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# NEWSLETTER

*Appreciating  
the summer*





# FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT



The car show season is upon us, come rain or shine, I am guilty of spending more time out and about with my cars than sitting in front of my computer working on the E-news letter. Here we go...

At our Annual General Meeting in Red Deer, Eric Ruppert from the Southern Alberta Antique & Classic Auto Club was elected to the board. He takes over from Bill Hunter. Bill stepped down due to work commitments. I wish to thank Bill for all his work for the SVAA during his time and work. Malcolm Fischer, your hard working director from the Central Alberta Vintage Auto Club, was elected as Vice-President, South.

The attendance at the meeting was down this year. As always our meetings are on to all car enthusiasts and I encourage all clubs to encourage your club representatives to attend.

The weather has been a bit of a challenge for many of the events. I have used my windshield wipers and even my defrost more so far this year than I did all last event season. I would like to give a special thanks to all those dedicated club members and volunteers who come out in the freezing rain and scorching sun to make these events successful and fun to attend.

I have been a little disappointed in the rudeness that some of the car owners have shown to the volunteers at the events. Remember it is not the volunteers fault that you showed up late and couldn't park beside your friends or that you didn't take the time to note the time that the show closes and that there are not enough volunteers clear a path through the crowds to allow you to leave early. Please follow the directions of the parking volunteers as they are trying to get you parked as quickly and safely as possible.

Please ask your members to sign up to our e-mail blaster or forward the SVAA e-newsletters to your members.

This issue includes a story on the Reynold's Alberta Museum History Road event. We have as well a contribution from Randy Rollo, our Safety Director, on driving with attitude (not what you think). A reminder to your own newsletter folks: you have permission to reprint all or any portion of this, past and future newsletters

Safe Travels,

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## Must Attend Events

- The 10th Annual Collector Car Appreciation Day on Friday July 12th. This event is been held in various towns and cities in Alberta this year. If there is not an event in your area, encourage your club to do an event to celebrate the right to drive our classics.

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



# ANOTHER HISTORY ROAD HOME RUN!

**Malcolm Fischer,**  
Stettler, AB

Early June brought a sunshiny day (only a FEW showers later in the day, for a nice change!) for Reynolds-Alberta's annual old tin extravaganza, and it was sheer delight for old car buffs and all other attendees too. History Road 2019 is in the books and was a great success with just under 500 units participating. Nifty, eh?

The Old Editor got there early so's not to miss anything, and in so doing wandered deftly in through the wide open workshop door. This is the land in which dreams are made to come true, thanks to Darren and crew. And what did the Old Boy's wandering eye first spot? Well, a dandy all-done-up Buick Fireball straight 8, of course! Ain't she a beauty? Wonder what Buick beast she will soon grace? And in the middle picture .... now THAT is a cylinder bore, right? Perfectly restored, soon to start up by the looks of'er. And on the right, a CANADA diesel beast under reconstruction. Now THAT is rare. Can't wait to see it in finished garb.



Sauntering outside, a mosey led one magnetically all the way over to the real old tin. Lookit these beauties waiting to fire up! And "fire" this one did. In the middle picture, the ol' 1905 Cadillac chugged away and notice ..... no need for mosquito repellent when cruising in this baby! Nearby, some later model beauties, there on the right.



One of them was this 1917 National, below. Would you believe a flathead V12? Yep! In 1915, the same year the Packard 6 was introduced, National Automobile of Indianapolis came out with the V12s. In 1917, with increased engine size, National boasted that their car would "outperform any unmodified car in the world." Yee haw! Yes, for \$595 you could have a Model T, but for a mere \$3228, the National was all yours. Nearby stood Jerry Alderson with his beloved 1922 Minerva, a genuine one-of-a-kind model of the great Belgian marque. And she's for sale too, if Minerva's crank your engine! A stone's throw away (no, don't even THINK of it!), was this superb '33 Pontiac with a dandy straight 8 of its own. Beauteous!



