

Spring Edition 2023

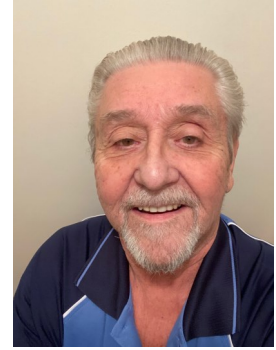
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The Newsletter of the Vintage Sports Car Club of Calgary



**SPRING IS HERE AT
LAST!**

From the Editor



It seems like a very long time since I put my vintage car to sleep in the garage. Perhaps this time distortion is part of getting old as some events, (such as my own birthdays), seem to happen very rapidly and take only a few months before happening again!

Never-the-less, spring is finally here and it is time to rouse my fifty year old car from its slumber. Although some of our club members have already hit the streets, I prefer to wait for the city to at least attempt to remove most of the gravel they have been spreading on the roads before venturing forth myself. The May long weekend is my personal start date for the 2023 season. Your opinion may vary!

Now that spring has arrived, assuming you have put away your vintage car away for the winter, it is time to properly wake up your baby from her beauty rest and hit the road with confidence that it will bring you back home without incident.

- Check all fluids and scan under the bonnet to check for pest intrusions. Now is the time to check all hoses and belts for signs of cracking.
- Check tire pressures and wear.
- Push the car out of the garage far enough that the exhaust fumes escape.
- If the battery has been on a trickle charger it should be OK. Otherwise boost.
- If everything checks out and the car is running at idle, you can ease out onto the street and drive slowly checking the steering and braking before heading out to the Deerfoot or Stoney Trail.
- Drive at least for 30 minutes and then change the oil and filter. Wash!

Have a great season and I'll see you out on the road! Larry (Ed).

The Prez Sez



Well finally sunshine and good driving weather. Time to dust of the cars and get ready for another great driving season. I won't go over the up-and-coming events as they are all on our website. I will mention that for some of the events we will be calling on our members (that's you) to volunteer some of your time to help out..

The Club is in the process of purchasing a larger shed for storing all our club stuff which up to now has been stored in a hanger at Spring bank Airport I would like to thank Chris Gorrie for setting that up but as the hanger is getting full its time to move to a bigger home (Like hermit crabs really) While I am in the process of thanking people I would like to also thank Doug McIntyre who has taken on the unenviable task of Webmaster. This is a very important position in our Club as it is how we communicate with our membership. Doug has had to figure all the intricacies of the systems we use so Kudos to Doug. We also have Keith Wilford who has offered to help Doug when needed so we are very fortunate to have them both on the Exec.

I mentioned earlier on that we will be needing Volunteers for up-and-coming events. As those who attended the last general meeting will know, the MG club in Calgary are running their MG2023 event in July which is an event that will require many Volunteers. We have offered to assist them in any way we can including with Volunteers for their event so please when called upon try and help if you can.











I am looking forward to a great driving season this year with some exciting and interesting runs coming up so please keep checking the VSCCC website to stay current with all events and above all please participate.

Regards

Chris

Your 2022 Executive

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		<p>The Executive meets every Month on the last Wednesday</p>

STRANGE CARS THAT SOMEBODY LIKED ENOUGH TO BUY ONE!

By Editor

I have wondered why some folks bought certain cars. This thought came to me while following a Cube car that was flanked by a Nissan Juke. Maybe it's a price thing but perhaps beauty is in the high of the beholder. Anyway here are some of the cars that have been produced over the years that I find disturbing to look at . Your opinion may vary of course!



1947 to 1949 Davis Motor Car

The Davis Motor Car Company of Van Nuys, California produced these unusual cars. They were powered by a 46 HP four cylinder engine. The cars were three wheel vehicles which the company advertised excessively as the next generation of automobiles. The cars were very top heavy with too much weight on the lone front wheel.



1950 Nash Airflyte

Nash manufactured cars since the 1930s. The Airflyte Ambassador was the first of the “Bathtub” series which featured the body overhanging the wheels and tires. It was a favorite of travelling salesmen as the front seat folded backward and to form a bed when butted up to the back seat. The slogan, “Before you decide, take an Airflyte for a ride!”, never caught on with the buying public.

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1950s BMW Isetta

The prime example of the pot-war bubble car, the Isetta was a rear engine two-seater with simple sliding windows and a fabric covered sunroof. If you look closely at the photo above, you will note the odd treadwidth design as well as single front-mounted door. In the event of a frontal collision, the passengers had little chance of escaping. The small bumpers did little to prevent damage to the body. Should the occupants survive a head on crash, there was no way to escape other than breaking a side window.

By 1955, the Volkswagon Beetle had entered the scene and the little bubble cars days were numbered.



Nissan Cube car concept. 2009

(Final product wasn't much better!)

