# The Wheel Spin



## The Vegreville Iron Runners Auto Club

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## Official Newsletter Of the Vegreville Iron Runners Auto Club

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#### Mission Statement

The purpose of the Vegreville Iron Runners Auto Club shall be to unite persons interested in restoring and preserving special interest motor vehicles; to encourage fellowship between members and their families in social, as well as auto Interests; and to promote and assist in the promotion of competitions, trials, and other events In which such vehicles can participate in their respective classes.

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## Important Items To Remember

The Vegreville Iron Runners Auto Club meets at 6:30 PM for coffee, with the meeting at 7:00 PM, on the first Wednesday of each month, except in January and August, at the Club House (Vegreville Regional Museum). Vehicle ownership is not a requirement for membership. Our meetings are open to both Husbands and Wives. Membership Fees are due at our February Meeting.

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#### 2021 Executive

President - William Smolak
Vice President - Orest Lazarowich
Secretary - Darry Anderson
Treasurer - Denise Komick
Events Chairs/ - George Sample
Phone Committee - Velma Sample
- Sylvia Smolak

Car Show Committee - William Smolak

- George Sample

Ron Reese

Graham BenoitRichard DensmoreKundan Kulwinder

Web Page Master - Laurence Anderson

Museum Reps. - Jerry Wilde

- Mike Sturmay

John Kitz

Past President - Denise Komick Bulletin Editor - William Smolak

<b>Bulletin Distributor</b>	-	George Sample
Archivists	-	Orest Lazarowich
	-	Denise Komick
SVAA Rep.	-	TBD
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### Past Presidents of The Vegreville Iron Runners Auto Club

Term	Name of President
1989 - 1990	Orest Lazarowich
1990 - 1992	Sylvester Komick
1992 - 1993	Paul Buoy
1993 - 1994	John Sokoluk
1994 - 1995	Don Bilocerkowec
1995 - 1997	Ray Welsh
1997 - 1998	John Skladen
1998 - 2000	Ron Lindquist
2000 - 2002	Tim Charuk
2002 - 2004	Gerald Granger
2004 - 2006	George Sample
2006 - 2008	Mike Dowhun
2008 - 2010	Orest Lazarowich
2010 - 2015	Denise Komick
2015 -	William Smolak
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## Title Page Photo

The 1959 Chevrolet Impala remains one of the most unique and evocative of any car built by Detroit in the fabulous Fifties, and examples like this show quality body-off restored Impala 2-door hardtop always excite the senses. Its White paint is complemented with brilliant bright work, full wheel covers with wide Whitewalls and a spectacular triple-tone Red interior.

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### President's Message

#### **VIRAC Members:**

In spite of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Iron Runners and the Agricultural Society will be hosting a modified version of the well-known Father's Day Event. Hopefully this will be a sign of better things on the horizon as the Provincial Government appears to be loosening the protocols and restrictions. Hopefully our summer will be closed to near normal and many more collector car events will appear.

Things have been relatively quiet with the Iron Runners, although the same cannot be said for the Vegreville Museum Society, which has seen the town take over control of the Museum and put some items into storage in a sea can while moving other items to various locations across town. As well the Museum building will undergo some changes in an effort to

make it more of a meeting place and tourist attraction. So far, our club house on museum grounds is still safe for the time being.

In the meantime, get out your collector cars and get them ready for an eventful summer. Perhaps, for the first time in two years, life will appear somewhat normal. William Smolak, President

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#### Fathers' Day Event Committee Report

Although the 2020 version of the Fathers' Day event was cancelled, it also appears that the 2021 version will be very different. The 2021 event will be a modified event with no demo derby, no people in the stands, and no people walking around the grounds. As well, there will be no concessions or vendors, and no music. People will drive their vehicles through the various line up of collector cars which will be arranged in such a way that people will get a half view of each vehicle. There is no admission fee or registration fee. The event will be called the Del Morrison Invitational, in memory of our late member who passed away from Cancer in mid-March of this year. At the end of the show, which begins with a cruise through town and ends with a show and shine at the Fair Grounds, the Father's Day Event Committee will make a donation to a local charity in memory of Del.

