the on-air personalities who took time out of their day to send in their lists. Happy Road Tripping everyone!

Do you think we're missing a must have road tune? Do you have a Top 5 list you;d like to share? Post it to the SVAAlberta Facebook page.

#### Jeremy Harpe

The Afternoon Drive CFWE - Edmonton/Ft.McMurray

- **1** Some Beach Blake Shelton
- 2 Days go by Keith Urban
- 3 Red Dirt Road Brooks & Dunn
- 4 Dirt Road Anthem Jason Aldean
- 5 All Summer Long Kid Rock

#### Shannon Medaglia

Evening Cruz Crew

95.7CruzFM - Edmonton

- 1 Ramble On Led Zeppelin
- 2 Midnight Rider Allman Brothers
- **3** Peace Frog The Doors
- 4 Long Dark Road The Hollies
- 5 Sly Fox Let's Go All The Way

#### Ryder

#### Ryder in the Morning Hot 107 FM - Edmonton

- 1 All Falls Down Kanye West
- Wrapped Up In You Garth Brooks
- 3 Old Thing Back Notorious B.I.G. & Ja Rule
- Hang Me Up To Dry -Cold War Kids
- Workout I Cole

#### Terry David Mulligan

#### Mulligan Stew CKUA - Edmonton

- 1 Lost Together Blue Rodeo (Live at Massey Hall)
- 2 Long may you run Neil Young
- **3** Gimme some lovin Traffic (The Last Traffic Jam)
- 4 No particular place to go -Chuck Berry
- 5 Drag Queens in Limousines -Mary Gauthier

#### Stephanie Hanson

#### Midday Announcer CISN Country 103.9 - Edmonton

#### 1 Days Go By – Keith Urban

- 2 Wastin' Gas Dallas Smith
- 3 Didn't Even See the Dust-Paul Brandt
- 4 Free and Easy (Down the Road I Go) – Dierks Bentley
- Get on Down the Road -The Road Hammers

#### Shae Bolding

#### Weekend Kraze Krew Kraze 101.3 - Red Deer

- 1 Dancing Queen ABBA
- 2 You And I Ingrid Michaelson
- 3 Follow Your Arrow -**Kacey Musgraves**
- Banana Pancakes Jack Johnson
- 5 The Wire HAIM

#### **Bob Steele**

#### Afternoon Show XL 103:1 - Calgary

- Panama Van Halen
- Radar Love Golden Earring
- I Can't Drive 55 Sammy Hagar
- Born to be Wild Steppenwolf
- Gimme Shelter -The Rolling Stones

#### Graham Mosimann

#### Weekdays and X Weekends X92.9 - Calgary

- 6 Come to Light Arkells
- Bloody Well Right Supertramp
- 8 Yo Hello Hooray USS (Ubiquitous Synergy Seeker)
- 9 If It Gets You Where You Wanna Go - Dallas Smith
- 10 Peggy Sang the Blues -Frank Turner

#### Seanna Jefferson

#### X Afternoons with Beckler & Seanna X92.9 - Calgary

- 1 Road Regrets Dan Mangan
- Pumpin Blood NONONO
- Going to California Led Zeppelin
- Drinking in L.A. Bran Van 3000
- You Got the Love (Florence + The Machine cover) – The XX

#### Aislene Shewfelt

#### Kix Mid Days

#### KIX 106 - Peace River

- 1 Under Pressure Queen and David Bowie
- 2 Gold Guns Girls Metric
- My Silver Lining First Aid Kit
- 4 Can't Stop the Feeling Justin Timberlake
- Michigan Left Arkells

#### Steve Bohan

#### Midday Announcer

#### Chat 94.5 - Medicine Hat

- 1 Cruise Florida Georgia Line
- Life is a Highway Rascal Flatts
- Bring Down The House -Dean Brody
- Giddy Up Chris Buck Band
- 5 On The Road Again -Willie Nelson

#### Brent 'Brooksie' Brooks

#### Wake Up With Brooksie & Gillian Today's Country 95.5 - Lethbridge

- 1 Drivin' My Life Away -**Eddie Rabbitt**
- Something Like That -Tim McGraw
- 3 On the Road Again -Willie Nelson
- 4 Life is a Highway Rascal Flatts (apologies to Tom Cochrane!)
- Cruise Florida Georgia Line

#### Shamus Neeson

#### Midday Announcer

#### All Hits B93 - Lethbridge

- 1 Dangerous Big Data (featuring Joywave)
- My Type Saint Motel
- Do I Wanna Know -Arctic Monkeys
- Fire and the Flood Vance Joy
- Sound of Your Heart -Shawn Hook

#### Bonus Top 5 by yours truly:

- No Diggity Black Street
- Ghosts Big Wreck
- Sex on Fire Kings of Leon
- Black Sun Death Cab for Cutie
- California Wasted Toad the Wet Sprocket

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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 as needed at no additional charge.

#### Insurance is available only to SVAA member clubs.

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# To you have the opportunity to buy a Classic Car ...

By **Jeff Hill**Okotoks Collector Car Auction

s a go to venue for sellers looking to move their classic vehicles we at the Okotoks Collector Car Auction, run into all sorts of scenarios by which individuals come to acquire vehicles.

Some of the more common situations are Estates, Inheritance, Gifts, Business Dealings, or outright purchases.

Some are not so straight forward and can illustrate some "shady" stuff pretty quickly.

One of the most important things collectors and prospective buyers should look for is documented history. Paperwork on a Classic Vehicle is like its' life story. Having solid history helps to connect the dots as to where its lived, how it's been used, taken care of or even stored. Maintenance records are critical to judge overall care, use and condition but not to actually resell the vehicle.

What they do though, is help establish ownership history as much as condition.

Today with resources like CAR-

PROOF or CARFAX reports, we can often see where a vehicle has been registered or titled and even lien check. But those don't illustrate who actually owns the vehicle today.

Only proper paperwork, ie registration or a legal bill of sale can do that.

Now in the case of an Estate sale, usually Lawyers are involved and enact an executor of the Will and give the proper paperwork so that the vehicle may be sold legally.

