**SHES BACK** SUE MACKENZIE RETURNS FROM A HORRIFIC INJURY AND SHE WOULDN'T MISS THIS SHOW SEASON FOR THE WORLD

.com

POTECTILE THE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGEST OF THE AUTO HOSEYSTS OF ALGERTA

RITI

FS

HVA

SAN

1 2018 \$5.00

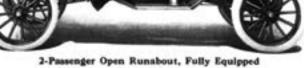
**Manua** 

LOWCALS Inspiring others to follow their dreams

### **MENACE MEETS**

The Wednesday gathering brings together car enthusiasts of all makes and models



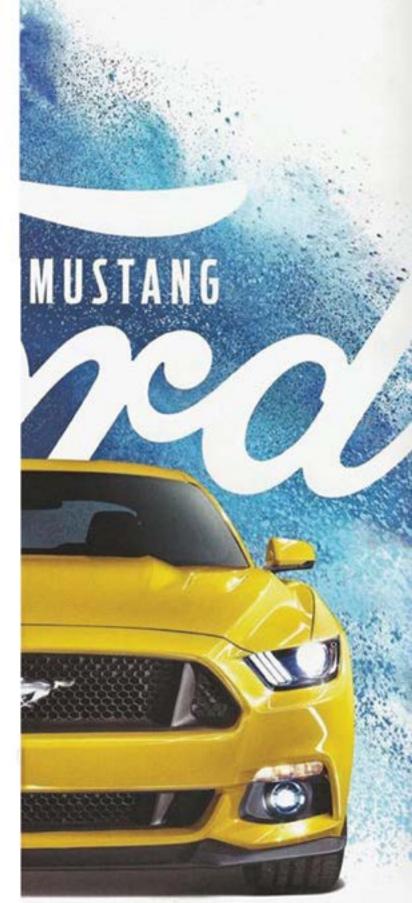




2-Passenger Torpedo Runabout, Fully Equipped



6-Passenger Town Car, Equipped with 3 Oil Lamps, Tubular Horn and Kit of Tools



A Lot Has Changed In the Last 100 Years! Thank you Calgary For 100 Years of Business.



# WHAT'S INSIDE



## Have Crutches Will Travel

She's back! Sue MacKenzie tells us about her grueling recovery from a serious injury.



# LOWCALS

A group of auto enthusiasts use Social Media to spread their love of cars and inspire others to pursue their automotive dreams.



# Menace Meets

Justin Nupoort of Menace Rides gathers local enthusiasts every Wednesday to enjoy the hobby in a positive way no matter what they ride.

# Features

- 4 Collector Car Appreciation Day
- 7 Eamon's Garage: The High River Story
- 12 A Vintage Vehicle Club With a Difference
- 30 The Sons of Dech Ride Again
- 32 Troubles Heatin' In More Ways Than One

# Departments

- 2 President's Message
- 20 Events Calendar
- 28 Member Clubs





#### **SPECIALTY VEHICLE ASSOCIATION OF ALBERTA**

PO Box 67174, Northland Village Calgary, Alberta T2L 2L2 S 403-681-0001 ⊠ adminassistant@svaalberta.com G facebook.com/SVAAlberta-248609648683665

SUBSCRIPTIONS Please call 403-681-0001 to inquire

#### ADVERTISING AND CONTRIBUTING

For Advertising inquiries, or to contribute stories or photos to Alberta Rides, please contact us by phone or email.



**PUBLISHER** Ted Lobley ted@svaalberta.com

**CREATIVE DIRECTOR** Teak Sato *teak@teakspedition.com* 

<mark>PRINTING</mark> Minuteman Press

**ON THE COVER:** Our superstar contributor, Sue MacKenzie, returns from injury. Read all about it on page 8.

Published four times a year by the Specialty Vehicle Association of Alberta. Copyright 2018 by the Specialty Vehicle Association of Alberta. No part of this publication may be reproduced without the written consent of the publisher.

## SVAA Board

PRESIDENT Jim Herbert jimh@svaalberta.com (403) 241-2218

#### PAST PRESIDENT

Harry Bullock harry@svaalberta.com

NORTH VICE PRESIDENT

Dave Scragg dave@svaalberta.com (780) 940-2641

#### SOUTH VICE PRESIDENT

Bill Hunter bhunter@svaalberta.com

#### SECRETARY

Ted Lobley ted@svaalberta.com (403) 681-0001

#### TREASURER

Bob Hamshaw bobh@svaalberta.com

#### DIRECTORS

Al Riise al@svaalberta.com (403) 274-4474

Del Morrison del@svaalberta.com (780) 222-6526

Bob Bownes bob@svaalberta.com

Warren Rogalsky warren@svaalberta.com (403) 280-9332

Earl Clements earl@svaalberta.com

Les McKelvey les@svaalberta.com

Malcolm Fischer malcolm@svaalberta.com

Randy Rollo randyr@svaalberta.com

Paul Gordash paul@svaalberta.com

Jess Smith jess@svaalberta.com

Kevin Coan kevin@svaalberta.com

#### NAACC DIRECTORS

Jim Herbert jimh@svaalberta.com

Warren Rogalsky warren@svaalberta.com

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

olunteers. That is what makes our hobby work. Without them we would all be sitting in a dusty parking lot wondering what to do. I have had the opportunity over the past few months to attend car events across the western provinces and northern states, and I am amazed at the time and energy that volunteers put into the hobby. Whether it is the guy or gal standing on the side of the road pointing you in the right direction or the numerous behind the scenes volunteers who have sometimes worked all year securing sponsors, arranging venues, designing and printing posters and programs for the event. These are the true car guys and gals that make our hobby fun by giving us places to experience the thrill of driving and displaying our collector vehicles. Without these dedicated volunteers, our cars would become garage art or museum displays as the show and shines would not happen. So the next time you are at an event take time to thank the volunteers and better yet put your hand up and become a volunteer.

With this in mind, I would like to thank all the volunteers who made the 2018 Collector Car Appreciation Day such a success.

Enjoy the rest of the driving season but please drive safe and remember that the guy in the big SUV riding on your tail may be playing with his electronic audio and navigation display or his phone so give him lots of notice before you change lanes or slow down.



Jim

## SVAA INSURANCE PACKAGE SUMMARY Top Notch Protection at Low Cost

## Why do we, as specialty vehicle club people, have insurance?

One word: PROTECTION. The SVAA has, for many years, worked with its broker to provide a comprehensive insurance program to clubs at reasonable cost.

#### What do we get?

Our sanctioned events and meetings have General Liability coverage ranging from bodily injury and property damage to volunteer medical payments. It also includes setup and takedown at club events, all club meetings and events such as swap meets and fundraisers.

Further, the insurance company acts on our behalf and our member clubs when there is an incident. All volunteers and committees are covered. Our current limit is \$5,000,000.

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.