We will begin working on the 2022 version of the Fathers' Day Event near the end of March, beginning of April, of 2022. Once again, with the co-operation of everyone, including the weather gods, we hope to have another fantastic show and shine and Fathers' Day Event, in 2022, with all of our normal activities and attractions.

FDE Event Committee

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## Editor's Message

Welcome to another edition of "The Wheel Spin". Hopefully, one day, I will be able to resumed making hard copy versions of the newsletter available to our club members and others. I sincerely hope, the COVID-19 Pandemic ends soon so that we can resume our meetings and social gatherings. I really feel sorry for those who are isolated and are unable to visit with loved ones.

Our web site is http://vegironrunners.ca. Laurence Anderson is our new web master and he would appreciate receiving assistance with it as well as photos and articles to put on it.

"The Wheel Spin" is the official publication of the Vegreville Iron Runners Auto Club and is published quarterly in March, June, September, and December. The publication is included as part of our membership fee. Articles and opinions are welcome from club members. The Want Ads and For Sale Ads are free to club members. Deadlines for articles and ads are the 15th day of the month preceding the publication date. The deadline for the next issue in September is August 15.

This is your Bulletin; it is only as good as the effort you, the members, are willing to put into it. The drop off point for your contributions, suggestions and comments is my residence at 5701 – 43 A Street or you may also e-mail me at bsmo47@telus.net.

Opinions expressed in "The Wheel Spin" are those of the authors and do not necessarily represent the views of the Vegreville Iron Runners Auto Club or its members.

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Vegreville Iron Runners Auto Club Web Page
Please check our web page at
http://vegironrunners.ca

Specialty Vehicle Association of Alberta Web Site

#### Díd You Know

The "Vegreville Iron Runners Auto Club" has continued its spirit of involvement with the community. In the past, the "Vegreville Iron Runners" had provided financial support for the Canada Day celebrations hosted by the Knights of Columbus.

As well, the "Vegreville Iron Runners" have instituted a scholarship at the high schools, in Vegreville, called the "Vegreville Iron Runners Memorial Scholarship ". The scholarship is for \$1000 and is awarded annually to a student who is registered in a post-secondary automotive related program.

The Iron Runners are also continuing their support of the Regional Museum.

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## Vegreville Iron Runners Auto Club Archival History

Work on a history of the Iron Runners that was begun by Sylvester Komick and Orest Lazarowich is continuing under the leadership of Orest Lazarowich. Your utmost attention and assistance in completing this project would be most appreciated. This is only one of the legacies left to our club by the late Sylvester Komick. We still need all Past-Presidents to please submit a review of their year or years as President and to go through their files and turn over all materials they think would be appropriate for inclusion in our Archives. Your support and cooperation is greatly appreciated.

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#### Club Builders Award

The Vegreville and District Special Interest Motor Vehicle Club came into existence on the second day of October, 1989. The Iron Runners Auto Club name was officially accepted at the November, 1989, meeting and the first twenty five members were designated as charter members. The first annual meeting was held in September, 1990. The club is now known locally as the Vegreville Iron Runners Auto Club.

The original Charter Members who are members of the Club, at this time include: Denise Komick, Orest Lazarowich, and Jerry Wilde.

On a motion passed at the May 2nd, 2001, regular meeting of the Vegreville Iron Runners Auto Club, It was agreed that the Club would recognize individual members who have maintained continuous membership In the Club.

A Club Builder's Award will be presented to members who have achieved or demonstrated continuous contribution and support to the Vegreville Iron Runners Auto Club locally and provincially.

This recognition will be in the form of a plaque presented, at the annual meetings, to Individual members who are in the 5th, 10th, 15th, 20<sup>th</sup>, etc. year of continuous membership. This will be determined by the membership records kept by the Treasurer. The plaque will list the member's name, membership number, and the years of continuous membership.

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Vegreville Iron Runners Memorial Scholarship Sponsored by the Vegreville Iron Runners Auto Club

The Scholarship shall consist of a **One Thousand Dollar** (**\$1 000.00**) cash award, a presentation plaque and a one (1) year membership in the Vegreville Iron Runners Auto Club. **SELECTION COMMITTEE**:

This Scholarship fund shall be administered by a selection committee consisting of:

- 1. President or designate of the Vegreville Iron Runners Auto Club.
- 2. Two or more members of the Vegreville Iron Runners Auto Club.

