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## Presidents Report #117 –December, 2024 Greetings to our members and friends across Canada

### The policies and politics of the car world are in for a big change in 2025.

It is a matter of record that the NAACC supports SEMA in everyway. We have been working together for over 30 years. Our main contact person for many years has been SEMA Director Colby Martin. Our NAACC membership chairman Bob Ford is in contact with Colby often.

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### [Mike Spagnola](#) • 2<sup>nd</sup> President and CEO of Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA) President and CEO of Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA) speaks out.

"SEMA celebrates the re-election of Donald J. Trump as president, which promises to deliver to the nation and automotive aftermarket industry a host of important policies wins, including the prospect of tax cuts to support small businesses, a more-fair regulatory environment, and most importantly, a Day 1 end to EV mandates, which would have stifled American innovation and hindered an industry whose economic and cultural impact is integral to the American experience. We're excited to work with a second Trump administration to advance policies and legislation that will continue to make America a more prosperous and powerful nation."

As president of the NAACC I fully support the efforts of SEMA and encourage you all to keep a close watch on the hobby in Canada. There have been many ill-thought-out mandated policies put forth in all of the Provinces in Canada. A significant concern for me is the mandated and ill conceived "no ethanol free fuel can be sold in Canada". In my view this is a huge mistake. If Ethanol free fuel were available it will mostly be consumed by collector car enthusiasts, boat owners and private airplane owners. Most collector car owners are now coming to realize that Ethanol based fuel causes major damage and costly repairs for their cars that sit in storage and are only driven less than 800 miles per year. The NAACC did a Canada wide survey. The 'sample' that was used exceeded 5000 vehicles. The results that were found supported the 800 miles or less figure.

The costly repairs to gasoline powered garden equipment, service station storage tanks and collector cars is in the hundreds of thousands of dollars each year.

Ordinary daily drivers will not use ethanol free fuel because the gasoline used in their fuel tanks is consumed long before phase separation and major gasoline tank damage occurs. The cost of ethanol free fuel is also much more expensive. For vehicles 25 years old or older and any boats where the fuel is not used for a period of three months or more often serious damage occurs. Car collectors in Canada have resorted to removing ethanol in fuel themselves. Many collectors have resorted to purchasing ethanol free fuel in the USA.

The NAACC urges you to stay vigilant in your local communities regarding new driving restrictions pertaining to gasoline powered vehicles. Take the time to contact your provincial NAACC representative so that they can help protect your right to drive your collector vehicles. This is what the NAACC does for the hobby!

The public also needs to be aware that literally hundreds of thousands of dollars that are donated to charities each year by the collector vehicle community in Canada. Also, tens of millions of dollars are generated by tax revenue as well.

According to Hagerty marketing "The collector car market has grown exponentially over the last two decades. As millions of daily drivers age from new to used, and from used into "classics," your pool of specialty insureds should rise in tandem.

But just how big is the collector vehicle market these days? These numbers should give you some perspective:

- **43 million:** Hagerty data tells us around 43 million cars in the United States fit the Hagerty definition of a collector vehicle. *That's around 16 percent of the nation's 275 million registered vehicles.*
- **\$2.2 billion:** This is the total amount of sales from North American collector car auctions in 2021.
- **\$1 trillion:** The combined value of those 43 million collector cars represents an estimated (and) astonishing \$1 trillion in total insurable value.

Those are big numbers. It's clear the market is substantial. But is it growing? Can it sustain itself? The short answer to both questions is **yes**.

Collector car values have been rocket-strapped for nearly two straight years – including a stretch of valuation increases lasting 15 consecutive months.

One significant reason? The youth movement.

Let's give Generation X some long-awaited recognition. These days it's Gen-X, Millennials, and Gen-Z driving the majority of Hagerty quotes for collector car insurance. Gen-X enthusiasts are just now reaching their peak earning years, with the latter generations well on their way.

Forty-two percent of millennial owners acquired their first enthusiast vehicle within the past five years.

While baby boomers still account for the majority of Hagerty collector car policies, younger enthusiasts represent the biggest drivers of growth.

### **Portrait of a collector car enthusiast**

The love of driving crosses all generations, but who is the average enthusiast these days?

