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Presidents Report #113 November 2023

2023 has been a busy year for the National Association of Automobile Clubs of Canada. The NAACC Board of Directors, representing every Province in Canada, met in Owen Sound Ontario in mid-September 2023.

Nova Scotia Director Conrad LeLièvre presented a detailed report about his attendance at the recent CCMTA meeting.

The Canadian Council of Motor Transport Administrators (CCMTA) is an incorporated body that coordinates matters dealing with the administration, regulation and control of motor vehicle transportation and highway safety. Membership includes representation from provincial and territorial governments as well as the federal government of Canada. The Council has been active for over 80 years, as such, CCMTA has the breadth, depth and reach into the areas of efficient movement of people and goods and in the area of saving lives on Canada's roads, while respecting jurisdictional autonomy to implement as appropriate. The NAACC is a long-time dues paying member of this group.

The 2023 CCMTA Conference was held July 17-18th. in St. John's Newfoundland and Labrador. Please take the time to read Conrad's latest report located on the NAACC website.

It gives me great pleasure to announce that the NAACC Hobbyist of the year was announced at the Cobble Beach Concours d'Elegance. Robert 'Bob' Ford Jr. was presented with the award. His dedication and commitment to the hobby is unparalleled. Bob serves as NL Director, NAACC Membership Chairman and overseer of the NAACC Facebook page. He and his father, Bob Sr, prior to his passing, have been looking after the NAACC membership duties for over 40 years.

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Bob Ford Jr is a serious 'car guy' who enjoys judging at various Concours d'Elegance events including Audrain, Cobble Beach and Hilton Head. His personal collection of vehicles includes many fully restored frame-off restorations of Edsel, Ford Falcon and others. Bob has been responsible for arranging the welcome and send off of at least four Cross Canada Tours over the past twenty-five years. Congratulations Bob!

On the political side, we have lost our ability to have pure gasoline available to us in Canada. **Ethanol is now mandated in all grades of fuel in Canada.** The NAACC has contacted the Federal Government to ask that they allow Chevron 94 and Shell 91 to remain ethanol free or, at the very least, have a one percent addition for compliance requirements. As collector vehicle owners, you should know that ethanol fuel destroys fuel tanks, rubber fuel components and carburetion components in older cars that are not driven frequently. You should know that 'phase separation' of fuel is a serious issue.

The NAACC mileage driven survey that was done some years ago indicated that collector vehicles are driven 'on average' less than 800 miles per year. We also know that the collector vehicle hobby in Canada contributes literally multi millions of dollars to the economy in each Province. *Logic would suggest that our Provincial Governments do not want to see this revenue stream disappear.*

As we move closer to the 2035 EV requirements the collector car hobby is going to experience significant pressure. There will be restrictions in certain parts of cities banning the use of gasoline powered vehicles. Driving restrictions are already being implemented in some areas. **It is very important for us to be proactive and point out our positive contributions to society.** We need to point out our many contributions to charity. We need to emphasize our historical significance and that we as collectors provide a serious financial impact to our local communities. *You, as collector vehicle owners, need to be proactive. As clubs I urge you to contact your MP and voice your concerns and displeasure with the new ethanol fuel mandate.*

A question that should be asked is: What percentage of pollution does Canada contribute?
Source: World Resources Institute (2023) Climate Watch Country Historical Greenhouse Gas Emissions. In 2020, Canada ranked as the 11th largest GHG emitting country/region. Canada's share of global emissions decreased from 1.8% in 2005 to 1.5% in 2020. Our contribution to GHG emissions is decreasing, not increasing!

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.

My warmest regards to you all.
John Carlson
NAACC President/CEO

Automotive Heritage Month

Automotive Heritage Month 2023 proclamations were received from 9 provinces. Congrats to the NAACC Directors for taking the time to do this ! The NAACC hopes to have a similar proclamation from the province of Quebec for 2024.



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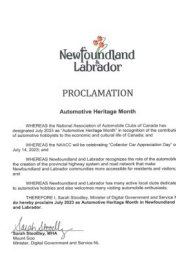
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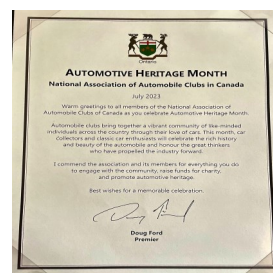
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If your clubs have any photos from Automotive Heritage

Canadian Automotive History

Did you know that the first Toyota automobile plant in Canada was situated on Cape Breton Island in Nova Scotia?