#### **ELIGIBILITY:**

The Scholarship shall be awarded to a deserving Grade XII student, male or female, who is registered at Vegreville Composite High School, or at St. Mary's Catholic High School, and is enrolled in Work Experience or RAP continuing his/her education at a post-secondary institute in any of the fields of Automotive Mechanics (Automotive Service Technician); or Heavy Duty Equipment Mechanics; Agricultural Equipment Mechanics; Auto Body Mechanics (Automotive Collision Repair Technician); and/or Auto Parts Technician.

The selection committee shall review all applications for the Scholarship, and shall, when making its decision, consider the criteria outlined below and in its sole discretion give such weight to the criteria as it deems appropriate.

- 1. A certified statement of school marks issued by the High School.
- 2. A letter indicating the applicant's educational and future plans. In this letter, the candidate should include an explanation of why the automotive field or its related fields are attractive to him/her or why he/she believes they are a good fit for these fields.
- 3. Documentation of acceptance into a recognized apprenticeship program or a postsecondary education institution in the automotive field.
- 4. In the event a suitable candidate is not selected in the current year, the Scholarship shall be withheld.

#### **Deadline for Application:**

All Applications must be received by September 1, and no exceptions will be made.

The scholarship application must be forwarded to The Vegreville Iron Runners Auto Club, 

## Iron Runners Memorial Scholarship Application Form

Name:	Grac	de: Age:
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Student's Cell #:	Student's Email Add	dress:
Parents/Guardians:		
Address:		
Street/P. O. Box	#	Town/City
Postal Code	<u> </u>	
Home Phone Number:	(	Cell Number:
Parent/Guardian's Work Nu	mber(s):	
Emergency Contact:		Telephone
Student Timetable Period 1	Semester 1 Subjects	•
Period 2		
Period 3		
Period 4		
Future Plans		
Work Experience/RAP Progr	am:	
Post Secondary Training Pro	gram:	
Name of Post Secondary Sch	nool:	
Name of Current Employer:		
Name of Current Supervisor	<u> </u>	
Address of Current Employe	r:	
Contact Information For Em	ployer/Supervisor: Pho	ne #
Attachments Included:	Certified Statem	ent of Marks From School
	Personal Letter F	Regarding Future Plans
	Notice of Accept	ance into a Post-Secondary School
and/or		Employment in Appropriate Field Certification of Enrolment in an Program

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No applications were received for this scholarship at the end of the 2019-2020 school year.

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We have no events to report on, as COVID-19 has curtailed all of our activities.

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## Chevrolet Was All New for 1959

By Robert Tate, Automotive Historian and Researcher Images Courtesy of Robert Tate's Collection



1959 Chevrolet ad illustration (Robert Tate Collection)

The American automotive industry had a fantastic sales year in 1959. It was a year that was highlighted by the late Dinah Shore and Pat Boone introducing the all-new 1959 Chevrolets in television advertising. It was also a year that Rock and Roll music continued to rise in popularity, with Frankie Avalon's hit song "Venus" starting a long run on the music charts in May.



1959 Chevrolet Biscayne ad illustration (Robert Tate Collection)

The new 1959 Chevrolet models were introduced to the public during the fall in 1958. During the launch of the new models, many consumers had a mixed reaction to the 1959

Chevrolets. Some Americans thought perhaps that the styling was just too radical. Most of the criticism was directed at the rear end design, with some automotive historians saying that the cats-eye taillight design was memorable. The taillight design was drawn up by GM designer Bob Cadaret.



1959 Chevrolet ad illustration (Robert Tate Collection)

The 1959 Chevrolets were in direct competition with the all-new 1959 Fords. Both companies were competing to finish number one in sales for the 1959 model year. The styling of the 1959 Chevrolet models was a total departure from the previous year. In 1958, the all-new Chevrolet Impala was a popular car with the buying public, as consumers enjoyed the fresh styling. The 1959 model year ended with Chevy producing 1,428,962 units for the consumer market.

I remember as a young child during the late 1960s looking at 1959 Chevrolets parked on many Detroit city streets. By 1966, as the 1959 Chevrolet models aged, corrosion created a huge problem for older automobiles in Michigan.

