

# National Association of Automobile Clubs of Canada

## NAACC

### June 2011-- Update #81

#### **Word from the President**

We support Antique, Restored, Customs, Hot Rods, Tuner, and Racing vehicles that are 20 years old or older. We are North America's largest collector car vehicle association. Our many Alliances include the Specialty Vehicle Associations of Alberta and Ontario and the Collector Car Club Council of British Columbia. The Vintage Car Club of Canada has been a continuous NAACC member for over forty years.

#### **LeMay & SEMA & CCMTA**

- **We have a Strategic Alliance with the LeMay 'America's Museum' in Tacoma Washington and have a working relationship with SEMA.**
- **Our group is an associate member of Canadian Council of Motor Transport Administrators (CCMTA).**

We have NAACC Directors representing the collector vehicle hobby in every Province across Canada. **Our primary purpose is to interact with the Government to insure that restrictive legislation does not take collector vehicles off the public highways.** Often politicians are simply unaware that the collector vehicle hobby exists. In the early 1980's the NAACC spearheaded a successful movement to have customs duty on collector cars and parts 25 years old and older removed. We were successful! **In 1996 we were successful in dealing with Federal proposals that would remove all 1978 and older vehicles from the public highways.**  
(Canadian National Action Plan—CNAP)

#### **Leaded Racing Fuel Update**

In 2008 we helped in obtaining an extension for the use of competition leaded racing fuel. In 2010 we presented written requests to the Canadian Federal Government asking that the leaded racing fuel ban be extended for an additional five years.

**On June 19 2010 we were told by the Federal Government that the fuel extension was approved for an undetermined length of time.** When I spoke to Mr. Leif Stephanson, Manager, Fuels Section, Oil, Gas and Alternative Energy Division for Environment Canada on June 28, 2010 he said the ban was for an undetermined amount of time but would be reevaluated within the next five year timeframe. **This is a huge win for the hobby and special thanks goes out to all of the clubs, associations and stakeholders who helped make this possible. A special thank you to the clubs in Ontario and the SVAO. *The NAACC is a Federal Government Stakeholder.***

#### **Club and Officers Insurance**

***The NAACC offers a variety of insurance programs including officers and club members' liability insurance for both incorporated and non-incorporated organizations.***

We also offer, *at no charge*, a very extensive club package including discount programs to many major organizations including Delta Hotels, Avis, and Marks Work Warehouse, KMS Tools, Lordco and Tool World.

***The NAACC has declared July as Automotive Heritage Month in Canada.*** In 2010 there were many activities held across Canada that celebrated the collector car hobby. North West Deuce Day July 16-18, 2010 was held in Victoria BC. There were over four hundred 1932 Fords registered and 700 pre 1951 vehicles attended this event on the front lawn of the parliament buildings. Show chairman. Allan Clark was presented with a thank you plaque by the NAACC in front of thousands of participants and spectators. Lorne Kerr (BC) was honored for presenting the 'most historic vehicle'. He has driven his 1929 'Blown' Model A Ford roadster for nearly 50 years. NAACC Director Rudy Croken (PE) did an outstanding job in PEI organizing the government. PEI celebrated 'Heritage Month' with a variety of well attended activities. NAACC executive secretary Tom Woodhouse (SK) is the Heritage Month chairperson. We look forward to another fun filled July in 2011.

**2011-LeMay 'America's Car Museum'**, Tacoma Washington, is more than half finished with the construction of their new museum. Congratulations to CEO David Madeira and his Board of Directors and Steering Committee. The construction progress may be viewed at [www.lemaymuseum.org](http://www.lemaymuseum.org) The NAACC has a Strategic Alliance with the LeMay America Museum. NAACC president John Carlson sits on the Steering Committee.

**Cross Canada Tour, Coaster's Tour 2010** lead by wagon masters Fraser and Dorothy Field was completed in August 2010. This exciting 24,000 km adventure was a huge success with more than 100 vehicles traveling from coast to coast. The event was operated under the umbrella of the NAACC; all participants were NAACC members. An NAACC thank you recognition plaque was presented in Victoria BC to the Fields on behalf of the hobby.

**Corporate membership is now available.**

**Our new corporate advertising program *provides significant business exposure* and is now available. If you know of a business who would like to get involved please contact Gordon Forman at [DirectorMB@naacc.ca](mailto:DirectorMB@naacc.ca)**

We have had many success stories since our incorporation in 1976. Currently there is a movement at various government levels to restrict the use of vehicles 1990 and older. Vehicle storage and restrictive exhaust emission requirements ***and ride height issues in the eastern provinces*** are also concerns for us. The promotion of restrictive legislation is ongoing in Canada. Our web site [www.naacc.ca](http://www.naacc.ca) provides membership information and contains many new updates.

Significant membership numbers and awareness is the key to keeping our vehicles on the public highways without restrictions. We all need to stand united together and be heard as a common voice. We appreciate your support.

Sincerely,  
John Carlson  
President / CEO NAAC  
[www.naacc.ca](http://www.naacc.ca)