This summary is issued as a matter of information only and is subject to application of terms and conditions the actual policies placed by SVAA. For more information email us at insurance@svaalberta.com



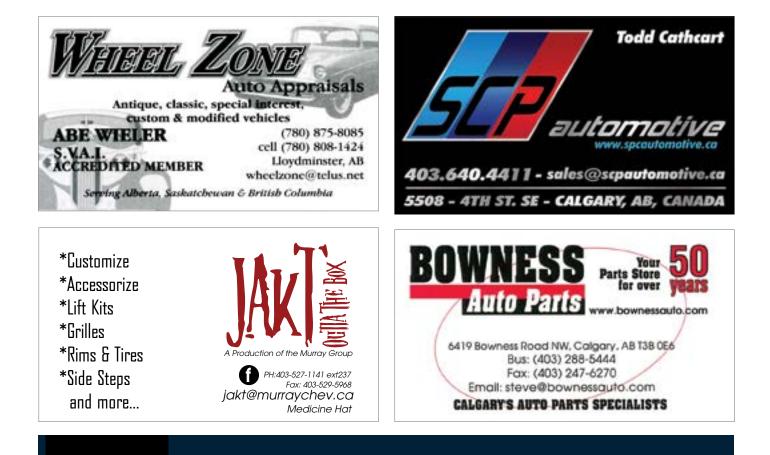




ANTIQUES - CLASSICS CUSTOMS - STREET RODS MUSCLE CARS - RACE CARS MOTORCYCLES

HYSTANDARD AUTO APPRAISALS GARY SAVAGE 403-540-3839

HYSTANDARD®SHAW.CA ACCREDITED APPRAISER CPPAG SVAI MEMBER H.O.G.







- Award wi



- Award winning interiors
- Family owned and operated
- Member of BBB
- Member of RVDA SASS

Guarnteed Quality and Workmanship

Dale, Ian, Lee

**Ph:** (403) 250-3861 **Fax:** (403) 291-4274

#12- 6420 -79 Ave SE Calgary, AB T2C 5M4

info@cascadevans.com www.cascadevans.com

# COLLECTOR CAR APPRECIATION DAY











#### Article by Sue MacKenzie Calgary, AB

fter its introduction in Alberta last year, car communities gathered province-wide once again to celebrate Collector Car Appreciation Day on the second Friday in July. As before, the A&W at Glendeer Circle in Calgary was packed with cars spanning the decades and manufacturers, with this year's feature row around the podium consisting of convertibles.

The newly appointed Minister of Service Alberta, Brian Malkinson, understands the passion behind the hobby, as he has been a car guy and involved in the local scene for many years.

"I find it very relaxing to work on my cars and have done so long before I became an MLA, and will continue even now that I am in my new portfolio. Car appreciation is all about enjoying a hobby that brings automotive enthusiasts together."

His classic car is a 1971 Olds Cutlass S, 461 ci (455+30 over) big block with dual 4-barrel carbs, TKO600 5-speed transmission, and bench seats. It has seen new paint and the auto-to-manual ransmission conversion done by himself in his garage.

Minister Malkinson acknowledged the important contributions that car collectors make to our province.

"They preserve history, support local communities, and contribute to the economy by maintaining and showing these classic and vintage cars."

After addressing the crowd, Minister Malkinson signed a large poster of the Official Proclamation, followed by a walk around and conversations with many owners, all of who were delighted to share the history and significance of their vehicle.

The evening's festivities ended just in time, as moments later while cars were heading out, an intense dust storm hit suddenly. It was a wild

in convertibles!







#### Kimberley Langford and Don Horn, Eamon's Garage Historical Society High River, AB

he love of restoration and bringing the past to life resonates beyond the automotive world for the River City Classics Car Club. They have lovingly brought the Eamon's Garage, an iconic feature on 1A Highway (then) west of Calgary, back to life. Its new home rests on the Agricultural grounds beside the Call of the West Museum in High River, Alberta.

The garage had been left in storage in Stavely Alberta by the City of Calgary in 2012 and was rescued in 2015 by the intrepid group of car enthusiasts. It was, as you can imagine, in dire need of much love and attention after spending years left in the storage yard.

We are about to take a walk down memory lane from the beginnings of Eamon's Garage to the present day. Do join us...

#### 1949 to 1966

Gas stations dot the landscape in Calgary, but the Eamon station's Art Deco meets Streamline Moderne design is certainly amongst the most noteworthy, or at least it was before it was placed in city storage in 2012.

The station was a key component of Eamon's Camp, a site that started with a drive-in diner in 1949 and grew with the years to incorporate the Texaco dealership known as the Eamon Station as well as a 12-room bungalow camp, eventually becoming what Eamon's called a one-stop tourist centre. It was a popular stop for gas, meals and accommodation for people on their way west to Canmore, Banff and beyond.

The restaurant was destroyed after it caught fire in 1961 and the opening of a nearby section of the Trans-Canada highway in 1966 prompted the closing of the station when Texaco was unable to acquire the proper licenses to work off the highway.

Here is a look back at the Eamon's development.

- **1949:** Roy Eamons opens what was the first drive-in restaurant in Calgary
- **1952:** The Texaco dealership is built called "Eamon's Super Service Station"
- 1955: The twelve room Eamon's Bungalow Camp opens. Roy Eamon calls his various businesses' a"One stop tourist Centre"
- **1966:** The new Trans-Canada Highway opens drastically reducing traffic passing the site and Eamon's closes for good.
- **2018:** The sign for the Eamon's Camp is still visible across from the Tuscany C-Train station on Crowchild Trail. The last remaining building, Eamon's Garage, is at the Call of the West Museum in High River where it is nearing the completion of a loving restoration.



#### Article and photos by Sue MacKenzie Calgary, AB

The evening sun is casting a warm glow over the cars as I balance on crutches and watch my fellow car enthusiasts mill around, visiting and laughing, catching up after a long winter. Only a few months ago, I didn't think I would even be here...

Since falling on ice in mid-February and shattering my fibula as well as breaking and dislocating my ankle on my left leg, daily living has become much more challenging than I could have imagined. A cane for the stairs in my 4-level split, a walker on each level, crutches for short distances, and a wheelchair for shopping clutter up my house and cars but for now it's how I get around and will be for a while yet. Even putting on shoes and socks had to be relearned so as not to put pressure on the hardware in my leg.

Lying in a hospital bed recovering from surgery, one of my first thoughts was that it was winter and I had lots of time to prepare for car season. Six weeks and I'll be on crutches – that's what the Internet said but it was wrong.

The break was so bad that even with 2 long plates held in place by a dozen smaller screws and one giant screw joining my fibula and tibia (wonder if it's Phillips or Robertson), my leg still wasn't structurally sound enough to even put on the ground, so as a result, I was wheelchair bound for 9 weeks before I could even partially weight bear, so an orthopedic hospital became my home.

As spring started to approach I began to worry but as each

snowfall happened, I said a silent "Yes!!" as I knew no one else would be able to drive their classics. As the time neared for Spring Thaw though I became restless. Still in a wheelchair and unable to walk, I certainly couldn't go and no one would want to take me as my chair was not small and I didn't imagine anyone would risk damage to their car.

A few days before came a most welcome message. A caring friend wanted to take me so I could escape the hospital for the day, but my spirits sank the next day when the show was cancelled due to expected inclement weather. The months of confinement were starting to take their toll on me. I spent the Sunday curled up on the bed watching the raindrops cascade down my window as the bustle of nurses and visitors carried on outside my lonely room.

During the next week I was finally given the go ahead to use crutches with my air cast and while I still needed my wheelchair, the weather co-operated this time and the kindness of friends enabled me to make a trip out to Airdrie for

the first show of the season. What a joy to be with my car family again, many of them being unaware of my accident.

I stayed in my wheelchair most of the day but took a few brave steps on the very hilly parking lot pavement. Distances of a hundred feet were all I could manage before my good leg and my arms ached.

Venturing out into my familiar world led to challenges I didn't think about last year. Need to use a washroom? Impossible to get a wheelchair over a curb so I had to roll an extra distance to find a ramp. Time for lunch? Can't carry a hotdog and drink in my lap without making a mess, so I needed someone to carry it for me. Look in

the car windows? Nope. The cars on display were parked too close to get a wheelchair in between, so all I could view were the front bumpers. Though my activities were limited, being with friends in the sunshine after almost three months in the hospital made for a wonderful day.