The Nissan Cube car was unconventional front end which, according to the design team, was inspired by a bulldog wearing shades! Sold only in Japan in 1998, it made its first appearance at the Detroit Auto Show in 2017.

The car concept was “Denki” which is Japanese for Electric. It was designed to use an electric motor charged by lithium batteries stored under the floor panels. Perhaps the best description of the Cube designer quipped “It looks like its standing still even when going fast!”.

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1961—1965 AMPHICAR

The Amphicar was a West German-made convertible amphibian with Triumph components and a 14 foot fiberglass hull with two propellers at the rear. It was the result of 30 years of amphibious military research applied to a civilian application. Produced by the Quandt Group it was unique in being the only production amphibious passenger car in the world. It was equipped with a 70 cubic inch Triumph four-cylinder engine from a Triumph Herald. The front wheels acted as a rudder when afloat. Over the years, the car was prone to rust which was part of the Triumph heritage although the fiberglass body was prone to leak. At the time of import, it sold for \$3395, enough to buy a Chev & boat.



1971 AVE MIZAR Flying Pinto

As if the Ford Pinto didn't have enough problems with safety as a car, two aerospace engineers decided to mate the fuselage of a Cessna Skymaster to a Pinto and made it into a flying car. The way they imagined it, was that you could drive your Pinto to the airport, mate your car to airframe and hit the runway for takeoff cruising at 130 MPH far above the traffic. Both the car and plane were controlled by the steering wheel or yoke, and an extra set of pedals for the rudder. On its maiden flight, the wing began to detach and the pilot made an emergency landing in a bean field. After repairs, the duo took off and reached 800 feet before the wings collapsed which led to the death of the two engineers.

Vintage Sports Car Club of Calgary

Executive Meeting

Minutes

22 February 2023

Attendees

President Chris Durtnall

Vice President Brent Clark

Treasurer Mark Rintoul

Secretary Gary Beckstead

Director-at-Large Ian Laird

Director-at-Large Tony Lamb

Director-at-Large Keith Wilford

Director-at-Large Doug McIntyre

SVAA Brent Clark

Regrets

Inter-Club Coordinator,

and Public Relations VACANT

Web Master Oliver Buchmann

Membership Chris Gorrie

Director-at-Large Sterling Rempel

Historian Rob Jaycock

Events Coordinators Deb D'Arnot, Donna Lamb, Peggy Gorrie

MINUTES

Call to Order

The meeting came to order at approximately 19:03 - chaired by Chris Durtnall.

The meeting was held at the Danish Canadian Club.

The items listed below were discussed.

A. Communication and emails to General Membership (Keith)

a. Only 4 members, all members of the executive, attended the last general meeting on

08 February.

b. The location of meetings on the website up to that date was the Austrian Canadian

Club. Doug indicated that the location has now been changes to the Danish Canadian Club.

c. As the club newsletter comes out at 3-month intervals, it was felt that more frequent

communication to the members was warranted.

d. It was generally agreed that the monthly email should be sent to all members immediately following the Executive meeting. Chris will prepare the email contents for

the Executive to critique before Oliver/Doug send it out. The email will discuss coming

events for the month ahead.

e. Doug indicated that the website calendar had been updated to show the dates of general meetings and drives in lieu of meetings.

B. ECCM

A. Chris D. indicated that the permit had been received from City Parks for Saturday

22 July 2022. The permit will be amended to indicate a rain-out date of

05 August 2023. An additional fee will need to be paid for the rain-out-date (Mark).

b. The organizing committee held an inaugural meeting on 20 February. Ian Laird and

Chris Durtnall presented the main points from that meeting:

- i. Deb's son, a graphic artist, has offered his services to prepare a poster and he could also provide assistance with other PR duties, if needed. He is able to provide a drone to fly over the field. The committee will assemble a budget for ECCM promotion (Facebook, poster, drone, etc.) and will submit it to the Executive for approval.
- ii. The charity will be the Veteran's Food Bank
- iii. Chris D. has arranged to have the CBC interview him about the ECCM.
- iv. Ian has prepared a "save that date" letter that he will send out to past and prospective sponsors. Ian will also circulate a letter to the executive for their comment, which is intended to be sent to sponsors formally inviting them to sign up. There was general agreement with the committee's desire to have all sponsors paid in full well in advance of the show; otherwise their name/logo will not appear on ECCM promotional materials. Mark will prepare invoices for sponsors who sign up. There will be a full refund if the show does not occur.
- v. Ian will arrange with Chris Gorrie to prepare an inventory of items at the storage area.

vi. Need to recruit a driver for the U-Haul who is not registered to have a vehicle in the show. Tony has offered to be the driver.

vii. Ian will ask Reigel Tuning if they would be willing to provide bags and items to put

in them. The social committee ladies will be responsible for stuffing the bags with consumables that may be useful to attendees on the day of the show; e.g., water, granola/energy bars, nuts, etc.