One family (the Ol' Editor does not yet have permission to name them) made a magnificent donation – a '36 Ford cabriolet, a '70 Boss 302, a '56 Crown Vicky with glass half-roof, and these converts – a '50 Ford and a mouth-watering '50 Merc convertible. The Old Boy waited around for an invite to take the Merc for a spin but it was not forthcoming. Good thing – he probably would not have returned yet! And of course, what better way to grace a car show than with a bevy of Packards, there in the middle. And just to tease past-CAVAC-pres Billy, a rear view of a stunning '57 Buick Century hardtop. Sigh!



Inside the museum – and do take a spin if you haven't been there lately as there have been several display changes – was enthralling as always. A dreamy collection of Honda bikes from the 70s and 80s makes a special display, as did the several race cars on stage. Of course, what beats a Buick? Har har. JUST kidding. This one in the middle pic below is a '39 McLaughlin-Buick Model 4929 – one of two that was built for the 1939 Canadian visit of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth. Seriously though, is there ANY car ANYwhere to compare with the timeless beauty of Reynolds-Alberta's 1929 Duesenberg Phaeton Royale there on the right? A person could sit for hours admiring the beauty of every curvaceous detail. WOW!



And speaking of beauties, how about the sweet derrieres of these CAVAC temptresses, below left? Or the nifty curves of Dale's '65 Delta 88? Or, even in the midst of going topless, the flawlessness of Geoff's 64 1/2 Mustang? Yes, may of US were there!



Below left, see Gerald and Pat getting chairs all ready so's they can sit back and admire the beauty of their GMC. And it IS a beauty! And Marilyn chose to stay inside her '68 Chevy pickup for a while, as she waited for her Dad to make the scene. On the right, Norm hypnotizes another of many Hudson fans. Wonder if he told him how smoothly she rolls off of trailers! Har har. JUST kidding, Norm.



Vern cruised in with his delightful '52 Fargo – now THERE'S a rare beast, below left! Smooth as silk, says he. And in the middle "Little John" takes a breather from hauling folks around from point to point. Sweet runner, that. On the right ..... HELP, we've been Miata'd! Ha ha. About 30 Miatas graced the playing field with their zesty charm too.



Yes, there was something there for EVERYone. You like REALLY rare Land Rovers with a face only a mother could love? Check out one of the military vehicles on display, below left. And yep, Big Bad Bill was there – here's his latest cruiser, yon Kenworth. Where does Bill go with this toy? ANYWHERE he wants to!

The Old One saw Shirley in the '69 Pontiac earlier but couldn't find the car when taking pics. Maybe it was in the Kenworth's glovebox? And there on the right, yep, Daddy Don did show up with his fresh-out-of-a-long-sleep '66 Galaxie XL convertible. Marilyn could stop worrying then. Don was a bit late, so he couldn't decide. "Should I put the top up .... or down?"



As is ALWAYS the case, the Reynolds-Alberta folks organized another grand event. A fine day, fine old tin, and fine company all around. Thanks to all who worked hard to make this yet another success story at Reynolds-Alberta!

## DEVELOPING SAFE DRIVING HABITS

**Randy Rollo**  
SVAA Director, Safety

Humans are creatures of habit.

This article describes what I have done to develop safe driving habits whenever I'm behind the wheel.

Every day I would see drivers using turn signals poorly (or not at all), exceeding posted speed limits, not coming to complete stops at intersections, and following too close behind other drivers. I was guilty by varying degrees of all of this.

The first thing I did was started driving the speed limit. Not that I drove excessively fast, but I was known to exceed the limit. I soon realized that I was getting angry at other drivers for going too slow, resulting in aggravation. Now driving has become much more relaxing. I have lots of room ahead of me because everyone else was going faster. I'm doing the speed limit and not tailgating two birds with one stone.

Slowing down resulted in more tailgaters – many more than before. I believe the movie is 'The Gumball Rally', a race across the U.S from Times Square to the Pacific Ocean. An Italian driver ripped the rear view mirror from his sports car and said "The first rule of Italian driving, what's behind me is not important". This was a major part of my attitude adjustment. I used to get angry at tailgaters and would slow down, flash my brake lights, or apply my brakes, not to mention muttering a few unkind words. I now could care less about them because if they hit me...it's their fault, and if they want to speed, go around me.

I now come to complete stops at signs and lights. I'm sure some drivers get angry at me for doing this... but I don't care. (another part of my attitude adjustment ).