In 1959, Chevrolet dropped the Delray nameplate, and the Biscayne became the new low-price model. The Bel Air series, which had been the top of the line nameplate since 1953, was now the middle-range series, and the Impala, which had been a sub-series in the Bel Air line in 1958, was now the top of the line model for Chevrolet.





1959 Chevrolet ad illustration (Robert Tate Collection)

General Motors introduced a new roof line design for Chevrolet in 1959. The overhanging rear roof design was called the Impala Sport Sedan. The model offered distinctive styling with a huge wrap-around rear window along and the overhanging roof design on the hardtop models. This popular roof design was also used on the Buick, Cadillac, Oldsmobile and Pontiac models for 1959 as well.

From front to back, the 1959 Chevrolet models resembled nothing else on the road; they were totally different designed cars. The most expensive 1959 Chevrolet model was the Nomad 6-passenger 4-door wagon with a price tag of \$3,009. Other wagons in Chevrolet's lineup that year were the Parkwood and Brookwood nameplates.

The Chevy El Camino was a totally new vehicle for 1959. It sold very well and became very popular among farmers. The El Camino also became an immediate hit for consumers who wanted a pickup-style truck with automotive style and performance features. Some automotive historians have said the 1959 Chevrolet El Camino was the answer and competitor for Ford's Ranchero model that was introduced in 1957. Some people called it a sleek passenger-style pickup.

In conclusion, the 1959 Chevrolet models were very popular among consumers. Michael Lamm and Dave Holls, the authors of A Century of Automotive Style, said this about the 1959 General Motors designs: "Several interesting sidelights on the 1959 body program: in their frenzy to come up with a new and different look, nothing seemed too bizarre to warrant serious consideration. In fact, any designer who couldn't produce ever-wider ideas risked losing his job."

Today, the 1959 Chevrolet Impala Convertible has become a true collector's model, and prices are not cheap.



1959 Chevrolet El Camino (Robert Tate Collection)

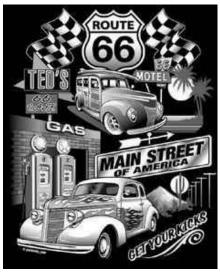
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#### Reminder:

Membership fees are now past due. Dues may be forwarded to Denise and are the same as last year. Denise's address is 5305 - 45 Street, Vegreville, AB, T9C 1C5. The date of the first meeting in 2021 will be at the call of the chair as determined by the current COVID-19 situation and the level of restrictions still in force by the Alberta Government.

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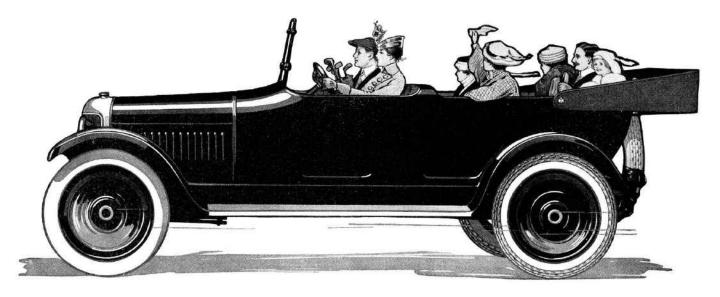




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On a Sunday drive to a golf course around 1935

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## 2nd Annual Vegreville Toy Run

Sunday, August 15, 2021 starts at A & W (corner of Highway 16A and 60 Street) at 12:00pm



Interested in donating? We are accepting new, unwrapped toys for children of all ages! We will also accept cash and cheques (please make all cheques

(please make all cheques payable to the Vegreville Christmas Bureau)

For more information or to join the Toy Run, contact Patti at (780)603-9032



ALL COVID-19 PROCTOCOLS WILL BE FOLLOWED









## Specialty Vehicle Association of Alberta



The SVAA was created in 1974 by a group of members of several Alberta vintage vehicle clubs for the original purpose of correlating event dates to avoid conflict This grew Into a lobby group which over the years was able to bring antique (one-time) licensing for vintage cars (25 years and older) to Alberta, and recently was able to petition, with the National Association, the Federal Government in order to prevent the creation of pollution or junker laws with respect to old cars.

Today, the SVAA consists of some 35 Alberta Vintage, Modified, Street Rod and 4-wheel Clubs in Alberta, representing some 2 000 individual persons.