I was getting antsy to start driving again, but the big cast on my leg said no and my Thunderbird was still in storage. Fortunately my son and a good friend took the car out and over to the shop and soon it was ready.

I finally got the all clear from the surgeon to remove the air cast and start putting full weight on my foot in shoes with the aid of crutches so I could leave the wheelchair at the hospital for the A&W season opener. I was very nervous during the week leading up to it. I know the layout well – sloping lot, high curbs, heavy bathroom entrance doors, small booths, high stools – all very frightening for someone still trying to find their balance on crutches. Full weight bearing doesn't mean just walking like normal; after 12 weeks in a cast nothing moves or works very well. I had to practice walking again and learn to do stairs with limited mobility.

The day arrived and I could barely contain my excitement. I had told many of my fellow patients about my car and they had seen it in the magazine I kept on my bedside tray, but now I got to show them in person. My son came to pick me up in the TBird and as I saw the familiar grill round the corner to the front entrance of the hospital, I heard a few oohs and aahs. It was quite a fun scene – me on crutches, one on a walker, and several in wheelchairs circling the car to look inside and out. The evening turned out great even though I had some trouble getting around all the obstacles and broke out in a nervous sweat each time I had to go up and down the curb.

The next week I was released from my hospital habitat. 91 days away from home. Three months and two days is a long time to be gone especially when home is only ten miles away but completely unsafe as long as I was in a cast and unable to navigate stairs. The first thing I did when I got

home was collapse in my big chair and take in the familiar surroundings. I made it.

Now that I was home I could start to focus on car season and how I was going to participate.

The next event to prepare for was Thunderbird Appreciation Day. As the club president this was one event I did not want to miss, but this was a trip out to Black Diamond and I hadn't sat in a car for that length of time since last year. Once again my son was behind the wheel, allowing me to settle in on the smooth leather bench seat in the

back, leg up on a cushion, hidden from others by the large landau behind the rear doors so I felt like I was riding in a limousine!

While the lunch was great, the steps into the diner were steep, the booths were tight, the bathroom quite small, and the waiter bumped into my extended leg, sending shockwaves through me. Ouch! I was getting better at navigating on my crutches though so it wasn't as tough as the week before.

Having my son drive me to events was helpful, but I had less than a week to start driving solo again and get ready for an upcoming show very important to me – Driven. I started practicing in my Focus over to the corner store, then the coffee shop down the way. Every day a little bit further. Driving was becoming comfortable and manageable, as all my cars are automatics, but getting in and out of the car not so much.

The big day came and the two of us headed for the Olym-

Though my activities were limited, being with friends in the sunshine after almost three months in the hospital made for a wonderful day.



pic Oval. Driven, an aftermarket performance show, is a two-day event – roll in and set up Friday with the show on Saturday. I wasn't worried about driving my 240SX there; it was the hours of setup and a full day of the show. Lunch was several hundred feet away from my assigned parking spot and the washrooms even further. The familiar tic-toc sound of my crutches was heard throughout the day as I slowly navigated my way around the Oval between rest periods in my heavy-duty lawn chair or 4-wheeled walker. Thank goodness

for extra strength Tylenols. A few more car shows have come and gone – Three Hills, Wetaskiwin, Airdrie – and it's getting marginally better each time. Wetaskiwin was a personal achievement; I made a weekend of it and stayed by myself in a hotel. I had called ahead for a handicapped room that had grab bars and open spaces to navigate with my crutches and cane. Getting up at 4 am and coming home the same day for the show just wasn't possible in my current state, and I made sure I had companions travelling on the highway with me in both directions. I will continue to travel with friends each time I venture out of the city limits for my safety, and besides, it's more fun to travel in a group anyways.

I see my journey this past spring not as an unfortunate break (pardon the pun), but as a positive experience. I made new life-long friends, learned to pilot a wheelchair with great skill (getting awesome biceps along the way), challenged myself in physiotherapy every day, discovered how mentally



and physically strong I am, gained valuable insights on life from a handicapped persons point of view, as well as fun things like crocheting a blanket and sharpening my cribbage skills. While a painful and grueling incident at times, I don't regret having gone through it, as I have learned so much and have some interesting stories and pictures to share. Want to see my X-rays? Just ask!

Cipout So

120 stalls. A great place to come, have fun and plan your weekend cruises and shows.

## The Sunction

Where Glenmore and Deerfoot meet.

Friday nights CRUISIN' THE DUB AT THE JUNCTION starts April 22 80 Glendeer Circle SE, Calgary

**PRIZES AND DRAWS!** 



UB

36 YEARS EXPERIENCE

AUTO • FARM • COMMERCIAL INDUSTRIAL • OILFIELD • MARINE MILITARY • AIR CRAFT • AND MORE

**REDCLIFF, ALBERTA** 

nelsonsradiatorandairconditioningservice.com







# 



#### Donna Geekie Airdrie, AB

t the Calgary Spring Gun Show in 2013 some like-minded individuals started kicking around some ideas about starting a club. This lead to our first meeting on June 16, 2013. This will sound familiar to anyone who has started a club. But we had another goal. We wanted to get twelve members so we could be an official affiliate of the Military Vehicle Preservation Association. The MVPA is an international organization with 8,000 members. With fourteen members, we began the process of forming an executive, coming up with a name, setting dues, meeting locations and designing our logo etc .

The Prairie Motor Brigade is a family-oriented club dedicated to the acquisition, restoration, display and enjoyment of historic military vehicles. We strive to honor



the many veterans who operated these vehicles in the past. We accomplish this by our preservation efforts, educating those interested in the historical significance and service of our vehicles, taking in Legion events, annual town parade participation, Remembrance Day event involvement, military museum support etc. Our members own and restore vehicles from all wars ranging from motorcycles to tanks and five-ton trucks to jeeps. We also collect militaria to enhance our vehicle displays. You do not need to own a vehicle to join, just an interest is all you need.

As our club matured, we wanted to do more for veterans. Thus, we adopted the Canadian Legacy Project as our official charity. You will find their donation box at all our events. The Canadian Legacy Project's programs focus on employment, housing, PTSD service dogs, food, education and mental health of our Canadian veterans. They are all volunteers and 100% of all donations go to veterans. Donations over \$20 receive a tax receipt.

We have numerous events throughout the year – Summer Skirmish at The Military Museum, our Annual Military Vehicle Display and Swap Meet in Red Deer, Remembrance Day service at The Military Museum, Convoy to the British Military Training Centre, displays at the Hangar Museum in Calgary and Nanton Bomber Command Museum. We have also taken part in the changing of command at two military bases here in Alberta. Due to the uniqueness of our vehicles, their size and transportability, the normal SVAA Safety form poses a problem for us. We therefore modified the form and require all our members who bring vehicles to a rolling event to present a completed Safety form.