We always require legal documents over and above our Terms and Conditions on our Consignment forms.

It is imperative when buying a vehicle from any Estate to make certain that the seller has legal right to do so. Failing to ensure this, could get you embroiled in a legal mess with other family members, previous owners, etc, etc that you just don't want.

On occasion, we are asked to sell vehicles that have been in the family for years, tucked away somewhere, never used and haven't been on the road for decades. My first question to those sellers is always,"

who owns the vehicle, and how can you prove it?" In a case like this it is often a car that hasn't been registered for such a long time that Registries won't even have a record of it. In this case, we require the seller to go through the Government channels and get a valid registration on it. Once it is back in the system, it is far easier to sell.

There are situations where the seller does not want to register the car, because they are either flipping it, don't want to pay the costs to do so or otherwise, and this is fine as long as they can provide a proof of ownership like a legal bill of sale. We will not sell a vehicle we are not sure the seller owns. You should not buy a vehicle you are not sure the seller owns.

As mentioned earlier, paper is king in this world and having a vehicles life story is incredibly helpful.

Ultimately, some of the older folks that have had these gems tucked away for many years, won't have the ideal documents, but with the help of registries, the seller themselves and good instincts, you should be ok to pursue your deal.



By Sue Mackenzie

he Pontiac brand may have stopped production and faded into the background of automotive history, but the passion and love of the car that was "Built for Drivers" has not.

The Iron Indians Show and Shine on June 19th at the Douglasglen Square shopping centre was evident of the love that enthusiasts have for the brand that created automotive history from 1926 to 2010.

The Alberta Iron Indians Pontiac Club was established in 1983 by three guys looking for an Alberta All-Pontiac car club. The tradition of keeping the annual Show-and-Shine limited to the Pontiac brand is especially important, explained club president Bill Hunter, now that the brand is has been discontinued. Bill also emphasized that the purpose of the shows is not just to promote and appreciate this special line

of cars, but to also support local charities on a club level, as well as through individual member participation.

This show's charity was the Veterans Food Bank, with a generous donation of \$2000 given by the club. The individual members and show attendees raised \$510 of the total through the sale and donation of food hampers, with the club donating the rest.

The 62 cars in attendance represented most every decade of production, with several interesting and rare cars that deserve a mention.

The gleaming red 1989 Turbo Grand Prix is one of only eleven that were imported into Canada, and at the present time, it is the only one in Alberta, with the remainder in Ontario. This car came to Alberta via Texas, and is in immaculate shape – it features an ASC/McLaren turbocharged version of GM's 3.1LV6, and a beautiful tan-coloured interior

loaded with upgraded features.

Another special vehicle worth noting was the 1952 National Pontiac Ambulance, produced by the National Body Manufacturing Company of Knightstown, Indiana. It was used by the White Pine Copper Mining Company to service a small hospital, then after years of service and change of ownership, the vehicle was tracked down by Dr. Roger White in 1969 and was restored close to the original configuration in 1988. The ambulance, closely resembling a 1950 Pontiac ambulance used by Starr's Ambulance of Calgary from the 1930s to 1960s, has resided in Calgary since 2014.

Several trophies were awarded at the show, with the special honor of Indian of the Year Award going to Terry Giffen, for his outstanding contribution of time and effort to the club. Well done!















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# GRANUM GANUM GLASSIG CAR MEET UP

By Sue Mackenzie

uly 1 is celebrated in many different ways across our country, including the town of Granum, Alberta, who hosted a parade through the town and a classic car meet in the beautiful setting of Granview Park. Over 200 cars attended the show, with their owners coming from all across Southern Alberta and a large presence from Calgary.

Beautiful warm weather, face painting, a dunk tank, splashing in the lake, and lots of door prizes made an enjoyable day for all, as well as free Canadian flag pins for all participants. Food trucks provided delicious hot dogs and smokies as well as cooling shaved ice treats to relieve the heat.

So many cars to see, but as always a few stood out and drew lots of admirers.

An immaculate blue and white 1959 Ford Galaxie Retractable Hardtop, complete with an A&W tray hooked on the front window was a favorite, and a quick peek under the hood revealed a 352 Police Interceptor engine.

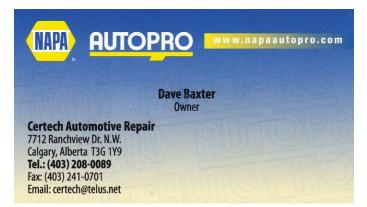
Standing out in stark contrast from the tree-lined rows was a beautiful 1958 Chevy Impala Convertible. Stunning in every way, from its brilliant red colour to it's gleaming chrome, it was also a favorite amongst the fellow car owners and show visitors.

A very big thank you goes out to all of the volunteers who helped make the show possible – it was a job well done!













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This Edmonton private museum had something for everyone, and plenty of it.

# by Steve Bemount photos by Brian Zahorodniuk, Chris Bamford and Bob Callfas

he Edmonton Antique Car Club hosted the 55th International Antique Auto Meet in Leduc, Thursday to Sunday, June 30 thru July 3. Motoring to the theme of "Be Seen in '16;" there were 88 vehicles participating with 166 humanoids.

There were two full days of touring on Alberta's quieter rural byways. Destinations included Reynolds Alberta Museum, Leduc #1 Energy Discovery Centre, Leduc West Antique Society, and two extensive private collections. There was also an optional tour to

Old Strathcona for a unique shopping experience with a Vintage Street Car trip over Edmonton's High Level Bridge. After touring, there was a casino with "funny money" followed by a live auction as well as a silent auction. The festivities culminated with a fine banquet and awards followed by live entertainment.

The most senior vehicle driven was the only surviving 1910 Mitchell Model R Touring. The people's choice award winner for cars 1948 and older was a 1936 Pierce Arrow Sedan while the award for 1949 and newer went to a 1952 Studebaker Convertible. Clearly demonstrating that ours is an activity for all ages, the youngest driver was 16

while the youngest at heart was 88.

