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The 1957 Meteor. (Art Terfry)

Following a brutal winter all across Nova Scotia, the 'cool cars' are out of the garages and back on the streets and the fast food parking lots.

We might not have roller-skating servers like in American Graffiti, but we still enjoy the tunes, the good food and the great lines of a hot car.

Whether you drool over a '63 split-window Corvette coupe, or your favourite car is an under-powered, and odd looking Citroen 2CV, most of us will stop dead in our tracks to look at a classic car or truck.

We've come a long way from rumble seats and running boards, but we all have a car in our memories that we'd like to own.

Nova Scotia has enjoyed a long and cherished relationship with the motor vehicle. Do you remember that the first Toyota car plant in Canada was in Cape Breton or that Volvo cars were assembled right here in Halifax.

Young people still enjoy cars as much as we old guys do. That is evidenced by the success of the Fast & Furious movie series. There is a little bit of Dominic Toretto in all of us as far as the love of classic cars is concerned.

And as far as new classics, what person wouldn't like to get behind the wheel of a new 712 horsepower Dodge Challenger Hellcat for at least one drive.

But for those with slower dreams, a nice Nash Metropolitan might be a better choice.

The Nova Scotia government, at the request of the NAACC, has again proclaimed July as Automotive Heritage Month as a way of saluting the impact that motor vehicles have had on this province.

Take some time and visit a car show during Automotive Heritage Month and enjoy the history that is exhibited in these vehicles.

The NAACC has requested these proclamations all across Canada to synch with the SEMA Action Network sponsored National Collector Car Day on Friday July 10 all across the U.S.A.

Let's go cruise!

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