The facility was created by Canadian Motor Industries. It was located in the Point Edward Industrial Park, a former Royal Canadian Navy base. The first car assembled there was an Izuzu Bellet in 1968. The first Toyota came off the line in 1970. It was called the Toyota Canadian and was a 2-door version of the Corolla. Other Toyota models were also imported into Canada through Sydney harbour. The facility was only operated till the mid-1970's, when the new Toyota facility was built in Ontario.



First Izuzu Bellet 1968



First Toyota Canadian 1970



Unloading of Toyota cars at Point Edward



Unloading Toyota Land Cruiser at Point Edward

Legislation Alerts

The NAACC attempts to keep hobbyists informed of relevant legislation changes or challenges across North America that might affect the hobby.

California Restricted Driving Proposal

The state of [California](#) is looking seriously at instituting or allowing local governments to institute [zero-emission zones](#) in the near future. In preparation for such a move, the [California Air Resources Board](#) (CARB) reportedly is gathering information about classic cars and how their owners use them. We knew something like this was coming to the US and California would likely be first, but [this is still concerning](#).

According to a [Daily Caller report](#), on August 2 [CARB](#) sent a survey to owners of classic cars from model year 1978 or earlier. The questions were aimed at ascertaining how those classics are used and stored, as well as where they're driven. It even asks about how many miles show on owners' odometers. Knowing how increasingly authoritarian many government agencies seems to be trending, this is concerning to many car enthusiasts who still live in the Golden State.

While this is in California, sometimes these initiatives cross the border

For more information check out the link below.

https://autos.yahoo.com/report-california-looking-restrict-travel-120000026.html?soc_src=social-sh&soc_trk=ma

British Exemption for Classic Cars in ULEZ

In a British magazine "Practical Classics", November 2023 edition, there was an article on the ULEZ (Ultra-Low-Emissions Zones) in Britain. They require non-compliant vehicles to pay a daily charge of £ 12.50 to drive in those zones. Those zones extend to all London boroughs. But Practical Classics reported in this article that cars in the DVLA's "historic" category (over 40 years old) are exempt from that charge.

It is good to have a precedent to call up of similar legislation changes are ever planned for Canadian jurisdictions.

Halifax Vehicle Noise By-Law:

In 2021, the Province of Nova Scotia amended the Motor Vehicle Act to permit municipalities to enact by-laws on motor vehicle noise.

The amendment stated the following:

305A The council of a city, town or municipality may make regulations or bylaws respecting noise produced in connection with a vehicle, including

- (a) defining what constitutes an objectionable noise;
- (b) establishing a method of determining or measuring noise; and
- (c) prohibiting the use or operation of a vehicle if the noise produced in connection with that vehicle is objectionable noise.

The Halifax Regional Municipality enacted a by-law to control excessive vehicle noise. That by-law was V 300. It defined objectionable noise as follows:

“Objectionable Noise” is any noise emitted by a Motor Vehicle that:

- (i) unreasonably disturbs or tends to disturb the peace and tranquility of a neighbourhood;*
- (ii) emits a sound measured at 96 db(A) or more as measured by a sound level meter; or*
- (iii) is increased by a device attached to the muffler or exhaust system; and*

The problem with the by-law is that ,as-written, it does not specify any testing standards or procedures to determine the noise level. As far as the NAACC can determine, municipality staff has recommended that the by-law not be implemented..

The NAACC has located a noise testing procedure created by SGI in Saskatchewan and has made a recommendation to the Registry of Motor Vehicles in Nova Scotia that a similar policy be enacted for this province. No reply from the Registry has yet been received on this topic.

For those of you interested, the SGI policy can be located at the link below.

<https://sgi.sk.ca/documents/37148/1964023/Vehicle+Noise+Policy+Manual+SECURED.pdf/a370dbdb-fa96-0995-4cd5-a2664aaed2a8>

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

The Cobble Beach Concours d'Elegance car show was a great success. This year's show was held over the weekend of September 15-17th.. NAACC directors were again privileged to act as judges at this prestigious show.

The three major winners are shown below..



Best of Show

1929 Ford L-29, Greg Ornazian, Troy, MI

Outstanding Pre-war

1935 SS Cars Limited SS One Airline Saloon, Jim and Lisa Hendrix, Chesterfield, MO

Outstanding Post-war

1958 Buick Roadmaster Limited Convertible, Vernon Smith, Swift Current, NL

For a complete list of class winners go to:

<https://www.cobblebeachconcours.com/winners>

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

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

LeMay America's Car Museum

LeMay – America's Car Museum, a member of [America's Automotive Trust](http://America'sAutomotiveTrust.org), 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: americasdcarmuseum.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



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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>