#### Mission Statement

The Association is dedicated to the preservation, restoration, and enjoyment of all antique, collector, vintage and specialty vehicles. Also, the Society Is dedicated to bringing all auto related clubs in Alberta together, to promote and protect our common interest in the Automobile Hobby.

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#### Cruisin' The Dub

Be sure to check your local listings, for location & times, for more Information, check out www.cruisin@aw.ca

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### Calendar of Events (2021)

The SVAA publishes events throughout the year, so please forward your information to <a href="mailto:rds01@outlook.com">rds01@outlook.com</a> or by mail. Some events are now included on the SVAA web site at www-svaalberta com. Do not send events to this web site. Because of COVID-19, many events have been cancelled or have been modified to become cruising events.

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Over 70 Years Ago. This is PRICELESS .....

A little old lady from Wisconsin had worked in and around her family dairy farms since she was old enough to walk, with hours of hard work and little compensation. When canned Carnation Milk became available in grocery stores in the 1940s, she read an advertisement offering \$5,000 for the best slogan.

The producers wanted a rhyme beginning with 'Carnation Milk is best of all.'

She thought to herself, I know everything there is to know about milk and dairy farms. I can do this! She sent in her entry, and several weeks later, a black car pulled up in front of her house.

A large man got out, knocked on her door and said, "Ma'am, The president of Carnation milk absolutely LOVED Your entry.....So much, in fact, that we are here to award you \$1,000 even though we will not be able to use it for our advertisements!"

He did, however, have one printed up to hang on his office Wall (Here it is:)

True story!!!



6 Great Online Sources for Classic Car Parts

#### readersdigest.ca

One of the great challenges of owning a classic car is sourcing replacement car parts at a decent price. To help you in your hunt, we're highlighting six of the best online sources for classic car parts.

### Searching for Classic Car Parts?

If you drive a contemporary car, finding replacement auto parts is as easy as driving to the nearest auto parts store and telling the clerk behind the counter what you need. If you want to save money, it's still fairly easy to source a used part at a used car parts dealer or auto wrecker.

If your ride is vintage, however, finding classic car parts can be a challenge. Classic car owners often find that the parts they need are prohibitively expensive, or (even worse) simply not available. These owners need to be resourceful and creative, and the hunt for replacement parts they need to keep their old cars running like new often takes them online. Here are 6 of the best online sources for classic car parts.



The Chevrolet Website

If your classic car is a Chevrolet, you may be able to get what you need right from the Chevrolet (U.S.) website. You may need to do a bit of digging on the site to find the part you need, but the section of the website devoted to licensed restoration parts is surprisingly comprehensive. If you need parts for your classic Chevy, you can search the website.



Classic Car Database

As the name implies, the <u>Classic Car Database</u> is one of the most wide-ranging and useful sites for lovers of antique, vintage and classic cars. No matter what kind of vehicle you own, chances are you'll find something useful on this site. The Classic Cars Database serves as a directory of vendors, services and parts, all aimed at the classic car enthusiast.



Kanter Auto Products

The <u>Kanter Auto Products website</u> is one of the most widely-known and respected names in the classic car community. Kanter stocks a wide variety of classic car parts, so chances are good that what you can't source offline, you'll find here. Just go to <u>kanter.com</u> and use their convenient search function to find the parts you need for your classic car.



CarParts.com

While CarParts.com does not specialize in classic cars *per se*, the site does offer a number of cool car accessories and replacement parts for older vehicles. Whether you need a new spare tire or a new cup holder, you can probably find it on the CarParts.com website. A side bonus is that CarParts.com probably has the parts you need for your newer car as well, so you can get all your shopping done at one place. Just go to CarParts.com to get started.



Fossil Cars

Your classic car may not be a fossil, but the <u>Fossil Cars website</u> is a great place to get parts and accessories for it. This site has a large inventory of parts for classic cars and muscle cars of all makes and models, and it is a fantastic place to start your search.



MACs Antíque Auto Parts

Many classic car aficionados swear by MACs Antique Auto Parts. No matter what kind of classic car you drive, chances are you can find the part you need on the MACs Antique Auto Parts website.