The International Antique Auto Meet got its start back in 1962. It was created as an opportunity for antique auto enthusiasts in the northwest United States and western Canada to get together once a year to renew friendships and share in the antique motoring experience. Cities on both sides of the border take turns hosting the Meet. This makes the International a unique antique auto event in North America. The next time the International will be in Alberta will be in 2021 for the 60th International to be appropriately hosted by the club that hosted the very first International, the Alberta Pioneer Auto Club in Calgary.







Stunning 1936 Pierce Arrow was the People's Choice for 1948 and Older.



1952 Studebaker Champion ragtop took People's Choice honours for 1949 and Newer.



Oldest car, and as rare as they come, was this 1910 Mitchell Model R.



The Youngest Driver waves hello from Grandpa's 1931 Dodge sedan.



1961 Chev Impala was one of several rides that made the drive up from Montana.



Sharp Javelin and Model A Ford outside the Leduc #1 Energy Discovery Centre.



Outside the vintage train station at the Leduc West Antique Society.



Two groups of fearless adventurers braved the top deck of Edmonton's High Level Bridge.

# Investing in a Mes







#### By Sue MacKenzie

he 1962 Acapulco Blue Thunderbird sits gleaming in the lot overlooking the water as I adjust the settings on my camera. Passers-by give it admiring glances as owner Ian McLennan poses proudly beside it, his hand resting gently on the fender.

This beautiful Bird is the realization of a dream decades in the making, and pride of ownership is evident as he travels from show to show, displaying the distinctive exterior and the spotless interior complete with a custom-fit handcrafted storage box. Ian enjoys explaining the car's features to fellow enthusiasts during Calgary's all-tooshort summer driving season.

I spoke with Ian about his love affair with cars that dates back to when he was a small boy growing up in a farm community in southern Saskatchewan. Large farms meant lots of acres for a young car lover to practice driving, even at a younger than usual age.

"I learned to drive my dad's 1952 GMC half-ton truck when I was about

"I learned to drive

truck when I was

about seven..."

my dad's 1952

GMC half-ton

seven. By drive I mean I could start it, put it in gear, let out the clutch and steer it from one spot in the field to another and get it stopped wherever my dad needed it. That wasn't all that unusual as lots of farm kids my age could do the same

thing. It was legal as long as I was on our land and not on a public road."

Ian's cousin wasn't so lucky; an RCMP officer stopped him after he spotted a slow-moving vehicle with no visible driver.

"The officer couldn't see anybody driving it, so he came to a screeching halt, ran over and yanked the door open. There, inside, was one very scared little kid with great big eyes. Nobody got charged, but he gave my uncle a good talking to over it."

While Ian was still too young for a driver's license, his hard work in helping a neighbour was rewarded with the gift of his first car.

"When I was about twelve or thirteen, a neighbour gave me a 1929 Ford Model A in exchange for helping build a granary. I couldn't drive it anywhere but on our property, but we had about 1500 acres of land with plenty of trails and fields to tear around in, hunting gophers or just driving around. I spent as much time fixing it as I did driving it, so I learned some basic auto mechanics. I did most of the repairs myself, but sometimes my dad would help. I loved that old jalopy and have a lot of great memories from it. I also learned that having a vehicle meant freedom."

When Ian was around sixteen, his dad bought a new truck, so the old family sedan was handed down to him to drive.

"Even though it was worn out and unreliable, I would love to have it back. It was a 1950 Mercury 2-door sedan, flat-head V-8 like the one in Rebel

> without a Cause. I appreciate now how great-looking those old Mercs were and how they can be customized. I often wonder what ever became of it."

During the mid-1960's, Ian worked a summer for the Saskatch-

ewan Department of Highways and saved up enough money to buy a 1957 Ford – a 6-cylinder, standard transmission, four-door sedan that was painted black and white.

"I put some fender skirts and cone wheel discs on it, then added a stuffed dog in the back window which had eyes that blinked in time with the signal lights, which I thought was so cool!"

The Ford was followed by a handful of unmemorable cars over the next few years, but once he enrolled in college,

tuition took priority and his car buying days were over. Graduation brought a job with Kodak Canada and a company car was provided for the next 27 years, and while it was a great benefit, they were average non-descript

"It was so beautiful

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started to shake."

that the hair stood up

back of my neck and I

working cars and it wasn't the same as having a car of his own to care for. Retirement, however, allowed Ian the freedom to choose a special car, something that would suit his needs and be fun at the same time.

"Most car makes looked the same to me and I had to read the name badge to

see what make they were. Then I saw a 2005 Dodge Magnum, which was unlike anything on the road, and with it's cargo capacity, it could haul 8-foot boards, perfect for my woodworking hobby.

I have enjoyed that car for years and still find it a pleasure to drive."

Even though Ian had the ideal car, he still longed for a vintage automobile, something he couldn't afford in his younger days, but now could thanks to

> some funds he had invested over the years. Thinking the money could be put to better use and provide more fun than sitting in a boring savings account, Ian started the search for his dream car.

"I initially thought of getting a truck, but after I saw an ad for a 1962 Thunderbird

I knew I had to have one. I'd forgotten how beautiful those Bullet Birds were, truly influenced by the space race with their rocket ship design features. The first one I came across was in really rough

shape, so I kept looking until I found another one in Medicine Hat, and after speaking to the owner, I found the price was within my budget and most of the restorations had already been done. When my wife and I arrived for the test drive, the car was sitting in the driveway with the engine running. It was so beautiful that the hair stood up on my arms and the back of my neck and I started to shake. I knew immediately that it was the car for me and am now the proud owner of this Acapulco Blue, 2-door hardtop, with a 390 cid, 300 hp V-8, with power windows, steering and brakes. It's a great highway cruiser and my daily driver spring, summer, and fall."

During the summer you'll often see this beautiful Bird cruising down the highway, whether it be for a out-oftown meet, a pleasure drive on a sunny day, or heading to the A&W for a burger and a visit with fellow TBird club members and other vintage auto owners. Ian sums up his purchase:

"I was right – I am having more fun with that money!"









