

APRIL/MAY 2019



# NEWSLETTER

Spring is in the air





# FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT



As many of you know, I am also involved in restoring and flying vintage aircraft. As part of my bi-annual flight review, I attended a safety seminar on cockpit resource management. One aspect of the seminar was on reducing cockpit clutter and distractions. The inspector noted that you should in a no- or low-light situation be able to reach all your switches and controls and know what they do and which way to move them.

Now you are wondering what this has to do with driving our collector cars. If you are like many of us, you may have more than one collector vehicle or you may drive your collector car only occasionally.

I suggest that just like pilots, we should take a few seconds when we first get in our classics, to familiarise ourselves with the "cockpit layout" as it is no doubt different than your daily driver.

This at the least could save you from the embarrassment of leaving your lights on after parking at an event or hopefully not have you wander out of your lane when you are trying to adjust the heater/defogger when heading out to an early morning event.

Always remember that the person in the new vehicle in the lane beside you has numerous items in their "cockpit" to distract them so always drive your classic with a heads up attitude and maintain good situational awareness at all times.

Stay safe and I hope to see you at some of the upcoming events

Please ask your members to [sign up to our e-mail blaster](#) or forward the SVAA e-newsletters to your members.

## Must Attend Events

- Annual General Meeting of the SVAA on May 4 at 12:30 in the Pioneer Room at the Westener in Red Deer (The agenda is posted below)
- The 50th annual Red Deer Swap Meet on May 3&4 at the Westener in Red Deer. This event is host-ed by the Central Alberta Vintage Auto Club.
- Fuel-A-Palooza The first weekend event of the season May 10,11,12 in Didsbury sponsored by the Didsbury Car Club

For more details see the [SVAA events page](#) on our website.

## A Request

Membership renewals are due. Your executive have been working hard to make it as easy as possible for the clubs to renew online so please take advantage of this service. Easy to do and cheaper. What more could we want?

Safe Travels,

Jim Herbert

President

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# AGENDA - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**CAVAC Red Deer Swap Meet, Pioneer Room  
12:30 pm, May 4, 2019**

- 1. Welcome and Introductions**
- 2. President's Remarks**
  - 2.1. Notice of Meeting - Posted on Events Calendar and emailed to member clubs
  - 2.2. Quorum for meeting. Clubs Represented \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Minutes of 2019 AGM**
  - 3.1. Adopted as circulated
- 4. Presentation of Financial Statements**
  - 4.1. Auditors Report
  - 4.2. Appointment of Auditor for 2019
- 5. Reports**
  - 5.1. Safety Check
  - 5.2. Insurance Program
  - 5.3. Alberta Rides
  - 5.4. Events
  - 5.5. Website
  - 5.6. Specialty Vehicle Appraisers Institute of Alberta
  - 5.7. National Association of Automobile Clubs of Canada
- 6. Election of Officers and Directors**
  - 6.1. Vice President- South
  - 6.2. Secretary
  - 6.3. Directors (4)
- 7. New Business**
  - 7.1. Budget for 2019
  - 7.2. Collector Car Appreciation Day July 12
  - 7.3. Other new business
- 8. Members Questions & Concerns**
- 9. Adjournment**
- 10. Next Meeting: QuickTimes Swap Meet,  
October 6, 2018, Red Deer**



**From the desk of the Safety Check Guy**

## SAFETY CHECKS: WHY AND HOW

**Randy Rollo,**  
SVAA Director, Safety

It's that time of year where one starts thinking about getting their 'pride and joy' ready for another season of cruising. Along with a good cleaning to get rid of the dust, a safety check (blank forms available from the SVAA free) should be a must.

Why perform safety checks on our vehicles?

1. A completed safety check gives the driver peace of mind.
2. It shows the government and other drivers that we look after our cars.
3. It tells others that we are responsible hobbyists.
4. It is a good fun to help someone do a safety check. Really!

Here are two ideas.

1. Before taking the vehicle out of storage, have a friend or spouse assist you in completing the safety check form.
2. On the first group or club run of the season, plan a safety check session at one of the stops. These can be done quickly if everyone gets involved. Even better, they are fun to do.

Remember, there is no pass or fail. This is a simple going over of the vehicle to see what needs attention – a walk-around if you will. These are definitely not intended to be a safety inspection by licensed mechanics.

A word of caution here. The form that is filled out has to go to the owner. Car clubs should not keep copies of the form since this can be seen as a liability to the club should anything go wrong.

The SVAA pads for safety checks and the stickers for the cars can be obtained by contacting me at [randyr@svaalberta.com](mailto:randyr@svaalberta.com).

Wishing us all a safe driving season.



Please feel free to use any and all content in our newsletters for your own newsletter. This month, Randy's Safety Check article is certainly timely.