First thing's first. Whether you call them enthusiasts, car nuts, gearheads, or something else entirely is irrelevant. Just know that somewhere along the way these "car people" went mainstream.

In fact, there are **69 million** individuals in the U.S. who may be considered car enthusiasts, and these are the drivers most likely to own or consider owning a collector vehicle of any age."

In Canada it is estimated that the National Association of Automobile Clubs of Canada touches over 400,000 collector vehicle owners. The NAACC has representatives in every Province in Canada. **We are partnered with several major organizations including TechForce Foundation, American Hot Rod Foundation, RPM Foundation, LeMay Americas Car Museum and the International Chief Judge Advisory Group (ICJAG)**



The NAACC offers all car and motorcycle clubs in Canada a comprehensive Club insurance program for officers/directors and club members. The cost per family membership is \$5.00 per family per year for 3 million in coverage or \$6.00 per year for 5 million in coverage. Simply call up [www.naacc.ca](http://www.naacc.ca) and view the various options and what the policy covers. The policy is offered across Canada. The NAACC offers this as a service and makes no money from the offering. Also note that the NAACC is a not for profit federally incorporated corporation and that all of our board our directors are volunteers. In closing, I wish you all a joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Warmest regards;  
John Carlson

### **NAACC accomplishments ( past 10 years or less )**

You, as automotive enthusiasts, need to be aware of the activities of the NAACC to support the hobby across Canada and assure that you have the right to drive your classic vehicle.

1. **Prohibited Paint** — Implementing the framework at the Federal Government level and speaking to the topic so that **Lacquer Based paint** may continue to be used in Canada. **(Our lobby was Successful)**
2. **Race Track Prohibition** — The Federal Government was going to ban outright the use of **Nitrous Oxide**. The NAACC was asked to speak on behalf of the racing community regarding the use of Nitrous Oxide for street vehicles that are legally raced on a sanctioned track. As a direct result of our talks with the government, Federal legislation was approved for vehicles to carry Nitrous as long as they conform to the requirements. NAACC president John Carlson wrote those specific requirements and presented them to the Federal Government on behalf of the racing community and the NAACC. **They were all passed into law.**
3. **Leaded Racing Fuel** — The NAACC was asked by the Ontario racing community and Motorplex Racing Inc, to approach the Federal Government and ask them to ease the restriction for the use of **leaded racing fuel**. After over a year of negotiations and many hours with the Federal Government, the continued use of leaded racing fuel was approved for racing in Canada. **( Lobby Successful )**
4. **Vintage Car Club of Canada requests a National Insurance Program** — Approximately 15 years ago the **(VCCC) Vintage Car Club of Canada** asked the NAACC to develop an insurance program for car Clubs. After two years of by weekly meetings with Pat Anderson, owner of Pat Andersson insurance agencies, a policy was developed under the umbrella of the **NAACC. This insurance program** was initially developed for the VCCC. It was then expanded and was offered across Canada. I repeat—this was a request by the Vintage Car Club of Canada approximately 15 years ago. *The policy took two full years to develop.* This policy is underwritten exclusively by Lloyds of London and Premier Marine for the NAACC and Reliance Insurance. **(Successful and is less than one half of the cost of the previous coverage paid by the VCCC)**
5. **Collector Car Appreciation Day and Automotive Heritage Month** — The NAACC met with SEMA/SAN (Director Steve McDonald) to develop an automotive recognition day and month North America wide. The implementation of **Collector Car Appreciation Day** with SEMA/SAN and the implementation of **Automotive Heritage Month was established jointly by SEMA & the NAACC. (Successful)**

July 12, 2024 was Collector Car Appreciation Day and July was Automotive Heritage Month. **Formal Proclamations were issued for 2024 in every English speaking Province.**

Many Provinces claim ownership of Collector Car Appreciation Day. **Note**—This was a joint effort by SEMA & the NAACC. Steve McDonald represented SEMA and John Carlson represented the NAACC. NAACC secretary **Tom Woodhouse** was the proposer of **Automotive Heritage Month**. Every year since its inception the NAACC has approached the Government for a yearly Proclamation.