viii. Featured Marque(s) – no decision made

1. 100 years of Le Mans (there could be 10 vehicles in Calgary that are capable of competing in the event)

2. 50th anniversary of Lamborghini

3. 75th anniversary of Land Rover

4. 100th anniversary of Porsche

5. Tony indicated that 2023 is also the 100th anniversary of Triumph.

ix. Parking will be done in sequence of arrival. Gary indicated that single row (north-

south orientation) parking of all vehicles facing east will eliminate the need for backing up, thereby speeding up parking.

x. A list of required volunteers will be prepared. Providing coffee and doughnuts for

volunteers would need to be part of the budget for the event and would require approval by the Executive.

xi. Chris Durtnall has talked to the Shriners about catering. The Shriners will provide

Breakfast and Lunch.

xii. Chris D. will enquire if ABC Party Rentals can provide garbage bins as well as

tables, toilets and wash stations. This would save the Club having to buy and store garbage bins.

c. There was general agreement with the committee's decision to not have judging by

marque. Instead there will be only two prizes: Best in show and people's choice.

d. Brent made a motion based on the committee's recommendation, to have the registration fee waived for all volunteers at the show; seconded by Chris Durtnall.

Passed unanimously.

e. Brent made a motion to have the committee rent a U-Haul van for transportation of

items to/from the event; seconded by Tony. Passed.

f. The committee had thought that there may be a need to rent a more powerful PA

system. Following discussion there was consensus to use the existing system powered by the generator we currently own.

g. Chris D. indicated that the Vintage Motorcycle Club will be providing a display as in

past years.

C. World of Wheels

a. Chris Durtnall has received registration information from Bill Knight, who is arranging

the show with the Stampede Board for 31 March to 02 April 2023.

<https://autorama.com/attend/calgary/>

- b. Five vehicles owned by the following individuals will be entering: Keith Wilford, Mark Rintoul, Chris Blackmore, Tom Scully and Doug James.
- c. Cost of registration is approximately \$262.50 (5 vehicles at \$52.50 per vehicle).
- d. Approximately 10 volunteers will be required to staff the display.

D. President's Dinner

- a. Tony will coordinate the Silent Auction. Tony will send an email to Doug for mass distribution to the general membership soliciting items for the auction.
- b. Oliver will provide for selection of either the chicken or fish entrée options on the registration page. [Done.]

E. General Meetings

- a. The general meeting on 08 March is cancelled as it is proximate to the President's

Dinner the following Saturday; Chris D. should advise the Danish Canadian Club that

we will not be present that evening.

- b. Speakers/topics for upcoming meetings might be as listed below (all subject to confirmation):

- i. 12 April – Chris D. has arranged for a member from the Calgary MG Car Club to speak about the coming MG2023 event here in Calgary. (See H, below.)

- ii. 11 October – Options include:

- 1. Luke Slominski, Millers Oils Authorized Dealer and Agent, Cell: 403 926 2112, www.millersoils.biz, luke@millersoils.biz

- 2. Reynolds Museum presentation.

- 3. Halifax Bomber Restoration

- iii. 08 November – AGM.

G. MG2023

a. <https://mg2023.regfox.com/calgary>

b. The Calgary MG Car Club has asked if we can supply some volunteers for their up

and coming MG2023 event here in Calgary

I. Specialty Vehicle Association of Alberta

a. Brent will follow up on adding the ECCM to the SVAA Events Calendar.

1. Executive Reports

a. Chris Durtnall:

a. No formal report.

b. Brent Clark:

a. No formal Report.

c. Mark Rintoul:

i. Mark presented the Treasurer's report for the period 01 January 2023 to 21 February 2022. The document circulated is appended to the end of these minutes.

Key items included:

a. Current bank balance \$15,962.93.

d. Gary Beckstead:

i. No formal report.

e. Chris Gorrie:

i. Absent; no report

g. Oliver Buchmann:

i. Absent; no report.

h. Tony Lamb:

i. Tony provided a mark-up of the “Come Drive with Us” brochure. Tony to send Gary

additional photos for the brochure. Mark to send photos as well. [Done.] Gary will

follow-up with the printer.

i. Keith Wilford:

i. See A, above.

j. Ian Laird:

i. See B, above.

k. Doug McIntyre:

i. No formal report.

ii. Doug to send note to lapsed members re: membership renewal.

l. Sterling Rempel

i. Absent; no report.

m. Rob Jaycock

i. Absent; no report.

2. Web Site

a. No report.

3. Paraphernalia

a. No update since last report.