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1	August 1, 2016	Tofield Lions Club 14th Annual Heritage Classic – Tofield, AB 10:30 AM - 3:00 PM Main Street (50th Street) in Tofield Contact: Darryl or Tom 780-662-3212		13	August 13, 2016	Central Alberta Mopar Association  Red Deer, AB 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM  Parkland Mall, Southwest corner Contact: Robin Larsen 403-340-1260 centralalbertamopar.com
2	Every Tuesday til Oct 11	West Creek Cruise In — Chestermere, AB 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM West Creek Plaza Hosted by Lakeside Kruzers Contact: Roy Spanko 403-285-8309 or rtspanko@shaw.ca		14	August 14, 2016	Viking Historical Society Car Show — Viking, AB 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM <b>Viking Museum</b> Contact: Mike 780-385-0910
3	Every Thursday til Sep 22	Cruise the 'Dub in High River 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM <b>High River A&amp;W</b>		15 August 2016	August 14, 2016	Porcupine Hills Classic Cruisers — Claresholm, AB Centennial Park Contact: Dave Wasylyshen
4	Every Thursday til Oct 6	Hot Rod & Custom Cruise Night — Edmonton 5:00 PM				403-625-6023 or o57sky@hotmail.com www.porcupinehillsclassiccruisers.com
5	Every Friday until Sep. 23	4803-55 Ave Edmonton, AB  White Oaks A&W Cruise Night — Edmonton 5:00PM-9:00PM  White Oaks A&W		16	August 14, 2016	Milo Lions Show N Shine & 55th BBQ  - Milo, AB  11:30 AM - 4:00 PM  Milo, AB  Contact: Mike Collins 403 680-5317  or mike.collins@hotmail.ca  www.milolions.ca
6	Every Friday until Oct. 7	Cruisin' at the Junction — Calgary 5:00PM-8:00PM Glendeer A&W		17	Aug 19-21, 2016	Goodguys 15th Great Northwest Nationals - Spokane, WA Spokane County Fair & Expo Center
7	Aug 2-6, 2016	Rock N August - St. Albert, AB  Various location in St. Albert  www.rocknaugust.com/event/		18	Aug 19-21, 2016	www.good-guys.com/gnwn-2016  Cold Lake Cruisers 16th Annual Show & Shine Cruise Weekend — Cold Lake, AB 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
8	August 5, 2016 Aug 5-6,	Fountain Tire Customer Appreciation Day  St. Paul Fountain Tire  Peace Country Big Rig — Grande Prairie, AB				Main St, 50 Ave, Cold Lake AB Contact Lance Roe Phone: 780-639-3084 Cell: 780-573-5034 or kevink@persona.ca
	2016	10:00 AM - 5:00 PM Grande Prairie, AB Contact: Don 780-814-2031 or don@carouselgroup.ca		19	August 20, 2016	Springbrook Shakedown — Springbrook, AB 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM Springbrook Multiplex, Red Deer Airport
10	August 6, 2016	Airdrie Summer Classic – Airdire, AB 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM East Lake Park Hosted by Time Travellers Car Club of Airdrie.				Contact: Jerry Anderson Phone: 403 986-2445 Cell: 403 550-8991 or jganderson@shaw.ca http://cruizin2curecancer.ca/
	Aug 12-14,	Contact: timetravellers@hotmail.ca		20	August 20, 2016	Street Spectacular — Fairview, AB 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM Fairview, AB
<b>U</b>	2016	Grove Cruise — Spruce Grove, AB  Jubilee Park  Contact: 780-245-2789  www.grovecruise.ca				Hosted by Peace Classic Wheels. Contact: Elain Zumbusch 780-835-4674, Vern Zumbusch 780-835-0544 or Ron Rauckman 780-835-5413
12	August 13, 2016	Cypress Rod & Custom Show & Shine — Medicine Hat, AB 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Medicine Hat College Parking Lot Contact: Ron Beauchesne aaglass@telus.net Phone: (403)526-1574 Cell: (403)580-6532 Fax: (403)526-7010		21	August 21, 2016	Edmonton Thunderbird Club — Edmonton, AB 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM  A&W Gateway Village  Annual Teddy Bear Collection For Victim Services Contact: Harold 780-940-0957 or Bob 780-483-5272  Rain out date Aug 28, 2016

# EVENTS CALENDAR

22	August 21, 2016	Rocky Mountain Goats ALL G.T.O. — Calgary, AB 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM Glendeer A&W Contact: Ralph 403-608-1716 or tripower64@shaw.ca		32	September 10, 2016	Diablos Greaseball Bash — Calgary, AB 11:00 AM Thorncliffe Greenview Community Association Contact: Kieth Walmkuist 403-512-5896 or Spock Ahridge 403-797-0921
23	Aug 26-28, 2016	Goodguys 30th West Coast Nationals — Pleasanton, CA Alameda County Fairgrounds www.good-guys.com/wcn-2016		33	September 10, 2016	West Central Alberta Classic Car Club – Hinton, AB 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM Griffiths Ford Contact: Ron Brookes
24	August 27, 2016	Bowties vs the World — Edmonton, AB Rain-out Aug. 28th. Contact Jim 780-473-4559 or jskennedy@shaw.ca			September	jbrookes@moradnet.ca 780-865-7066 or Terry Boles 780-865-7573 Cochrane Classic Show & Shine — Cochrane, AB
25	August 27, 2016	Corn Country Cruisers – Taber, AB 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM 49th Ave & 50th Street Contact: Brian Planger 403-394-4585 or		54)	11, 2016	8:00 AM - 4:00 PM  Downtown Cochrane  Contact: Ray Kaczmer 403-932-2504 or kaczmer@telus.net
		Bud MacMurchy 403-593-9234 budmac1@shaw.ca		35	September 25, 2016	River City Classics Show & Shine — High River, AB
26	August 27, Chestermere Lake Show & Shine — Chestermere, AB 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM Chestermere Regional Recreation Centre			10:00 AM - 4:00 PM  Downtown High River & George Lane Park, AB  www.rivercityclassics.ca Contact: Garret Broer 403-652-3757		
	Contact: Elaine 403-272-5354 o emargsmart@hotmail.com	-		36	Sep 30 - Oct 2, 2016	Goodguys 24th Lone Star Nationals — Fort Worth, TX Texas Motor Speedway
27	August 28, 2016	Show Your Ride for Brandon — Calgary, AB 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM University of Calgary, Parking Lot 10		37	Sep 30 - Oct 1, 2016	www.good-guys.com/Isn-2016  Horsepower At Spruce Meadows — Calgary,
28	August 28, 2016	www.showyourrideforbrandon.com  Waterton Wheels — Waterton Lakes National Park, AB 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM				<b>Spruce Meadows</b> www.enthusiastevents.com Contact: Jeff Hill 403-272-8348 or info@enthusiastevents.com
		<b>Waterton Community Center Park</b> Contact: Jordan 403-859-2266 or watertonwheels@gmail.com		38	Oct 5-8, 2016	2016 Hershey AACA Eastern Regional Fall Meet – Hershey, PA <b>Hersheypark</b>
29	Sep 9-11, 2016	Goodguys 19th Colorado Nationals — Loveland, CO			October 8,	www.hersheyaaca.org  Andrew Garlic Festival — Andrew, AB
	The Ranch Events Complex www.good-guys.com/cn-2016		39	2016	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM  Andrew, AB	
30	September 10, 2016					Contact: George 780-365-2098 or Gary 780-603-3668 gary@barpek.com
		8:00 AM - 4:00 PM <b>Leduc West Antique Society</b> www.leducwestantique.com/?content/ fall-harvest.html		40	Oct 14-16, 2016	Goodguys 5th Nostalgia Nationals – Bowling Green, KY Beech Bend Raceway Park www.good-guys.com/nn-2016
31	September 10, 2016	Alberta Iron Indians All Pontiac — Edmonton, AB 10:00 AM <b>Don Wheaton GMC</b>		41	Oct 21-23, 2016	Goodguys 23rd Pennzoil Southeastern Nationals – Concord, NC Charlotte Motor Speedway