If you have friends who are interested in military vehicles, please point them in our direction. We welcome new members. They can find us on Facebook or at our website: www.prairiemotorbrigade.org





STREET ROD TECHNOLOGIES PROGRAM

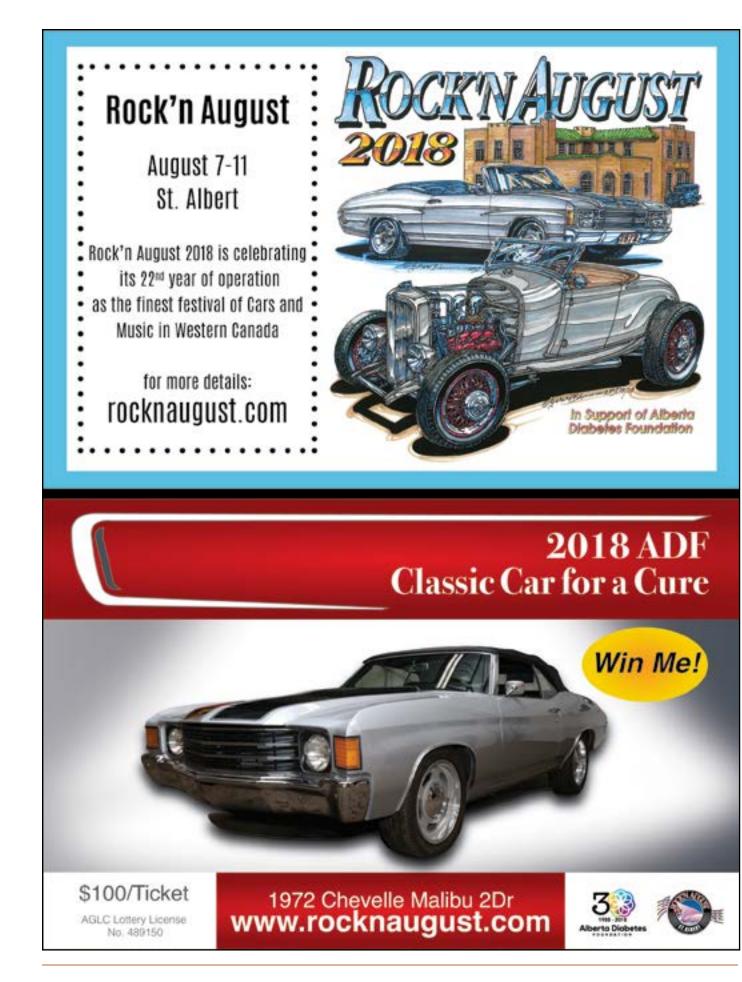
Street Rods • Muscle Cars •
Kustoms • Motorcycles •



Visit us at

Lakelandcollege.ca





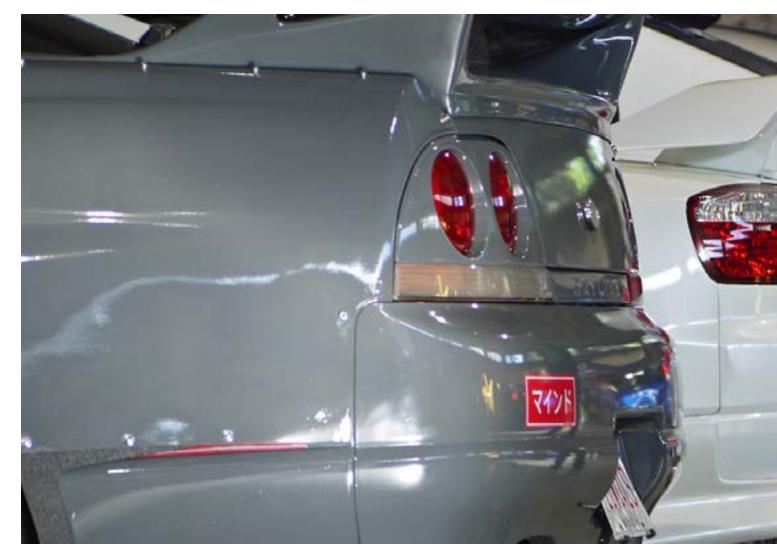


Article and Photos by Bill MacKenzie Jr. Calgary, AB

INSPIRING OTHERS TO FOLLOW THEIR DREAMS

INH.

Automotive enthusiasts the world over are surely familiar with the traditional forms of media associated with the hobby, namely magazines and television shows. As technology has changed and progressed though, new forms of sharing and consuming content have arrived as well - websites, blogs, and even YouTube channels.



The latter – YouTube – is the platform that one group of friends from Calgary have utilized and committed themselves to, taking what was an initial idea a few years ago and turning it into what is now a channel with just over 160,000 subscribers (at the time of this writing) and a full-time job.

LOWCALS, as they are known, consists of David, Jesse, Charles, Devon, Jay, and Brandon, and originally started – in name at least – back in 2014. With inspiration from another Calgary-based automotive group (ill.motion), the guys wanted to make a recognizable team for attending shows, meets, and other events together. The following year a YouTube channel was created to allow the sharing of their experiences, and after they started a more regular upload schedule their channel experienced rapid growth through the end of that year and into 2016.

In August of 2016, LOWCALS hit what could be considered the first major milestone for YouTube channels – 100,000 subscribers! YouTube rewards milestones like this by gifting the channels' creators with "Play Buttons" as they're called; silver, gold, and diamond for 100,000, one million, and 10 million subscribers respectively. LOWCALS' silver Play Button sits on display in their workshop as a reminder of their achievement, and as motivation to work towards the next.

The channel's video content centers around what LOW-CALS are up to, be it working on automotive projects, attending local events, or travelling around Canada and the USA to meet other YouTube channel creators and car enthusiasts. With a preference for no staging, fancy special effects, or excessive post-production, the guys like to bring a raw look at their adventures; a first-hand look at everything that makes up their experiences within the automotive community. David states that "simplicity and passion is a formula that has proven to be successful for us. The fact that many of our viewers have reached out to us because of our videos - letting us know we inspired them to save for their dream car, start a project car, or start a YouTube channel - is truly humbling and inspires us to just keep working harder."

A large part of their content and identity also has to do with Japanese Domestic Market (JDM) vehicles as many of their projects are imported, right-hand drive vehicles like Nissan Skylines. Due to Canada's import laws, LOWCALS and many other enthusiasts get to enjoy owning and driving



these cars whereas in other countries – such as the United States – some or all of these vehicles are still ineligible for import.

There's more to it than just cars however. LOWCALS as a brand fo-

cuses around inspiration; the guys are following their dreams and passions, and strive to inspire others to do the same. They wish to "create a community of like-minded individuals and share our passions together", says David.

Alongside their projects, travels, and creating videos, the guys also design and sell merchandise for LOWCALS ranging from clothing, to decals, and other items between. Expansion into automotive accessories is also being explored as they continue to grow.

Altogether, the various aspects of running a YouTube channel and its associated brand result in a weekly schedule with a lot of variety. When asked what an average day is like, the answer is that defining an average is easier said than done. One day they could be working on their cars while filming for an upcoming video, whereas the next they could be discuss-

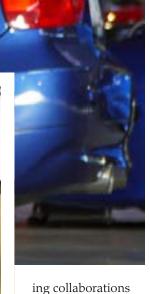
and reach, and on yet another be designing new decals or clothing items.

Looking back on the adventure of running the channel, David notes that "the cool thing about a YouTube channel is that it acts as a digital archive of memories and good times with friends". When asked to pick out a favourite moment from the past few years, he replied that there have simply been too many amazing experiences to single any out.

While YouTube may be a newer and different take on automotive media, that's perhaps one important aspect that it shares with the traditional forms; it serves as an archive of memories, and as LOWCALS keep on growing their brand and creating more videos for other enthusiasts to enjoy, that archive will only continue to grow as well.