**6. Judging Standards** — The NAACC developed a national set of vehicle judging standards and have been using these with the Vintage Car Club of Canada for nearly thirty years. They have been updated and redrafted and updated 12 times. **They appear in the [judging section of the NAACC website](#).**

**7. Judging Partners** — The NAACC has officially partnered with (**ICJAG**) **International Chief Judge Advisory Group**. (We are one of a very small group to have been accepted as a partner. Our logo is displayed on their website) ICJAG judging sheets are the standard to which many Concours around the world are used for judging including the Pebble Beach Concours, Arizona Concours, Hilton Head Concours and the Cobble Beach Concours in Ontario Canada. Many foreign Concours use this format as well including 21 Gun Salute in Europe.

**8. Cross Canada Tours** — The NAACC sanctions a Cross Canada Tour every 5 years. **The most recent Tours were led by NAACC Director and VCCC National President Fraser Field**. The NAACC financial involvement was approximately \$2500. (The participants pay their own way.) In 2017 there were approximately 100 vehicles on the Tour from **Coast to Coast led by Fraser and Dorothy Field**. The Tour was approximately three months long. In 2023 the Tour had approximately 60 vehicles and traveled Coast to Coast. It was approximately 2 months long. **The NAACC supplied signage, pins and looked after all of their insurance arrangements and needs. This included providing insurance for all of the Maritime participants.**

**9. Website** — The NAACC developed a new website in 2023. We currently retain a paid webmaster to look after the current site.

**10.** The NAACC is now working with the American Hot Rod Foundation to develop a larger member audience. We have formed a strong working partnership with them. Our logo is proudly displayed on their Home Page. <https://ahrf.com/> Their mandate is to preserve the history of early motorsports. Please keep in mind that the NAACC supports all Clubs whose vehicles are 20 years old or older.

**11. Two years ago, NAACC is partnered with TechForce Foundation.** This is a group that provides scholarships to our younger generation to enter the automotive restoration and mechanical trades.

**12.** The NAACC is partnered with **LeMay, Americas Car Museum** in Tacoma WA. The NAACC provides a number of free admission tickets every year to all NAACC members. This is a saving of roughly \$40 US per two people. This museum has been ranked as one of the 10 best in the USA. **These ticket offerings have been used by many NAACC members** in the past and are still available by [contacting John Carlson](#).

**13.** The NAACC offers quarterly reports directly to all Associated clubs across Canada. We provide updates to our general membership and to anyone else online who is Interested in reading them: [NAACC Reports](#)

**14.** The NAACC is a Federally Registered *NOT FOR PROFIT* Corporation. It has been in operation since 1970. **No one gets paid anything. None of the Board of Directors or the President and Executive get paid anything. They do this work for the love of the hobby.**

**15. The NAACC is represented in every Province in Canada.** We have one or more full time Directors in all 10 Provinces. Many Provinces have two or three directors.

**In summary.**

*This a very brief overview.* There is much more that is currently being done in many provinces across Canada by the NAACC. This includes the current NAACC Canada wide Federal lobby to allow the continued use of Ethanol free fuel. The NAACC has met with MP's in the Federal Government. Our most recent meeting and presentation was to the (BCHRA) British Columbia Hot Rod Association and to MP John Aldag Minister of Parliament Cloverdale & Langley City. As a result of the March 2024 meeting the Minister has agreed to present our NAACC request to the House of Parliament. A second MP from the opposition has also stepped forward and has agreed to present on our behalf.

If the NAACC had not led this charge, in my opinion, this petition and MP support would not have happened.

**In 2024 an online Ethanol Free Petition was developed and the application was submitted to the Federal Government for approval. Thankfully it was approved by the Federal Government. The petition ended April 17, 2024.** As of October 2024 we are waiting for the results.

*I urge you and your clubs to become more proactive by forming committees to monitor what is happening in your local communities so that you are not legislated off your public highways by the well-intentioned and mis-informed.*

John Carlson  
NAACC President/CEO

## NAACC Insurance Information

If your club requires an insurance certificate for any club event, please contact the person below.

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Re Insurance –It is very important that all Clubs know that when they need a certificate of insurance that the request goes directly to Christine Coulter of Reliance Insurance and that also the Club does a preliminary safety check of the area where the event is to be held to ensure that the area is safe to the best of their knowledge. Any irregularities or concerns should be pointed out to the landlord / owner of the property immediately before the event takes place. If there are caution areas proper posting and signage should be present. ( rough walkway, wet floor, loose handrail etc.)

