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National Association of Automobile Clubs of Canada

Greetings All,

These last two to three years have been a struggle for the old car hobby. Many events were cancelled in 2019 and are thankfully emerging again in 2022.

The big Concours news in the USA is that the **Arizona Concours** is coming back after closing its doors in 2018. The revived Concours will be back January 22, 2023 in 'Old Town' Scottsdale Arizona to kick off car week. The venue is featuring the 'design and aerodynamics' of the automobile. The 100-car field will feature many of the most rare and exciting collector and race cars in the world. <https://scottsdaleperformingarts.org/event/arizona-concours-delegance/>
"Over the course of its five-year run, the Arizona Concours raised a reported \$300,000 for its named charity, Make-A-Wish Arizona, an amount sufficient to grant more than 30 wishes for children fighting life-threatening illnesses."

The big news in Canada is the reappearance of the **Cobble Beach Concours d'Elegance** in Owen Sound Ontario. Every year this premier show has featured world class vehicles from the USA and Canada. Many of the truly great collector cars of Europe and North America will be featured at this [Cobble Beach Concours d'Elegance | Sept 16 – 18, 2022](#) The (NAACC) National Association of Automobile Clubs of Canada plays a major role in this Concours as **the show is an official sanctioned NAACC event**. The National presents the Rolling Sculpture, Historical Significance and Canadian Hobbyist of the Year Awards. The NAACC Board of Directors will participate in the judging process as well. The NAACC will also have an in-person full day Board meeting at this event as well.

July 2022 has been designated as Automotive Heritage Month in Canada and the USA. The NAACC will also **celebrate Collector Appreciation Day July 8, 2022**. The NAACC started these two celebrations in conjunction with SEMA/SAN in the USA. These celebrations were established and declared by SEMA/SAN and the NAACC. The July 8th date marks the thirteenth consecutive commemoration in what is now an annual holiday to raise awareness of the vital role automotive restoration and collection plays in North American society.

Victoria British Columbia will be the site of the **Pacific Northwest Deuce Days**. The event takes place once every three years. The Northwest Deuce Days event is scheduled from **July 14 to July 17, 2022**. *A static display of 1932 vehicles will be located in front of the Parliament buildings on **Sunday July 17***. The Northwest Deuce Days event features pre-1952 collector cars, and was named after "deuces," a term used to describe vehicles produced in 1932. It is expected that there will be in excess of **six hundred 1932 vehicles** and over 600 pre 1952 vehicles from across Canada and the USA. This will be the largest 1932 gathering in the world according to the organizers. **The event is an NAACC sanctioned event**. The National Association of Automobile Clubs of Canada president John Carlson will present the Deuce Days Chairmans Award and the NAACC Historical Significance Award.

Cross Canada Tour: *2022 marks the 55th year since the first Tour in 1967.* The most recent Tour traveled from Victoria BC to St Johns NL in 2017. I can attest personally to what a great Tour it was as my wife Koko and I drove 22,000 Kms in our Cleveland powered Mustang. It was a great three-month trip! We traveled with approximately 99 other collector vehicles. This July the Coasters Tour leaves from Newfoundland and travels to Victoria BC. They should arrive in Victoria on Labor Day weekend. The sixty plus vehicle Tour will have traveled approximately 20,000 Km over a two-month period. Please take the time to call up SEMA/SAN and let them know what you and your club did during the Month of July so that SEMA can place your activities on their website. <https://www.semasan.com/canadian-legislation-and-regulatory-roundup>

I want to remind you all that our **Club Directors/Officers and Club Members insurance program has maintained its fee premiums for 2022.** Our insurance policy provides clubs and their memberships with the affordable protection they need. The policy also provides legal counsel and representation if a club has a claim filed against it.

In closing, I want to take this opportunity to say thank you for your continued support and wish you all a great 'Touring' summer and fall.

Warm regards,
John Carlson
President/CEO
NAACC