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# WHEELSLATER



# CHILLING OUT

# FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT



Meetings, meetings, meetings that is what the winter months seem to be all about. No shiny cars to view at a car shows or the early morning drives to the out of town events just more meetings. That is how a few dedicated members of every club spent their time away from the garage or shop. These meetings are what makes our hobby fun because this is where the events and drives are planned and organised.

I am always sad when I hear that an event is cancelled of a club is closing down just because no one wants to do meetings. Now meetings do not have to be boring affairs conducted by Robert's Rules of Order, they can be done over morning coffee at your favourite A&W or in the evening with fine food and adult beverages. The important part is that someone supports the hobby enough to get off the couch or out of the garage to invest some time and effort in planning an event or drive to keep the club alive. Because without that someone, who could easily be you, the hobby will slowly die.

Talking about those someones, I would like to welcome two new clubs : Edmonton & Area 567 Car with president Jim Kennedy and the Chinook Country Cruisers with president Micheal Imrie.

Your hard working executive team would like to thank all those members that took the time and braved the weather to attend the Information meeting in Lethbridge.

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

## Must Attend Events

This will be a regular part of the new e-newsletter. The editors of the letter will pick several club sponsored events to be featured. There are no club sponsored events in March but there are two events coming up in April.

The **3rd Annual Charity Swap Meet** on April 20 at the Lethbridge Millennium Place in Sherwood Park. This event is hosted by the Edmonton & Area 567 Club and the Spring Spectacular Indoor Car Show and Swap meet in Grande Prairie hosted by the North Peace Bracket Racing association. For more details see the [SVAA events page](#) on our website. The SVAA team will have a booth at both events so please stop by and say hello.

## NAACC PRESIDENT REPORT # 103- SPRING 2019

The National Association of Automobile Clubs of Canada (NAACC) had a very busy 2018.

- The year ended with an ongoing automotive legislation rewrite in Nova Scotia.
- NAACC Nova Scotia Director Conrad LeLièvre is sitting on the government rewrite team. This is a complex project that is far from being finished. The NAACC has spent countless hours working with the government to insure we can drive and use our collector vehicles on our public highways.
- The NAACC attended the Canadian Council of Motor Transport Administrators (CCMTA) meeting in Quebec in 2018. This three-day meeting is the cornerstone for proposing new Federal motor vehicle legislation in Canada. The NAACC represents the Collector Car Community across Canada when it attends this meeting. The dollar costs involved to present input are nearly \$3000 including airfare, hotel and meeting registration fees. This is where some of your NAACC dues go each year. Thank you to Director Conrad LeLièvre for giving up three days of his life to attend on your behalf.



- SEMA and the NAACC have announced **Collector Car Appreciation Day** as July 12, 2019. Please call up [www.semasan.com/collector-car-appreciation-day-2019-announcement](http://www.semasan.com/collector-car-appreciation-day-2019-announcement)
- Proclamation requests for Collector Car Appreciation Day and the month of July as **Automotive Heritage Month** are being applied for right now.
- **Cross Canada Tour**—The NAACC will once again sanction the NAACC Coasters Cross Canada Tour in 2022. The 50-vehicle tour will travel from NF to Victoria BC. For information contact Wagon Master and NAACC Director Fraser Field at [fraser@canadiancoasters.ca](mailto:fraser@canadiancoasters.ca). Cross Canada Tour applications & info: [www.coasters2022.com](http://www.coasters2022.com)
- The NAACC is once again sanctioning two major Concours in 2019. The **Cobble Beach Concours** in Kimble Ontario and the **Crescent Beach Concours** in BC both fall under the NAACC umbrella. National media has ranked the Cobble Beach Concours in the top 10 in North America. The Crescent Beach Concours is ranked as the 'best' Concours in British Columbia and the most outstanding Concours in Western Canada.
- The NAACC asked the Vintage Car Club of Canada and all of the other clubs across Canada for support in 2018 to help ward off a proposed 25% import tax on vehicles imported to the USA from abroad and Canada. Unfortunately, very few NAACC members or clubs made the effort to provide impute to the Government survey website even though we

contacted you. It was truly disappointing. The ramification is that it will now be much harder to sell your Canadian vehicles into the USA as there will be a 25% import tax imposed on the USA purchaser based on the selling price. Apathy is very expense.

[www.citroenvie.com/newly-proposed-additional-25-usa-import-tax-on-all-vehicles-sold-to-the-usa](http://www.citroenvie.com/newly-proposed-additional-25-usa-import-tax-on-all-vehicles-sold-to-the-usa)

[www.regulations.gov/docket?D=DOC-2018-0002](http://www.regulations.gov/docket?D=DOC-2018-0002)

- The NAACC has once again negotiated with Marks Work Ware House for a 10% discount card across Canada (good for two years to 2021). This card will be distributed to you when your club renews its 2019 membership.
- **New NAACC website**—The NAACC has upgraded its website. Webmaster Cam Hutchins has spent many hours putting up a completely new website. [www.naacc.ca](http://www.naacc.ca) This new site has a wealth of information on it.

In closing, the NAACC has representatives in every Province in Canada insuring that you all have a trouble-free collector vehicle driving experience on our public highways. We thank you for your continued support.

Best regards,

John Carlson

President/CEO  
NAACC

## 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,



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