# Automotive Heritage Month

Automotive Heritage Month July 2024 proclamations were received from 9 provinces at the time of editing this newsletter. Congrats to the NAACC Directors for taking the time to do this work. The NAACC is working with Quebec to have them involved next year.



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B.C.



Ontario



Manitoba



NL.



PEI



Sask.



Alberta



## SAN News Articles

The SEMA Action Network (SAN) was formed in 1997 to unite vehicle clubs, enthusiasts and members of the specialty auto parts industry as a political voice for the hobby. SAN efforts have resulted in positive outcomes on a wide range of issues, from vehicle scrappage laws to equipment standards, registration classifications, emissions-test exemptions and hobbyist rights.

SAN regularly issues alerts on significant legislation activity in the USA that affects the car hobby. As some of this legislative change often make it across the border into Canada, the NAACC feels that our members need to be aware of happenings south of the border.

10-18-2024:

New York has introduced SAN-opposed legislation (A. 10712) to require most new vehicles to be equipped with intelligent speed assistance starting in 2029. These systems notify drivers every time they exceed the speed limit by 10 mph. This intrusive legislation threatens your driving experience and personal freedom.

10-07-2024:

New Jersey has introduced SAN-opposed legislation (S. 507) that would outlaw the installation, modification, and sale of muffler and exhaust modifications that increase a vehicle's noise. **The Senate Transportation Committee passed S. 507, which now awaits consideration on the Senate floor.**

9-26-2024:

The Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA) applauds California Gov. Gavin Newsom for his decision to veto Senate Bill 961 (Wiener), a bill that would have fragmented national vehicle safety policies by mandating a state-level standard that could have conflicted with ongoing federal safety efforts and preempted national vehicle safety regulations. Under SB 961, certain new vehicles sold in California would have been required to come equipped with a passive speed notification system.

9-19-2024:

Pennsylvania has introduced SAN-opposed legislation (H.B. 2556) that would outlaw installing, modifying, and selling muffler and exhaust systems that increase a vehicle's noise.

Pennsylvania must implement a fair testing procedure and decibel limit for vehicle owners accused of exhaust noise violations. Other states have adopted a decibel limit of 95 decibels when tested under an SAE International procedure, which provides a fair and reasonable working system. This SAN-supported SAE test is conducted in a controlled environment using objective methodology. This solution offers Pennsylvania a clear standard with a proven record of success. **H.B. 2556 awaits consideration from the House Judiciary Committee.**

9-16-2024:

The Massachusetts legislature introduced a bill (H.D. 5357) to allow on-road registrations to be issued for imported vehicles manufactured at least 25 years ago. Under federal law, these vehicles are exempt from federal safety and emissions standards.

9-03-2024:

California lawmakers passed SB 961, a bill that would force new vehicles to notify drivers every time they exceed the speed limit by just 10 mph starting in 2030. This intrusive legislation threatens your driving experience and personal freedom.

7-31-2024:

The Rhode Island legislature failed to pass SAN-supported legislation (H.7784) which would have prohibited the state from adopting California's motor vehicle emission standards.

7-31-2024:

The Vermont legislature failed to pass SAN-supported legislation (H.803) which would have reformed the state's existing exhaust noise laws. The bill, which included elements of SEMA's model legislation, would have implemented a fair and objective method for determining compliance with the law.

7-16-2024:

Governor Josh Shapiro signed into law a SAN-supported bill (S.B. 298) to allow doorless driving for vehicles such as Jeeps and Broncos. This bill addressed the previous legal restriction in Pennsylvania, which was the only state where driving without doors, except for off-roading, was illegal. **This act will take effect in 60 days.**

7-9-2024:

Hawaii Governor Josh Green signed into law SAN-opposed legislation (**S.B. 2350**) to reform the enforcement of its exhaust noise laws, which was amended to create enhanced penalties for repeat offenders. However, the underlying laws are fundamentally flawed. Similar legislative proposals have failed to be approved in prior years, **including last year**. Currently, Hawaii prohibits mufflers that "noticeably increase the noise" and mandates that mufflers must be identical to their factory setting. The current law is unenforceable as it is vague, subjective, and unfair.