4. Coming Events

a. General Meeting 08 March – cancelled in lieu of President’s Dinner

b. President’s Dinner – 11 March

c. Spring Break-out

i. Now scheduled for 13 May.

ii. Garage/Shop tours arranged by Chris D. may include:

1) William Jordanov

iii. BBQ at Tom & Sue Scully’s

d. SVAA Vehicle Safety Checks

i. Could be held at the same time as the Spring Break-out.

5. Past Events

a. 08 February General Meeting – very poor attendance.

6. Old Business

i. Drives

i. In lieu of meeting

1) Brent has organized these in the past.

2) These drives will start in May. Doug has entered the dates on the website calendar.

ii. Poker Drive

1) Mark described a drive that he is willing to organize for 10 June.

2) Brent Chris D. and Mark will select waypoints, which could include (to be confirmed):

a. Cochrane

b. Canmore/Banff (tentatively Banff Springs Hotel)

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- b. Canmore/Banff (tentatively Banff Springs Hotel)
- c. Johnston Canyon Lodge & Bungalows (tentative)
- d. Lake Louise (tentatively Lake Louise Railway Station & Restaurant)

<http://www.lakelouisestation.com/>

- b. \$40 for the meal from a pre-selected menu
- c. \$5 for charity
- d. \$45 total registration fee.

iii. Scavenger Hunt Drive

1) Doug will arrange one for this coming year.

iv. Other weekend drives

1) Tyrell Museum

2) Pioneer Acres

a. Brent is making arrangements for 12 August.

b. The Club could ask for special parking area inside the grounds, rather than parking with the public in the field across the road.

iv. Reynolds Museum (Brent)

1) 08 July 2023; 10:00 to 17:00

2) <https://reynoldsmuseum.ca/events/ultimate-car-show>

vi. Multi-day drives

vii. Dive to Waterton with BC chapter of the Porsche club

b. Additional Regalia items

- i. Chris G. indicated that there are lots of jackets and shirts.
- ii. He may need to order additional grille badges.
- iii. As some promotions companies have gone out of business, it may be more difficult than in the past to source various items.

c. Other Clubs

- i. Chris D. to approach the MG Club to see if they would be interested in holding joint events next year.
- ii. Chris G. to approach the Jaguar Club to see if they are interested in holding joint events.

d. Social Activities

- i. As discussed previously, activities proposed for consideration included:

1) Lawn Bowling

2) Picnic

7. New Business

- a. See A to G, above.

8. Notes

- a. None.

9. Adjournment and Next Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 20:46.

The next executive meeting will be held 29 March 2023. Location: Danish Canadian Club.

Minutes prepared by:

Gary Beckstead, Secretary

ABOUT THE VSCCC

The motto of the VSCCC is "***Dedicated to the preservation of vintage motoring***" and the main purpose is bringing like-minded enthusiasts together for the mutual enjoyment of our automobiles.

Membership is open to all those owning, and having a keen interest in, traditional (vintage) sports cars. Our current membership owns mostly British roadsters and coupes dating from 1935 to 1980; however all vehicles are welcome. Dues are \$50.00 per year.

General Meetings are held at 7:30 pm on the second Wednesday of each month at the Austrian Canadian Cultural Centre (3112 11 Street NE, Calgary) unless otherwise announced.

The VSCCC is a member of the Specialty Vehicle Association of Alberta.

Personal information is gathered from club members solely for the purposes of distributing club related information to the membership. Our membership list will not be sold or exchanged with other clubs or commercial interests.

The membership list (including members name, phone number, email and cars owned) may occasionally be distributed to club members. Distribution is intended so that members with similar vehicles can contact each other for help and advice. If you do not wish your name to appear on this list please contact the membership

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2023 WORLD OF WHEELS

The Club was well represented for the 2023 World of Wheels Car Show which took place at the BMO Centre from March 31 through to April 2. Five vehicles owned by the following individuals were entered: Keith Wilford, Mark Rintoul, Chris Blackmore, Tom Scully and Doug James.



Chris Blackmore enjoying a taking a break!



**V i n t a g e
S p o r t s C a r
C l u b
O f C a l g a r y**

Our members share a strong interest in their vintage sports cars and the friendship of like minded individuals. They share in the joy of a hands on restoration completed

VSCCC Regalia

Chris Gorrie, our Director of Regalia, would be happy to fill your order for any of the following::

- • • • **Club Jackets**— Stock on hand includes 9 Large, 7 Med, 2 XLarge Red with the club logo and fleece lining, each \$50.00 (actual cost is more- this is subsidized by the club) Order yours before the heat wave passes.
- • • • **Club Logo Patches** - 47 in stock
- • • • **Golf Shirts**—members cost is \$25-47 in stock
- • • • **Grill Badges** — \$15 - 29 new style, 7 Old style
- • • • **Window Decals** — two free to each member
- • • • **Can Koozies**—\$2
- • • • **Pens** - 217 on stock
- • **Mugs** - lots in stock

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