

National Association of Automobile Clubs of Canada Corporation

NAACC-- A Year In Review –Report # 82

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Greetings and Happy New Year to you all.

2011 had many positives in the collector car world.

- Our NAACC Alliance and support of the LeMay **America's Car Museum (ACM)** is very positive. Please call up <http://www.lemaymuseum.org> also, call up both Clubs & Sponsors to view our NAACC connection.

“LeMay: **America's Car Museum (ACM)** spotlights America's love affair with the automobile. Featuring a nine-acre campus – with a four-story museum as the centerpiece – ACM, situated atop Tacoma, Washington, 30 minutes south of Seattle and in the shadow of Mt. Rainier, will be one of the world's largest auto museums and attractions when it opens in June 2012.

ACM is designed to preserve history and celebrate the world's automotive culture. The spacious facility will house up to 500 cars, trucks and motorcycles from private owners, corporations and the LeMay collection, which amassed a Guinness Book record of more than 3,500 vehicles in the mid-'90s” *For those of you who would like to donate and become part of the ACM organization please call up the web site for details or contact the NAACC directly. Significant tax concessions are part of the donation package. Vehicle donations are also being accepted.*

- **Ride Height issues: NS**

The province of Nova Scotia started reviewing and rewriting its motor vehicle regulations in 2010. Some the proposals include restricting four wheel drive vehicles to a maximum **increased ride height** of four inches. The NAACC is working as a ‘stakeholder’ to provide recommendations. Our recommendations as a ‘stakeholder’ include having vehicles inspected based mechanical and engineering correctness. If a vehicle passes a mechanical inspection and is considered to be safe from an engineering standpoint it is our feeling that this vehicle should not be denied licensing for the public highways.

- **Leaded racing fuel:**

Our recommendation to the Federal Government to allow the continued use of leaded racing fuel *is still in effect.* Many race tracks across Canada were going to be forced to close their doors if this legislation was passed. We along with many car groups across Canada convinced the Federal Government to align themselves with the USA leaded racing fuel position.

- Revised 2011 **Judging Guidelines** will be released soon and will be available on the Web site www.naacc.ca
- **NAACC Forum:** Gordon Forman continues to oversee the Web Forum as well as chair our Appraisal Guideline committee. Call up the web site to access the **Forum** and make your views known.

Corporate Sponsorship Program: Quebec's Michael Lamoureux, Corporate Sponsorship Program Chairperson unveiled an inexpensive way for businesses to advertise their companies and products. Please see the web site for details. www.naacc.ca

- **Dues and Insurance fees: Both fees will remain the same for 2012. Neither of these fees has gone up in the past six years.**
- **Club Insurance:** It is with great sadness that I announce the sudden passing of Pat Anderson on December 19, 2011. Pat was a close friend of mine and also to the old car community. Because of his effort through the Pat Anderson Insurance Group we were able to establish what we think is the best *club liability insurance program* in North America. Call up the *insurance details* on the web site.
- **SEMA:** The NAACC has an Alliance with SEMA. *We support their efforts in the USA and Canada.* **Colby Martin** is the new SEMA Action Network Director. He is based in California. Please contact him personally with any questions or concerns. He can be reached at 909/978-6721 or by e-mail at ColbyM@sema.org Please call up SEMA at <http://www.sema.org>
- **56 OF THE MOST IMPORTANT MISCELLANEOUS TIPS AND HINTS** for automobile collectors and racers was published on the NAACC web site Jan 14 2011, refer to the web site www.naacc.ca

In closing, this is a very brief overview of what went on in 2011. I wish to thank all of our Directors for their efforts and many their hours of devotion for keeping motorsport safe and free from restrictive legislation in Canada.

Warm wishes and Happy New Year to you all.

John Carlson,
NAACC President/CEO