I used to turn on my signals and turn the wheel at the same time...not any more. Some drivers seem to have forgotten altogether what that lever is on the left side of the steering column does. They change lanes, turn corners and pull out into traffic without signalling at all. Others turn on the signal at the same time as they change lanes. This almost always requires the driver behind them to jam on the brakes. I now turn on the signal lights well ahead of changing lanes or turning corners. This gives other drivers a good heads up on what I intend to do. I have noticed that other drivers now make room for me now to change lanes...more so if I'm in the hot rod. When changing lanes, I leave lots of room between myself and the car behind me so they are not tailgating me.

I also use the turn signals in 'turn only' lanes. This helps develop a habit of using them whenever I'm turning. (Refer to the first line of the article.)

As I said earlier, my outcome is that I find driving is much more relaxing. The hardest part of this whole thing was changing my attitude. It took a little time but I'm less frustrated and enjoy driving much more than I did before.

NOTE: Go on YouTube and search 'Calgary drivers'. The URL is [www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=calgary+drivers](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=calgary+drivers) Someone has posted poor driving habits in and around Calgary from a dash cam.

Safe and pleasant driving!





## #105 NAACC PRESIDENTS REPORT - 2019

- Many Provinces including the British Columbia Government have issued 2019 Proclamations declaring July 12th as International Collector Car Appreciation Day across the USA & Canada and July as Automotive Heritage Month across Canada. Nearly all Provinces in Canada have now adopted this project. [www.semasan.com/collector-car-appreciation-day-2019-announcement](http://www.semasan.com/collector-car-appreciation-day-2019-announcement)
- NAACC Director Conrad LeLièvre is sitting on the Nova Scotia government automotive legislation re-write team. This is a long drawn out project that is far from being finished. The Conrad has spent countless hours working with the NS government to insure we can drive and use our collector vehicles on our public highways.
- The NAACC attended the (CCMTA) Canadian Council of Motor Transport Administrators meeting in Quebec in 2018. This three day annual meeting is the cornerstone for exploring new Federal motor vehicle legislation in Canada. The NAACC represents the Collector Car Community across Canada when it attends this meeting.
- The costs to attend this meeting to provide input is nearly \$3000 including airfare, hotel and registration costs. This is where some of your NAACC dues go each year. Thank you to Conrad LeLièvre for giving up three days of his life to attend these meetings on your behalf.

The NAACC will once again sanction the NAACC Coasters Cross Canada Tour in 2022. The 55 plus vehicle tour will travel from NF to Victoria BC. NAACC Director Fraser Field and wife Dorothy are once again the official Wagon Masters. Call up <https://www.coasters2022.com>

The NAACC is sanctioning two major Concours d'Elegance's in 2019.

The Cobble Beach Concours in Kemble Ontario <https://www.cobblebeachconcours.com> and the Crescent Beach Concours

<https://crescentbeachconcours.com/> in Surrey BC. Both fall under the NAACC umbrella. These are excellent shows!!!

- The NAACC asked for Club 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 Clubs or members made the effort or took the time to provide impute on the Government survey website even though we contacted you. It was truly disappointing. The ramification is that 'if' this legislation passes it will be much harder to sell your Canadian vehicles into the USA as there will be a 25% import tax imposed on the purchaser based on the selling price. We are all holding our breath.

<https://citroenvie.com/newly-proposed-additional-25-usa-import-tax-on-all-vehicles-sold-to-the-usa>

<https://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) This card was distributed with your 2019 NAACC renewal.
- The NAACC has a new updated website. NAACC Webmaster Cameron Hutchins has spent many hours building a completely new website. Please call up [www.naacc.ca](http://www.naacc.ca) This site has a wealth of information on it!
- Club Insurance has become a priority with many Clubs in Canada. We have clubs in nearly every Province taking our NAACC Reliance Insurance program. Club member protection is certainly worth the \$5.00 per year per member cost.

In closing, the NAACC has representatives in every Province in Canada working on your behalf to ensure that you all have a trouble-free collector vehicle driving experience. Don't forget to check the NAACC Facebook page for regular weekly updates from NAACC Director Bob R Ford so you know what's happening.