To see what LOWCALS are up to and follow their adventures and projects, please visit YouTube.com/yyclowcals.





with other YouTu-

bers or partnerships with companies to

further their growth

# EVENTS CALENDAR

# AUGUST

29

Sunday

Show & Shine -Swap Meet -Events/Meetups -Touring					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1	2	3	4

	1	1	1	12	12	12
5 1	6	7	8	9	10 3	11 345
12 6	13	14	15	16	17 7 3	18 8 10 11 12
19 3 10 13	20	21 14	22	23 15 16	24 15 17	15 17 18 25 19 20 21 22 23
26 17 24	27	28	29	30	31	1

# SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7 25 26 27 28 29	25 26 27 8 28 29 30 31 32
26 9 27 28 29 33 34	10	11 35	12	13	14	15
16 36	17	18	19	20	21	22 37 38
23 39	24	25	26	27	28 40	29 40
30	1	2	3	4	5	6

# **OCTOBER**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1	2	3 41	4 41	5 41	6 41
7	8	9	10	11	12 42	13 42
14 42	15	16	17	18	19 43	20 43
21	22	23	24	25 44	26 44	27 44
28	29	30	31	1	2	3

1	Jul 30- Aug 5	Rock N Red Deer Super Run Various Locations www.rocknreddeer.com/agenda.html	11	Aug 18	17th Annual Calgary Thunderbird Club All Ford Show and Shine - Calgary, AB 9:00am-4:00pm <b>Richmond/Knob Hill Community Centre</b>	
2	Aug 2-4	Mecum Auction Harrisburg 2018 - Harrisburg, PA <b>Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex</b> www.mecum.com/auctions/		Aug 18	calgarythunderbirdclub.com Edson Custom Cruisers - Edson, AB 9:00am-3:00pm Centennial Park	
3	Aug 7-11	Rock'n August Week Various Locations www.rocknaugust.com	13	Aug 19	www.svaaevents.info Pro Stock Performance Show & Shine -	
4	Aug 11	Time Travellers Car Club 2018 Summer Classic - Airdrie, AB 10:00am-4:00pm <b>Nose Creek Park</b>			Edmonton, AB 9:00am-4:00pm <b>Pro Stock Performance</b> www.svaaevents.info	
5	Aug 11	www.svaaevents.info Get Schooled Mopar Rules 24th Annual Mopar Show & Shine -	14	Aug 21	Lakeside Kruzers Cruise in - Chestermere, AB 6:30pm-8:30pm Safeway Parking Lot www.svaaevents.info	
		Red Deer, AB 9:00am-4:00pm Notre Dame High School http://centralalbertamopar.com	15	Aug 23-25	Mecum Auction Monterey 2018 - Monterey, CA Hyatt Regency Monterey Hotel and Spa - Del Monte Golf Course	
6	Aug 12	Porcupine Hills Classic Cruisers Show & Shine - Claresholm, AB 10:00am-3:00pm Claresholm Centennial Park www.svaaevents.info	16	Aug 23	www.mecum.com/auctions/ A&W tenth annual charity day "Burgers to Beat MS 10:00am	
7	Aug 17	Grove Cruise - Spruce Grove, AB 4:00pm	17	Aug 24 26	All A&W Locations www.svaaevents.info Goodguys 32nd West Coast Nationals - Pleasanton, CA Alameda County Fairgrounds www.good-guys.com/wcn-2018	
	Aug 17-19	Jubilee Park www.facebook.com/grovecruise/ Goodguys 17th Great Northwest Nationals		Aug 24-26		
		- Spokane, WA Spokane County Fair & Expo Center www.good-guys.com/gnwn-2018	18	Aug 25	2018 Bow-Ties vs the World Event - Edmonton, AB 9:00am-4:00pm NAPA Auto Parts www.edmonton567club.com	
9	Aug 17-19	Cypress Rod and Custom Cars & Guitars - Medicine Hat, AB <b>Various Locations</b>				
10	Aug 18-19	www.carsandguitarsfestival.com Mopar Fest - New Hamburg, ON New Hamburg Fairgrounds moparfest.com	19	Aug 25	Peace Classic Wheels Street Spectacular - Fairview, AB 9:00am-4:00pm <b>110 St &amp; 102 Ave</b> www.svaaevents.info	
T	1	COLLECTOR AUTOMOBILE MOTOR OIL The Champagne of Engine Oils			COLLECTOR CAR INSURANCE	
Specially formulated for Flat Tappet Engines				C 403.250.9118, Fa		
www.CAMoils.com			Alberta Toll Free:1.877.307.28286-1915-32 Avenue NEcarguy@oldisgoldcarinsurance.comCalgary, AB T2E 7C8			

20 AI	ug 25	Annual Military Vehicle Display and Swap Meet - Red Deer, AB 9:30am-4:30pm <b>Parkland Mall</b> www.prairiemotorbrigade.org	33	Sep 9	Cochrane Classic Car Club Annual Show & Shine - Cochrane, AB 8:00am-4:00pm <b>1st Street and 1st Avenue</b> www.svaaevents.info
21 A	ug 25	2nd Annual EMA Mopars and Muscle Cars Show & Shine - Stony Plain, AB 10:00am-3:00pm Memorial High School edmontonmoparassociation.com	34	Sep 9	Buick Olds Pontiac Show AlIPC Edmonton - Edmonton, AB 10:00am-4:00pm Northgate Chev Buick GMC www.svaaevents.info
22 AI	ug 25	Chestermere Lake Show & Shine 10:00am-4:00pm Chestermere Recreation Centre www.chestermereshowandshine.com	35	Sep 11	Lakeside Kruzers Cruise in - Chestermere, AB 6:30pm-8:30pm Safeway Parking Lot www.svaaevents.info
23 AI	ug 25	FSRA "Fall Fun Run" - Okotoks, AB 10:30am-6:00pm Olde Towne www.svaaevents.info	36	Sep 16	35th British Car Day - Oakville, AB 10:00am-5:00pm Bronte Creek Provincial Park www.BritishCarDay.com
24 A	ug 26	Show Your Ride for Brandon - Calgary, AB 7:00am-4:00pm Stampede Grounds showyourrideforbrandon.com	37	Sep 22	Call of the West Museum Swap Meet - High River, AB 9:00am-4:00pm Call of the West Museum
25 Se	ep 7-8	Mecum Auction Louisville - Louisville, KY Kentucky Exposition Center www.mecum.com/auctions/		Sep 22	www.svaaevents.info Burn out Night - High River, AB
<b>26</b> Se	ep 7-9	11th Annual Fall Finale Collector Car Auction - Red Deer, AB <b>Westerner Park</b>	38		5:00pm-7:00pm <b>Centre Street</b> rivercityclassics.ca/september-show/
27 Se	ep 7-9	www.theelectricgarage.com/auctions/ Goodguys 21st Colorado Nationals - Loveland, CO The Ranch Events Complex www.good-guys.com/cn-2018	39	Sep 23	River City Classic Car Club, Show & Shine - High River, AB 7:00pm-4:00pm Downtown High River rivercityclassics.ca/september-show/
28 Se	ep 7-8	Brooks, Show & Shine - Brook, AB Centennial Regional Arena www.svaaevents.info	40	Sep 28-29	Goodguys 26th Summit Racing Lone Star Nationals - Fort Worth, TX Texas Motor Speedway www.good-guys.com/Isn-2018
29 Se	ep 7-9	Touring Tin Car Club Annual Charity Picnic - Fort Saskatchewan, AB <b>Partridge Hill Community Hall</b> www.touringtin.ca/event-calendar.html	41	Oct 3-6	Mecum Auction Dallas - Dallas, TX Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center www.mecum.com/auctions/dallas-2018/
30 Se	ep 8	Edmonton Wheels For Wishes - St. Albert, AB 10:00am-3:00pm Century Casino www.wheelsforwishes.ca	42	Oct 12-14	Goodguys 1st Kentucky Nationals - Lexington, KY Kentucky Horse Park www.good-guys.com/kn-2018
31 Se	ep 8	Model T Races - Hlgh River, AB 10:00am-2:30pm High River Fairgrounds www.svaaevents.info	43	Oct 19-20	Goodguys 25th Southeastern Nationals - Concord, NC <b>Charlotte Motor Speedway</b>
32 Se	ep 8	S.A.M (Suicide Awareness Movement) Event - Didsbury, AB 1:00pm Reimer Plaza Parking Area www.svaaevents.info	44	Oct 25-27	www.good-guys.com/sen-2018 Mecum Auction Chicago - Chicago, II Schaumburg Convention Center www.mecum.com/auctions/





# Member of SVAA? Ask us how you can save on your insurance.

If your car club is a member of the Specialty Vehicle Association of Alberta (SVAA), you can receive preferred rates through BrokerLink's group insurance plan. For starters, you get a 10% discount just for being a SVAA member and an additional 15% if you bundle your home and auto policies together.