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#### Suggested Disclaimer For Hosting An Event

The undersigned hereby agree to indemnify all officers and directors against any and all alleged wrongful acts, wrongful acts and/or claims resulting from attendance and participation in this tour and associated events. I/we certify the vehicle indicated above is properly and adequately Insured, licensed, registered and is in a safe operating condition.

Signature:	Date:
Name:	
	(Please Print)
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## Something For The Chefs In Our Lives Chocolate, Caramel & Oatmeal Bars



Prep Time: 20 min. Total Time: 55 min.

Servings: 24 servings, 1 bar (44 g) each

Chocolate chips, chopped pecans and creamy
caramel come together in these chewy oatmeal bars. This
big batch of baked bars is perfect for bake sales, family
get-togethers or potlucks.

#### **Ingredients**

24 Kraft Caramels

1/2 cup canned evaporated milk

1 cup flour

1 cup quick-cooking oats

3/4 cup packed brown sugar

1/2 tsp. baking soda

1/4 tsp. salt

3/4 cup cold butter, cut up

1 cup Baker's Semi-Sweet Chocolate Chips

1/2 cup chopped pecans

Procedure:

Heat oven to 350°F.

Line 9-inch square pan with foil, with ends of foil extending over sides; spray with cooking spray.

Cook caramels and milk in saucepan on low heat 2 to 3 min. or until caramels are completely melted and sauce is well blended, stirring frequently.

Remove from heat.

Mix flour, oats, sugar, baking soda and salt in large bowl.

Cut in butter with pastry blender or 2 knives until crumbly; press half onto bottom of prepared pan.

Bake 10 min.; top with chocolate chips and nuts.

Drizzle with caramel sauce; sprinkle with remaining crumb mixture.

Bake 20 to 25 min. or until golden brown.

Cool completely.

Use foil handles to lift dessert from pan before cutting into bars.

#### **Kitchen Tips**

Substitute walnuts for the pecans.

Use Your Microwave. To prepare caramel sauce in the microwave, place caramels in microwaveable bowl. Add evaporated milk. Microwave on MEDIUM 5 min. or until caramels are completely melted and sauce is well blended, stirring after 3 min.

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## Please Complete the Following and Return To

Vegreville Iron Runners Auto Club C/o William Smolak 5701 - 43A Street Vegreville, AB T9C 1E3

#### **Release and Consent Form**

l,	, (print full name) do	
hereby consent to the use, reproduction,	and publication of any and all	
photographs, video/audio recordings, and	d/or movies taken by and/or supplied to	
ocal papers/and or other media pertaining to or as a result of my activities as a member of the Vegreville Iron Runners Auto Club.		
Signature	Date	

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#### 2020 Members

**Darry Anderson** 

Laurence Anderson

**Graham Benoit** 

Richard & Margaret Densmore

John & Madeline Kitz

Denise Komick Honorary Life

Kulwinder Kundan

Orest Lazarowich Honorary Life

**Scott Manson** 

Diane Morrison

Greg & Diane Panchyshyn

Gary Pinkham, Quain & Hailey

Tina Pinkham

Ron Reese

George & Velma Sample

Bill & Sylvia Smolak

Mike & Joanne Sturmay



Among the first sports cars of the post-war era, the Mercedes SL 300 Gullwing was the fastest production car of its time when it was introduced in 1954. As the first direct fuel injection series production car, the SL 300 could travel at an eye-popping 160 miles per hour. "Nobody expected something like that from Mercedes," says Constantin von Kageneck, a specialist in classic car marketing at the <a href="Mercedes-Benz Classic Center">Mercedes-Benz Classic Center</a> in Irvine, CA. Though about three-quarters of the original SL 300's survive today, many still belong to their original owners.

The 1967 Chevy Corvette, the 1975 BMW 3.0 CSL, any pre-1974 Porsche 911—these are some of the vehicles that have earned a significant place in automotive history. Iconic yet accessible, they are museum-quality cars that you really just want to take for a spin. These automotive legends have weathered the decades,

## Vegreville Iron Runners Auto Club Membership Application

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Name:			Occupation:		
Spouse:			Occupation:		
Children:			Age:		
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Vehicle #3	Make:		Model:		
	Year:	Body Style:		Colour:	
Fees:	Single:	\$15		Family:	\$25
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Date o	f Acceptai	nce:			