Hawaii must implement a fair testing procedure and decibel limit for vehicle owners accused of unreasonable exhaust noise violations. Other states have adopted a decibel limit of 95 decibels when tested under an SAE International procedure, which provides a fair and reasonable working system. This SAN-supported SAE test is conducted in a controlled environment using objective methodology. This solution offers Hawaii a clear standard with a proven record of success.

7-02-2024:

New Jersey introduced SAN-supported legislation (S.2252), prohibiting the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) from adopting California's ban on new gas- or diesel-powered vehicles.

**If any of your club hear of impending legislation changes that may negatively affect the car hobby in your province, please alert your provincial director(s) to that fact.**

## Cobble Beach Concours d' Elegance 2024

The 2024 Cobble Beach Concours d' Elegance was again a great success.  
Your NAACC directors acted as judges at this premier events.  
The three major winners at the show are given below.



### **Outstanding**

1947 Bentley Mk. VI Falaschi Coupe

### **Outstanding Pre-War**

1932 Marmon Sixteen Convertible Coupe

### **Outstanding Post-War**

1957 Ferrari 250 GT LWB



# NAACC Partners

The organizations listed below are partnered with the NAACC to affect positive changes for the hobby. You are encouraged to become aware of what each organization does. Links are provided.

## American Hot Rod Foundation:

The American Hot Rod Foundation is made up of hot rodders and land speed racers who want everyone to experience and enjoy real hot rodding as we do. Fortunately for all of us, there are more great events popping up every day celebrating traditional hot rodding. We will not only cover and discuss these events but will be involved in many of them as well. We feel it is important that this tradition be a living thing and that early hot rod technology be used and demonstrated in ways similar to what our original hot rod pioneers experienced. Check in with us often for our coverage of all things “living” in the world of old school hot rodding!

Contact Link: [AHRF.org/about](http://AHRF.org/about)

## Techforce Foundation

TechForce™ is a community of students, working techs, educators, industry and donors committed to helping young people find a technical education and career that fits (Hence the name “Tech-Force”). **Our mission is to champion all students to and through their technical education and into careers as professional technicians.**

Contact Link: [techforce.org/about-us](http://techforce.org/about-us)

## LeMay America's Car Museum

LeMay – America's Car Museum, a member of [America's Automotive Trust](http://America's Automotive Trust), is an international destination for families and auto enthusiasts to celebrate America's love affair with the automobile and learn how it shaped our society. Based in Tacoma, Wash., the stunning 165,000-sq.-ft. facility has been recognized as one of MSN's 10 Best Automotive Museums worldwide, USA Today's 10 Best Museums in Seattle and KING5's Best Museum in Western Washington. ACM serves as an educational center for students of all ages, features 12 rotating exhibits and hosts America's Automotive Trust's annual Signature Events.

Contact Link: [americascarmuseum.org](http://americascarmuseum.org)

**Note;** if you plan on visiting the LeMay museum, as a partner, the NAACC has a number of tickets available each year. If interested, contact [carlson44@shaw.ca](mailto:carlson44@shaw.ca)

## **ICJAG:**

The ICJAG is a group of chief judges for Concours d' Elegance shows. To get an idea of how judging works at these Concours, please review the videos at the link below.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrme9eARsEnxIz91A276CIA>

## **RPM Foundation**

The RPM Foundation believes that vehicles are more than just transportation – they have the power to bring us together, inspire us, and drive us forward as a community that shares a passion. But with restoration professionals retiring faster than students can replace them, the future of these rolling works of art is uncertain.

The RPM Foundation works to assure that the younger people have access to the training and mentorship needed to ensure that there are qualified technicians to help maintain and restore our automotive heritage in the future.

For more information, see the link below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PzHu93lflrw>



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The [National Association of Automobile Clubs of Canada](#)

will strive to act as the unified voice of the automotive hobbyist in Canada by promoting and encouraging the preservation of the automobile, its historic lore, and its associated items. The [NAACC](#) will encourage a cooperative working relationship between governments, at both the federal and provincial level to prevent restrictive legislation.

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**\*\*\*Latest NAACC Judging guidelines \*\*\***

For the complete copy of the latest NAACC Judging standards please download from this link.  
<http://naacc.ca/judging.html>