## Contact us for a no obligation quote.

1.855.771.9438 | BrokerLink.ca/SVAA



Brdarlith by: Al tight instruct

**CALGARY MUFFLER** 





#### **Exhaust & Tires**

#### Al Hagel

TEL: 403.253.0903 FAX: 403.255.8982 5908D Macleod Trail SW Calgary, AB T2H 0K1 calgary-muffler.ca



#### For all your lubricating needs

LEE WALCH AMSOIL DEALER 20-5002345

e it Albaria foreigit Careado Britadais to: "" Brokedait & De

Ph. or Text: (780) 995-1698 lizardnorth@hotmail.com www.amsoil.com



### INSURING YOUR LEGEND LIVES ON.

Insurance for your Antique, Vintage, Custom of Modern Collector Vehicle and Motorcycle

Legends is a division of Thomson Schindle Green Insurance & Financial Services Ltd. Exclusively underwritten by Intact Insurance

.

collector vehicle ins

8

rance

Calgary Office Suite 700 - 1816 Crowchild Trail NW Calgary, AB. T2M 3Y7 Phone: 403.723.9416 Fax: 403.723.9421 1.800.830.9423 smoss@tsginsurance.com

> Medicine Hat Office #100, Chinook Place. 623-4thSt. SE Medicine Hat, AB. T1A 0L1

Brooks Office #3 560 Cassils Road East Brooks, AB. T1R 1M6

1.800.830.9423 ww

www.legendsinsurance.com

24 Alberta Rides | Fall 2018

# THE WEDNESDAY GATHERINGS



Article and photos by Bill MacKenzie Jr. Calgary, AB

Originally started by Justin Nupoort of Menace Rides, the Menace Meets were established a few years ago as the successors to a previous weekly meet series in Calgary. He wanted a positive place for local enthusiasts to hang out and be able to enjoy the hobby, and worked to find a venue that would not only provide enough space but also one that wouldn't be negatively impacted by regular - and sizable - gatherings of vehicles.



Held in the parking lot at the (SE) corner of Blackfoot Trail and 46th Avenue SE in Calgary, rain or shine each week sees a solid turnout of vehicles and enthusiasts. As they officially begin at 7PM, most of the businesses will be closed for the evening which allows for just about the entirety of the parking lot to be utilized for the meets; still open, however, are Tim Hortons – providing a caffeine fix for attendees – as well as Mary Brown's, who even offer discounts on their meals for anyone who is there for Menace.

Originally very "tuner" -centric gatherings, as word has gotten out and other meets and events have wrapped up, there has been a notable shift in the makeup of vehicles in the lot each week. These days everything from trucks, to Japanese imports, to classic American muscle cars (and more) can be found mixed together, and likewise you can find show cars next to daily drivers; anything and everything is welcome and the variety means that there will be something for everyone.

As vehicles enter off of the main road there will usually be a small crowd of onlookers watching the new arrivals, alongside some local photographers snapping away as the cars drive past. From there, due to the constant arrival and departure of vehicles all night mixed with the sheer number that attend, finding a place to park can sometimes feel like a game of musical chairs – but it speaks to the meets' success. On busier nights it's not long before all of the stalls have been filled and vehicles are being parked in the aisles or even around the sides of the buildings; it makes for quite a spectacle on those nights, and certainly beats the alternative!

So, if you're looking for somewhere to go on a Wednesday evening why not make your way over to a Menace Meet? You can pick up dinner, grab some coffee, and join the fun; but get there early!















# MID-LIFE, MAYBE. CRISIS, HARDLY.





There's a reason more people trust Hagerty with the cars they love. We make the experience of owning classics better, with insurance, valuation tools, an award-winning magazine and more–all created by people who share your passion for cars.

Drive with us. Hagerty.ca | 888-216-2901 | Local Broker

Hagerty Canada, LLC policies are underwritten by Elite Insurance Company, an Aviva Canada company. Hagerty determines final risk acceptance. All coverage is subject to policy provisions and availability. Hagerty For People Who Love Cars is a registered trademark of The Hagerty Group, LLC @2016 The Hagerty Group, LLC. Vehicle make and model names and logos are property of their respective owners and their inclusion does not imply sponsorsh of ar affiliation with Hagerty or any of its products or services:

🖬 🞯 🎔 ïu

# MEMBER CLUBS

#### Alberta Iron Indians Pontiac Club (Calgary)

bhunter@walter.com

🛗 1st Tuesday 7:00 pm

Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 285 9202 Horton Road SW

#### Alberta Iron Indians Pontiac Club (Edmonton)

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

#### Alberta Mustangs Auto Club

🕿 ststbtkt@shaw.ca

🛗 Last Thursday 7:00 pm

Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 285 9202 Horton Road SW

#### Alberta Pioneer Auto Club

🗲 apac.calgary@gmail.com

- 🋗 2nd Tuesday 7:30 pm Sept June
- The Hangar Flight Museum 4629 McCall Way NE, Calgary

#### 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, 6:30 pm except Jul & Aug ♥ Various locations, Calgary

#### Alberta Super Run Association Car Show

stu.sheppard@icloud.com
 ≦ 1st Sunday 10:00 am
 ♀ Kipp Scott GMC Boardroom, Red Deer

#### **Beaumont Dream Cruizers**

rbchristi@shaw.ca
 Tuesdays at 7:00pm
 Member houses
 DQ Beaumont during summer

#### Blackfalds Show'n'Shine

dustin.bateman@gmail.com
 Residences, as required

#### Bonnyville Gear Grabbers Car Club

 schuggz@outlook.com
 Irregular
 Thinkwerx Building 5011 50 Ave, Bonnyville

#### **Calgary Firebird Club**

bandit77@shaw.ca
 Last Tuesday 7:00 pm
 Calgary Motor Products
 1313 36 Street NE, Calgary

#### Calgary MG Car Club

calgarymg@gmail.com

 2nd Tuesday 7:30 pm
 Royal Canadian Legion Chapelhow Branch 284 606 38 Ave NE, Calgary

#### Calgary Plymouth & Friends Car Club

kloppenl@telusplanet.net

#### **Calgary Pontiac Club**

A&W (three locations)

#### Calgary Thunderbird Club

≤ 6502301@gmail.com

 1st Thursday, 7:30 pm
 Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 285 9202 Horton Road SW

#### Canadian Vintage Motor Cycle Group: Rocky Mountain Section

pitmand@telus.net

 3rd Tuesday, 7:00 pm
 Chapelhow Legion #284 606 - 38 Ave NE, Calgary

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

- glenwilde3@gmail.com
  2nd Tuesday 7:00 pm
- ABC Country Restaurant 2085 50 Ave, Red Deer