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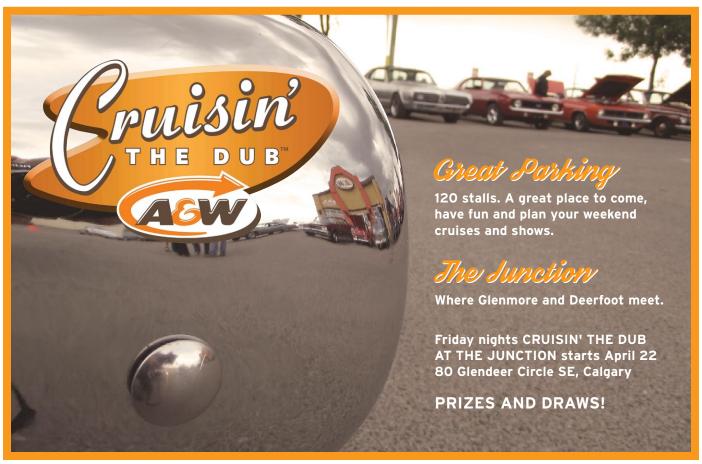
# **EVENTS CALENDAR LOOKAHEAD**

November 12-13 Goodguys 27th Autumn Get-Together www.good-guys.com/agt-2016

November 18-20 Goodguys 19th Southwest Nationals www.good-guys.com/swn-2016









By Dominic Crawley Calgary MG Car Club

nce this issue is about touring, an appropriate theme for summer I thought it might be interesting to take a look at the ultimate tour. For the last 6 years or so a group of Australian MG enthusiasts led by Dave Godwin and his wife Laurel have been driving around the world.

Their first leg was from the current MG factory in Shanghai, China to the British factory in Longbridge, England. In other words, right across Asia via the historic Silk Road. This was followed by an expedition from Capetown South Africa as far as the road goes in Northern Finland. And last year, 2015, they shipped the cars from Australia to Santiago, Chile and drove south to Patagonia. From there they traveled an entire south to north traverse of South America, Central America, Mexico, and the U.S. finishing up last Fall in Vancouver.

With the coming of Spring they returned to Vancouver and began the transcontinental crossing of North America. From late in 2015 I had been tracking the progress of Dave and Laurel and their





So one night at a January club meeting I stood up and gave a brief account of the



Australians' travels to date and inquired if club members would like to meet them. I was gratified with the overwhelmingly positive response as well as a go ahead to arrange some kind of official reception along with the necessary funds. Various members indicated a willingness to help with all the tasks to be done to make a barbecue happen.

Once a covered picnic site had been booked and a 3 day itinerary agreed upon it was time to wait the winter out and prepare for May. Of course, what we had to do was nothing com-

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**Goodtimes**"

pared to the logistics Dave and his group handle.

Our first contact
was planned for
May 25 at a spectacular site, Peyto
Lake, named for
an early mountain
man and guide,
Wild Bill Peyto. The
group was to arrive
at noon and several cars
from the Calgary MGCC
were there in anticipation

of seeing these very special cars and people, cars which travel exceptionally long distances with hardy occupants. About a half hour went by and no sign of the Aussies. We began to wonder if there had been some kind of mechanical mishap causing the delay. We had no way of communicating as mobile phone reception is non existent in many parts of the mountains. In my own mind I began to suspect Joseph Lucas as the man responsible for the delay. At the 45 minute mark the first car, Dave Godwin's MGA called RIP (Retire in Peace) leading the other 4 was sighted coming into the car park accompanied by some Canadian MGs from Vancouver. The delay was caused when the group stopped for a photo op and one of the Vancouver MGAs wouldn't re-start due to a jammed starter, a problem which was cured on the spot after a lot of effort.

Snow still rimmed the car park and covered the half kilometer trail to the lookout above the lake, but off we all set.

The viewing was enhanced by a brief talk provided by club member, Terry Beck, a researcher in Glacial Geomorphology who had done extensive research on the Peyto Glacier, the glacier whose meltwaters flow into Peyto Lake.

From the lake we all set off south on the Icefield's Parkway, a scenic route well known to Albertans, lined with high alpine glaciers and a variety of glacial landforms, to one of Canada's best known lakes, Lake Louise. Lake Louise wasn't seen by any European until

Tom Wilson was guided to it by 2 natives in August

of 1882. Officially the

lake is named after
Princess Louise
Caroline Alberta,
the daughter of
Queen Victoria,
but friends of Tom
Wilson claimed he
really named it after a lady of the night
with whom he used

to consort whose name
was Louise. I digress. This has
nothing to do with MGs or touring.