#### Central Alberta Vintage Auto Club

cavacreddeer@gmail.com
 2nd Tuesday 7:30 pm
 Golden Circle
 4525 - 47A Avenue, Red Deer

#### **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@mcsnet.ca
 2nd Monday, 7:30 pm
 Chipman Village Office 4816 50 St, Chipman

#### **Coaldale Custom Cruisers**

✓ garyklassen®shaw.ca
 m 2nd Wednesday 7:30 pm
 ♥ Three G Eatery
 1908 18th Street, Coaldale

#### Cochrane Classic Car Club kaczmer@telus.net

Accorner (credustrie)
 Thursday 5:00 pm (in season)
 A&W
 23 Westside Dr, Cochrane

#### Cold Lake Cruisers Car Club

efroe44@yahoo.ca
 2nd Monday 7:00 pm
 784 Wing/A&W
 5319 48 Ave, Cold Lake

**Crowsnest Pass Wheel Nuts** ecorunner@hotmail.com

#### Cypress Rod & Custom Car Club

1st Wednesday, 7:00 pm
 Member garages, Medicine Hat

#### Diablo's Car Club

keith.malmkvist@servicemastercalgary.com
 Thursday, 7:30 pm
 Member garages, Airdrie

#### **Didsbury Car Club**

dana.didsburycarclub@yahoo.ca

First Thursday, 7:00 pmDidsbury Train Station

20 Street, Didsbury

#### Dropsicles

≥ paul@dropsicles.com

🛗 Last Wednesday, 8:00 pm

Tim Horton's 7502 Gateway Blvd, Edmonton

#### Edmonton Antique Car Club

≥ bemount@shaw.ca ∰ 1st Wednesday 7:30 pm

 Old Timers Cabin
 9430 - 99 Street (Scona Road), Edmonton

#### Edmonton Classic Sports Car Club

🗲 ecsccchair@gmail.com

3rd Wednesday 7:00 pm
 Royal Alberta Museum

12845 - 102 Avenue

#### Edmonton Thunderbird Club

staceybenson326@hotmail.com

🛗 Last Thursday 7:00 pm

Chateau Louis Conference Centre 11727 Kingsway NW, Edmonton

#### Elk Point Auto Club

epac1986@yahoo.ca
 2nd Wednesday 7:00 pm
 Elk Point Public Library

5123 50 Ave, Elk Point

#### Foothills Model T Ford Club

1936Cord@telus.net

4th Wednesday 7:30 pm Sep - May excluding Dec

The Hangar Flight Museum 4629 McCall Way NE, Calgary

#### Foothills Street Rod Association

phaywood@platinum.co
 2nd Monday 7 pm
 Calgary
 FoothillsSRA

#### Ford Central Car Club

allanbidyk@gmail.com
 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

≥ justkruzin@justkruzin.com

 Second Wednesday, 7:30 pm
 Lloydminster Exhibition Grounds 5521 49 Ave, Lloydminster

#### Lakeside Kruzers Car Club

■ bobmarl@telus.net 1st Tuesday 7:00 pm Chestermere Landing, Chestermere

#### Lebarons Car Club

≤ dan.brandon@outlook.com ∰ 1st Tuesday 7:00 pm ♀ Member Garages

#### Lloydminster Auto Club

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

#### Medicine Hat Vintage Vehicle Club Ilstra@telus.net

 1st Wednesday 7:30 pm
 Royal Canadian Legion Branch 17 702 2 St SE, Medicine Hat

#### Mountain View Pistons Vehicle Club

iam2morrow@icloud.com
 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

#### Northern Thunder Car Club

Westmancoat.M@gmail.com
 3rd Thursday 7:00 pm
 Speedy Auto Glass,
 5619 - 50th Ave, Drayton Valley

#### **Peace Classic Wheels**

≥ zummy1@hotmail.com ∰ 3rd Wednesday at 7:30 pm

Ounvegan Motor Inn 9812 113 Street, Fairview

#### Ponoka Piston Poppers

raysresto@gmail.com
 1st Tuesday at 7:00pm every other month
 Member garages, Ponoka

#### Porcupine Hills Classic Cruisers Club

 Ionnieleelee@gmail.com
 6:30 pm Tuesday, April to Sept
 Bridges at Claresholm Golf Club 349 39 Ave W, Claresholm

#### **Prairie Motor Brigade**

- Cam Clark Ford Airdrie 1001 Highland Park Blvd, Airdrie

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

🔁 oilpro2323@gmail.com

- 🛗 1st Wednesday 7:00 pm
- High River Agricultural Museum 64137 Hwy 498 E (543 for GPS), EXIT 197, north of High River

#### Rollers

🔁 pother@shaw.ca

🛗 Biweekly at 6:00 pm

Member Garages

#### Southern Alberta Antique & Classic Auto Club

 arevalib@shaw.ca
 1st Tuesday 7:15 pm
 Royal Canadian Legion Branch 4 324 Mayor Magrath Dr S, Lethbridge

#### Southern Alberta Drag Racing Association

■ josstechnical@yahoo.ca
151 Wednesday 7:30 pm
1610 - 31 Street N, Lethbridge

#### St. Albert Cruisers

- newageretro@hotmail.com
- 🛗 2nd Wednesday 7:00 pm

St. Albert Inn 156 St Albert Trail

#### Stampede City Model A Ford Club

➡ gord.rouse@gmail.com
 ➡ 2nd Wednesday
 ♀ Club House

Strathmore A&W Classic Cruisers ≥ dan.goertz@ghsd75.ca

#### Studebaker Drivers Club, Foothills Chapter

- 🕿 kfonseca@telus.net
- 🛗 1st Tuesday, 7:30 pm
- Austrian Canadian Club 3112 11 Street NE, Calgary

#### Sylvan Lake Customs & Classics avhilker@telus.net

1st Wednesday 7:00 pm

 Royal Canadian Legion Branch 212 4916 50 Ave, 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

- Calgary: Ricky's
- 658, 11520 24 St SE
- Edmonton: Pizza Hut 6504 28 Ave NW

#### **Time Travellers Car Club of Airdrie**

▼ sdetombe@telus.net

1st Friday85 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

- 1st Wednesday, 7:00 pm except Jan & Aug
- Vegreville Historical Regional Museum 5029 45b Ave, Vegreville

#### Vintage Sports Car Club of Calgary

chrisdurtnall@gmail.com

 2nd Wednesday, 7:30 pm
 Austrian Canadian Club 3112 11 Street NE, Calgary

#### Wednesday Auto Show Association

≥ ron.gor45@gmail.com

- 🛗 Wednesday 6:00 pm
- Military Museum of Calgary 4520 Crowchild Trail SW, Calgary