We had booked lunch at Deer Lodge and all arrived safe but not quite sound as gremlins struck"Red Car", the red MGBGT of Ken and Susie Slater. As they were turning into the parking lot, the carbon faced throw out bearing disintegrated and "Red Car" was left clutchless so to speak but not forlorn or deserted. Club member, Jim Herbert, drove his own MGB the 2 hour drive back to Calgary, picked up his truck and enclosed trailer, returned to Lake Louise and trailered"Red Car" to club member Dwayne Schellenberg's house in Cochrane where Jim, Dwayne and, Australian, Peter Carthy, went to work pulling the engine and fitting a new clutch pressure plate, disc and throw out bearing with parts donated by Jim and local Calgary British car shop, Sports Car Parts. The job was completed by 6 pm the following day. "Red Car"had to return, though, for some follow up warranty work to rectify a faulty wire on the electric overdrive. The name, "Red Car" is very typical of Australian names. On a 2005 visit to Australia my wife and I noted the straightforward way Australians approach life including naming things, for example, Blue Mountains, Brown Snake, Black Hill, Red Car. Not given to verbal excess, the Aussies.

On Thursday, May 26 George Raham in his MGTD and I in my MGTC drove to Banff and met the Australians at their hotel and led them on a few local drives, through the Bow Falls Golf Course to view wildlife, across Tunnel Mountain on some twisty roads and up Mount Norquay on a classic switchback mountain road to a lookout from which to view the Bow Valley. From there we drove to Canmore for lunch at the Canmore Golf and Country Club.





The next day, Dave and the group drove 2 hours east of Calgary to the Tyrell Museum, a museum of vertebrate paleontology in the Drumheller Badlands. On the return to Calgary they were confronted by heavy rains. Rains which Australian, Simon Boadle, described as "a vertical river."

That evening was the highlight of the visit, at least for many of our club members, with the barbecue in Calgary's Bowness Park. Some 85 people were in attendance from 3 different car clubs. Great enthusiasm and humour was evident throughout the evening with a lot of easy going conversation, examination of the cars and lots of questions to our Australian friends. Perhaps the meaning of the initials MG can be expanded to include " Meet Globally" or "Many Goodtimes" or any number of other similar sentiments. Many club members led by the most capable Ardith Holtz volunteered their time and energy to make the barbecue-reception memorable and enjoyable. Each of the crews of the Australian MGs spoke, recounting humorous tales of their adventures and at the end of the evening were presented with a variety of badges and pins to commemorate their visit to Calgary and the Bow Valley.

By the time this account is published, these 5 Australian MGs (1 MGA and 4 MGBs will have completed their journey across North America arriving on Canada Day in St. John's, Newfoundland. On route they will have visited Sturgis and the Black Hills, Clear Lake, Iowa to see where Buddy Holly gave his last concert, Chicago, Nashville, Tennessee for the CMA and an all MG Register meet in Louisville, Kentucky. From there they return to Canada via Niagara Falls and then proceed east through Ontario, Quebec, the Maritime Provinces including the Cabot Trail on Cape Breton Island, finishing up in Newfoundland.

Once there, 3 of the 5 MGs will have driven around the world, good going for 50 and 60 year old cars.

Not content with that, they are driving back to Halifax, shipping the cars to England, driving to St. Petersburg in Russia, traversing Russia to Vladivostok and shipping the cars to Japan's northern island, Hokkaido. They will then drive the north to south length of Japan and finally ship themselves and their magic little cars back to Australia. Now that's touring!



# MEMBER CLUBS

#### 780tuners

- 🔀 mark@repmedia.ca
- Edmonton

## Alberta Iron Indians Pontiac Club (Calgary)

- bhunter@walter.com
- 🛗 1st Wednesday 7 pm
- Ricky's All Day Grill
   11520 24 Street SE, Calgary

## Alberta Iron Indians Pontiac Club (Edmonton)

- sgenge@torchindustries.ca
- math Last Monday 7:00 pm
- Ricky's All Day Grill 12707 140th Ave NW, Edmonton

#### Alberta Pioneer Auto Club

- imwear@shaw.ca
- 2nd Tuesday 7:30 pm Sept June

#### Alberta Post War Car Club

- cardebtre@shaw.ca
- ## 2nd Monday, 7:30 pm
- Memories Funeral Chapel
   13403 St Albert Trail NW, Edmonton

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

- rbwhitmore@shaw.ca
- 🛗 3rd Tuesday, 7:30 pm except Jul & Aug
- ∀ Various locations, Calgary

#### Alberta Super Run Association Car Show

- dickwall@shaw.ca
- fill 1st Sunday Noon
- Westerner Park 4847A 19 Street, Red Deer

#### Bonnyville Gear Grabbers Car Club

- steve.wojcik@bakerhughes.com
- # Irregular
- Agricultural Society5211 47 Street, Bonnyville

#### Calgary Firebird Club

- bandit77@shaw.ca
- math Last Tuesday 7 pm
- Calgary Motor Products 1313 36 Street NE, Calgary

#### Calgary MG Club

- harrdean1@gmail.com
- ## 2nd Tuesday 7:30 pm
- Royal Canadian Legion Branch 284 606 - 38 Avenue NE, Calgary

### Calgary Plymouth & Friends Car Club

ericskagen@gmail.com

#### Calgary Thunderbird Club

- ☑ Ilgl@telus.net
- fill 1st Thursday, 7:30 pm
- Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 285 9202 Horton Road SW

## Canadian Vintage Motor Cycle Group: Rocky Mountain Section

- 🛗 3rd Tuesday, 7 pm
- Chapelhow Legion #284 606 - 38 Ave NE, Calgary

#### **Central Alberta Mopar Association**

- glenwilde3@gmail.com
- ## 2nd Tuesday 7:00 pm
- Humpty's Classic Café Gasoline Alley, Red Deer

#### Central Alberta Vintage Auto Club

- m 2nd Tuesday 7:30 pm
- Golden Circle
   4620 47 Ave, Red Deer

#### Chestermere Car Nutz Club

- mjfstcyr@hotmail.com
- 🛗 Last Friday, 7:00 pm
- Priddis

#### Chinook Wings Motorcycle Club

- billhutchison@shaw.ca
- ## 3rd Monday, 7:00 pm
- Ricky's All Day Grill
   11520 24 Street SE, Calgary

#### Chipman Car Crafters Car Club

- ▼ Izips@mcs.ca
- 🛗 2nd Monday, 7:30 pm
- Chipman Town Office 4816 50 St, Chipman

#### **Coaldale Custom Cruisers**

- garyklassen@shaw.ca
- 🛗 2nd Wednesday 7:30 pm
- The Hub
   2107 13 Street North, Coaldale

#### **Cochrane Classics Car Club**

- 🛗 4th Thursday 6 pm
- 9 A&V
- 23 Westside Dr, Cochrane

#### Cold Lake Cruisers Car Club

- efroe44@yahoo.ca
- 2nd Monday 7:00 pm

#### Crowsnest Pass Wheel Nuts

brian.macfar@gmail.com

#### Cypress Rod & Custom Car Club

- hemihunter69@hotmail.com
- fill 1st Wednesday, 7 pm
- ♀ Member garages, Medicine Hat

#### Diablo's Car Club

- keith.malmkvist@servicemastercalgary.com
- m Every Thursday, 7:30 pm

#### Didsbury Car Club

- gilbert@gtaperformance.com
- first Thursday, 7 pm
- Oldsbury Train Station 20 Street, Didsbury

#### **Dropsicles**

- paul@dropsicle.com
- male Last Wednesday 8 pm
- ▼ Tim Horton's
   7508 Gateway Blvd., Edmonton

#### **Edmonton Antique Car Club**

- berth@nait.ca
- 🛗 1st Wednesday 7:30 pm
- Northern Alberta Pioneers & Descendents Association
   9430 - 99 Street, Edmonton

#### **Edmonton Thunderbird Club**

- kmknipelberg@shaw.ca
- math Last Thursday 7:00 pm, Sep-Jun
- Chateau Louis Conference Centre 11727 Kingsway NW, Edmonton

#### Elk Point Auto Club

- epac1986@yahoo.ca
- 2nd Wednesday 7:30 pm
- Magic Pizza 4904 50 Street, Elk Point

#### Foothills Model T Ford Club

- rbmanagement@shaw.ca
- ### 4th Wednesday 7:30 pm Sep - May excluding Dec
- Aero Space Museum 4629 McCall Way NE, Calgary

#### Foothills Street Rod Association

- slmurray@telusplanet.ca
- 2nd Monday 7 pm
- ♀ Calgary
- FoothillsSRA

#### Ford Central Club

- allanbidyk@gmail.com
- fill 1st Wednesday 7:00 pm
- MGM Ford Lincoln 3010 50 Ave, Red Deer

#### GTO Association of Alberta

- tripower64@shaw.ca
- 2nd Wednesday 7:30 pm
- ♥ Classic Performance Bay #27, 1410 - 40 AVE. NE, Calgary

#### Just Kruzin' Specialty Vehicle Club

- dreiger@telusplanet.net
- 🛗 Second Wednesday, 7:30 pm
- Lloydminster Exhibition Grounds 5521 49 Ave, Lloydminster

#### Lakeside Kruzers Car Club

- rtspanko@shaw.ca
- math Second Tuesday, 5:30 pm
- Chestermere Plaza300 Merganser Drive West, Chestermere

#### Lebarons Car Club

- **▽** jurangreene@gmail.com
- first Tuesday 6:30 pm
- ♀ Member garages, Lethbridge

#### Lloydminster Auto Club

- ☑ Iloydautoclub@gmail.com
- fill 1st Wednesday 7:30 pm
- Heritage Bldg. Weaver Park 4515 44 Street, Lloydminster

#### Medicine Hat Vintage Vehicle Club

- pchuk@telus.net
- fill 1st Wednesday 7:30 pm
- ♀ Royal Canadian Legion Branch 17 702 2 St SE, Medicine Hat

#### Mountain View Pistons Vehicle Club

- iam2morrow@icloud.com
- fill 1st Wednesday, 7:00 pm
- Smitty's Restaurant 4513 52 Ave, Olds

#### Nifty Fifty's Ford Club of Calgary

- bseal@telus.net
- 🛗 2nd Tuesday 7:00 pm
- Advantage Ford
  12800 Macleod Trail SE, Calgary

#### **Peace Classic Wheels**

- zummy2@hotmail.com
- 🛗 3rd Wednesday at 7:30 pm
- Dunvegan Motor Inn 9812 113 Street, Fairview

#### Ponoka Piston Poppers

- gnctoys@telus.net
- 1st Tuesday, 8:00 pm
- Member garages, Ponoka

#### Porcupine Hills Classic Cruisers Club

- o57sky@hotmail.com
- 6 pm Sunday, April to Sept
- Klein Auto Sales 4322 1 Street W, Claresholm

#### **Prairie Motor Brigade**

- rdebruyn@telus.net
- math Second Saturday at 9:30 am
- Smitty's 191 East Lake Crescent NE, Airdrie

#### **River City Classics Car Club**

- ≥ jeffloilpro2325@gmail.com
- 🗎 1st Wednesday 7 pm, Feb Dec
- High River Agricultural Museum 64137 Hwy 498 E (543 for GPS), EXIT 197, north of High River

#### Rollers

- pother@shaw.ca
- math 2nd Tuesday 6:00 pm
- 9 335 Lynnview Way SE, Calgary

#### Southern Alberta Antique & Classic Auto Club

- arevalib@shaw.ca
- fill 1st Tuesday 7:30 pm

### Southern Alberta Drag Racing Association

- ≥ josstechnical@yahoo.ca
- fill 1st Wednesday 7:30 pm
- 9 1610 31 Street N, Lethbridge