#### West Central Alberta Classic Car Club

1st Thursday 8:00 pm

Athabasca Valley Hotel 124 Athabasca Ave, Hinton

#### Western Wheels Classic Auto Club

✓ dicksflt@gmail.com
ist Tuesday at 7:00 pm

• Tamarack Inn

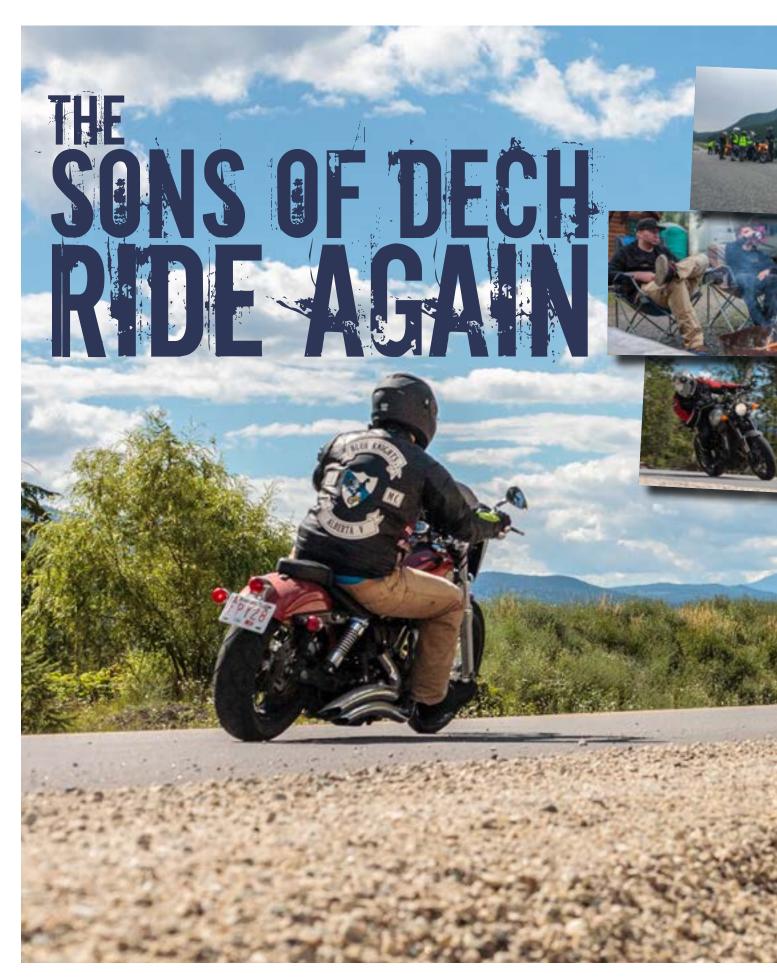
4904 45 Street, Rocky Mountain House

#### Wildrose Rod & Custom Car Club

📨 ianburnham64@gmail.com

🛗 3rd Tuesday at 7:30 pm

Shagannapi Community Hall 2516 - 14 Avenue SW, Calgary





#### Article and photos by Teak Sato Calgary, AB

On the backdrop of the majestic Rocky Mountains, 20 motorcyclists rode out from Calgary (and Victoria) to Nakusp, BC in early July to escape the Stampede and spend six glorious days riding their motorcycles. Led by their intrepid chief, Trevor Dech from Too Cool Motorcycle School, the group spent the week sharpening their riding skills and taking in the beautiful scenery. With the exception of the first day, the weather was gorgeous and the group clocked in just over 2100 kms over the course of the trip. Every type of motorcycle style was represented as well as level of experience. They rode, ate, glamped, learned, practiced, hot springed, rode some more, made new friends, and re-connected with old friends. A special trip with a special group. The Sons of Dech will be back again soon. Stay tuned...



#### BY OI' Editor aka Malcolm Fischer, Stettler, AB

The Ol' Editor once had a silver '63 Impala four-door hardtop, an' he loved that car. Rode smoooooth – didn't GM commercials call it a "Jet-Smooth" ride? An' she had that snappy red Impala interior. Clean as a whistle. Yep, she was a beauty. Borrowed the money from his girlfriend – and yes, paid it back the same day his income tax rebate came in! C'n ya believe he bought it for 500 smackers? Yep, 500 good ol' Canadian dollars – ain't that about 20 bucks U.S. these days?

Now here's an actual pic of the Young Editor posin' with his dear ol' dog Mike in front o' this very same Impala. My, them WUZ the days! Anyhoo, who c'n remember the days when y' could buy a nice car for 500 er less, an' it wuz a nice reliable set o' wheels? Now, it's that much an' more fer just one fancy wheel! Anyhoo, come winter, turned out the heater weren't throwin' much heat. This became evident when the Young Editor was goin' back home from university one weekend, an' a buddy from high school asked ta ride along. She was

taking nursing at university at the time, an' it'd be a serious shortcomin' of this tale not ta say more about her. We'll call her Melodie, mostly cuz thet wuz her name, an' she was about 5'4", blue eyes as big as the full moon, bright blonde hair, and one o' the pertiest smiles ya ever laid yer peepers on. An' by her shape, one could tell at a great distance she was fer sure a female! An' she was delightful - loved ta chat an' laugh an' giggle, an so when she asked fer a ride back home in the car the Young Feller's girlfriend lent him the money ta buy, how could he resist? Since the girlfriend weren't comin' along anyhoo, there wuz PLENTY o'room, right? Yep, thought you'd agree! Well darnit, as it turned out when we hit the highway fer the first wintry day on which the Chevy had made a longer trip, it soon became apparent on this 20 below November day thet the heater weren't throwin' out anything you could call"heat". Some few degrees above freezin' breezes, maybe, but not heat. An' after some tooth-chatterin' time had passed, Melodie noted that it wuz"a bit chilly" in the car,

an' wondered out loud, even though she had a boyfriend an' the Young Feller had a girlfriend, if'n it might be a bit more comfortable an' cozy if'n she wuz ta sidle over so we could snuggle right up real close-like ta help stay warm. Perty good common sense, eh? Y'know what the outdoorsy-types says, thet if'n yer threatened with hypothermia, the best thing fer two people ta do is snuggle their naked bodies together? Well o' course, the Young Editor wuz thinkin' this wuz fer sure one o' them hypothermic situations. But Melodie – she wuz taking nursing so it wuz reasonable ta think she knew the difference



- had no sech notion. So, she snuggled right up REEEEAL close to the Young Boy, an'we chatted on an' laughed an' giggled an' it was a genuine fun trip. Once back in town 'bout dinner time thet Friday an' Melodie was dropped off at her home, the Ol' Boy took the Impala inta the good ol' Chevy dealer where he had worked all through high school, tore out the heater core ('member when it wuz less than a eight-hour job?), an' rushed it down ta the local rad shop ta git it cleaned out before closing. The ol' rad shop master melted the solder to remove

the ends, poked his various rods up an' down the core – my, she was plugged solid! – an' soldered 'er all back up good as new. Got the core back in, an' drove home fer supper in the HEAT! Yee haw! Heat like ya never seen before!

It wuz jes' too darned bad though. When the Young One an' Melodie went back on Sunday, thet darned heater was once again only blowin' frosty air. So, they snuggled up again, friends to the end. Talk about distracted drivin'! A cell phone don't hold a candle ta a perty blonde snuggled up ta ya! Specially when yer tryin' yer best ta be a gentleman an' keep yer hands ta yerself!

Many more trips home were made thet winter and several friends rode along back an' forth. An' the Ol' Boy is happy ta report thet fer all of 'em, the heater worked peerlessly an' all were toasty an' cozy. Well, 'ceptin' when Melodie came along. On those occasions, she wuz the only guest passenger permitted, an' be darned if'n thet heater failed on every single one o' them trips. Just bad luck, wouldn't ya say?

## NO BATTERY



## LASTS LONGER.

10000



The new Interstate MT7 AGM boasts three times the life of conventional batteries and two times the life of other AGM batteries thanks to Pure Matrix<sup>™</sup> power-a unique combination of 99.99% pure lead and ultra thin plates. Includes 4-year free replacement warranty. **interstatebatteries.com/MT7AGM** 

INTERSTATE BATTERIES OF CALGARY 132, 4550 - 25 St. S.E. Calgary, Alberta T2B 3P1 • 403.216.3390



# FUELING CALGARY'S PASSION for CLASSIC CARS

Deerfoot Trail & Douglasdale Blvd. 403-258-6300 www.jackcarterchev.com