#### St. Albert Cruisers

- newageretro@hotmail.com
- 2nd Wednesday 7:30 pm
- St. Albert Inn 156 St Albert Trail

#### Stampede City Model A Ford Club

- troy@pcmc.ca
- 2nd Wednesday 7:30 pm
- ♀ Club Garage, Calgary

# Studebaker Drivers Club, Edmonton Chapter

- keyn55@xplornet.com
- **9** Edmonton

#### Studebaker Drivers Club, Foothills Chapter

- kfonseca@telus.net
- fill 1st Tuesday, 7:30 pm

#### Sylvan Lake Customs & Classics

- gordbredo@gmail.com
- iii 1st Wednesday 7 pm
- ♀ Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 212 4916 50 Avenue, Sylvan Lake

#### Taber Corn Country Cruisers Club

- brianmelissa@planger.ca
- 2nd Tuesday 7:30 pm
- Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 20 5205 48 Ave, Taber

#### The American Motors Club of Alberta

- regano@telus.net
- m 2nd Tuesday 6:30 pm
- Royal Canadian Legion Branch 284 606 - 38 Avenue NE, Calgary

#### Time Travellers Car Club of Airdrie

- sdetombe@telus.net
- 1st Friday
- 9 85 Eastlake Circle, Airdrie

#### Touring Tin Car Club

- pearsonk@bantrel.com
- ## 2nd Monday, 7:30 pm
- ♀ Member's homes, Edmonton

#### Vegreville Iron Runners Auto Club

- sawss@telusplanet.net
- ist Wednesday, 7:00 pm except Jan & Aug
- Vegreville Historical Society Museum 5029 45b Ave, Vegreville

#### Vintage Sports Car Club of Calgary

- stonehocker@shaw.ca
- 2nd Wednesday, 7:00 pm
- Austrian Canadian Club 3112 11 Street NE, Calgary

#### Wednesday Auto Show Association

- ron.gor45@gmail.com
- # Wednesday, 6:00 pm
- The Military Museums 4520 Crowchild Trail SW

#### West Central Alberta Classic Car Club

- 1st Thursday 8:30 pm

#### Western Wheels Classic Auto Club

- ✓ dicksflt@gmail.com
- 1st Tuesday at 7:00 pm March to October

#### Wildrose Rod & Custom Car Club

- ∰ 3rd Tuesday at 7:30 pm
- Shagannapi Community Hall 2516 - 14 Avenue SW, Calgary



#### By Malcolm Fischer

ep, back in the days thet the Ol' Editor worked at the Chev-Olds dealership, an' a darn fine dealership it was too, there wuz a feller named Delbert got hired on as a sort-o' grease monkey, like several of the rest of us. Delbert wuz a real likeable fella who wuz always anxious ta please. This wuz not necessarily a great quality when workin' amongst a bevy o' practical jokers, as one c'n easily see. An' Delbert hadn't been around garages much, it appeared, so when ya put this inexperience together with wantin' ta do whatever anyone asked'im ta do, ooooo, this wuz ripe ground fer shenanigans, as one can also easily see! It almost became like a syndrome – y'know today how whenever anybody does sumthin' sorta"unusual", a new syndrome is magically discovered? Like "road rage" syndrome? (We all know thet's hokey – these is just folks whose folks never tuned'em in whenever they lost their temper as kids, an' now they think it's okay ta lose their temper whenever and wherever it suits 'em! Syndrome? Hogwash!)

Anyhoo, back ta dear Delbert.

Delbert's first mission began when the shop ran outta"red brake-light fluid."

The partsman told Delbert we wuz clean outta the stuff, and sent Delbert off to the Pontiac-Buick dealer across the street

fer a jug. O' course, in them days all the partsmen in town knew each other well, an'when a raw rookie came in lookin' fer red brake-light fluid, they'd make a great show o'checkin' their parts books and parts shelves only ta find thet they too were clean outta the mystery fluid. An' then they'd send'im off to another supplier and so' the schtick ran on. An' on. Poor Delbert came back after an hour, sweatin' fer all his husslin', only ta sadly announce that not a single dealer or auto store in town had a single drop o'red brake-light fluid. One heckuva coincidence, announced dear Delbert. Not to be defeated, Delbert went on several other missions too, only ta come back empty-handed. Left-handed monkey wrench, rad cap fer a Volkswagen, an' a tappet cover gasket fer a flathead Ford. Delbert was heard to say in an exasperated way,"How come nobody in this town ever has the parts they send ME after?"

And he wuz a task master too, thet wantin' ta please jes' never went away. Bad Bob wuz the front end guy – overhauler, wheel aligner an' such – and in the bottom of the pit where he worked – y' know, the kind where the car would drive onta ramps so's one could git under fer easy access – in the bottom was a small steel grate where any excess fluids ran out and slowly sank inta the ol' clay underneath. There was a small dugout under the grate, and' then jes' good ol' hard-as-rock clay. Well one

day, Delbert wuz walkin' around lookin' ta help somebody an' the shop weren't too busy, so Bad Bob got a wry smile on his face an' called Delbert over. "Delbert," says he, "git yerself a sharp crowbar ta use as a pick, an' a small shovel -I got a real important job fer ya." Delbert couldn't wait ta help out! He soon rushed back with the tools an' down he went into the pit where Bad Bob wuz busy puttin' new ball joints in an Olds. "Delbert," Bob says sincerely, "this hole under the grate has been fillin'up fer years. Would ya clean it out right down to the cement?" Delbert dove inta thet job like 'e was savin' the world an' slaved away fer hours, chippin' away an' diggin' clay that hadn't been disturbed since the dinosaurs. Many of us shop folks, "admirers" ya might say, happened by with compliments galore, sayin' how it'd been so long since we'd seen thet cement, an' we jes' knew Delbert wuz the man fer the job. He worked all the harder. Smilin' all the while!

After a quite a while, shop foreman Jim took pity an' by then, thet drain pit under there was ten times its original size. He had an errand (we wuz probably outta red brake-light fluid again!) an' rescued Delbert from his sweaty task.

Delbert. Yep, he really wuz a sweet guy – an' by the time he moved on, MUCH more experienced! An' prob'ly over"the syndrome"too.



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