

The Wheel Spin



The Vegreville Iron Runners Auto Club

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The Wheel Spin
Official Newsletter Of the
Vegreville Iron Runners Auto Club

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.

Important Items To Remember

The Vegreville Iron Runners Auto Club meets at 6:45 PM for coffee, with the meeting starting at 7:00 PM, on the **FIRST Wednesday** of each month, except in January and August, at the Vegreville Agricultural Society Office. 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.

2025 Executive

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| President | - | William Smolak |
| Vice-President | - | Dan Fisher |
| Secretary | - | Darry Anderson |
| Treasurer | - | Richard Densmore |
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| | - | Orest Lazarowich |
| SVAA Rep. | - | Dan Fisher |

Past Presidents of The Vegreville Iron Runners Auto Club

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 - 2025	William Smolak

Title Page Photo

The title page photo is that of my 1978 Mercury Grand Marquis.

President's Message

VIRAC Members:

Welcome to the combined spring and summer issue of the "Wheel Spin". I am slowly catching up to the things that I have to do, although I still have some computer work to catch up on. I must apologize for the lateness of this issue and for the combination of two issues, but between pneumonia and the loss of my get up and go.

The winner of our Memorial Scholarship of \$1 000.00 for 2025 was Layne Lowes, who will be going into the parts person trade.

I trust everyone has brought their vehicles out of storage and have prepped them for the 2026 show and shine season.

William Smolak, President

Editor's Message

Welcome to another edition of "The Wheel Spin". I apologize for being so late with the combined spring and summer issue, but I needed some extra time as there were many events and family activities I was involved with. I enjoy putting the newsletter/ bulletin together and hopefully I will be able to continue doing so for some time to come, however Arthritis in the hands and fingers is making it more and more difficult.

Our web site is <http://vegironrunners.ca>. Laurence Anderson is our media master and he would appreciate receiving photos and articles to put on our web page and on face book.

"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 your 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, 2026**.

This is your Bulletin; it is only as good as the effort you, the members, are willing to put into it. Please do not rely on me to come up with the articles for this publication. 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.

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William Smolak, Editor

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Vegreville Iron Runners Auto Club Web Page

<http://vegironrunners.ca>

Specialty Vehicle Association of Alberta Web Site

See: **www.svaalberta.com**

Did You Know

The "Vegreville Iron Runners Auto Club" has continued its spirit of involvement with the community. In the past, the "Vegreville Iron Runners" have provided financial support for the various groups in and around Vegreville, as well as providing funds towards the purchase of needed equipment or tools.

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 recipient for 2025 was Layne Lowes of Vegreville.

A new award, the "Vegreville Iron Runners" have instituted, this year, is the "**Golden Wrench**" Award. This is given to the student who displays the best aptitude, dedication, and ability in the automotive class and is selected by the Automotive Instructor. This student will receive a set of sockets and will have his/her name placed on the "**Golden Wrench**" Plaque which will be permanently displayed on the school's wall of honour.

Vegreville Iron Runners Auto Club Archival History

Work on a history of the Iron Runners that was begun by the late Sylvester Komick and Orest Lazarowich is continuing under the leadership of Denise Komick. 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.

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 still members of the Club, at this time include: Denise Komick, Orest Lazarowich, and Jerry Wilde. Joining them as 25 year members are William and Sylvia Smolak.

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, 20th, 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.

Members with 25 years of continuous membership shall be awarded **Honorary Life Memberships**.

To send information to our media master contact:

Dan Fisher @ fisherdc@hotmail.ca

Reminder:

Membership fees are due at the February Meeting. Memberships must be paid in full and up to date in order to participate in all upcoming functions of the Car Club.

Activities of the Vegreville Iron Runners Auto Club

Night At The Movies

We are planning another “Night at the Movies”. Vice-President Dan Fisher is currently working on this and is trying to arrange a night with the owner of the theatre in Vegreville.

Annual Spring Fling

We will be looking at a bit of a different event for this in the near future.

Annual President's Barbecue

As in the past, our annual President's BBQ was usually held on Collector Car Appreciation Day, however in 2026, it will be different. At the same time, we will do our vehicle inspections and meet at a seniors' care facilities for some visiting and reminiscing about the old days. We will start at 1:30 PM at the Mundare Care Centre and go on from there to the Vegreville Care Centre and then to Orest Lazarowich's, before going to A&W for burgers, fries and Root Beer or Onion Rings and other beverages, around 5:30 PM.

Car Shows in and Around Our Region

Members of our Club will hopefully be travelling to several of the local car shows in our area, such as Chipman, Vermilion, Ardrossan, Round Hill, Lloydminster, and Smoky Lake, to name a few.



The Vegreville Iron Runners and the Elks are present for a picture of the presentation of funds towards equipment for the comfort of patients at the Vegreville Care Centre. Also in the picture are members of the Patient Comfort Care Society and the staff of the Care Centre.

Specialty Vehicle Association of Alberta



Protecting the rights and privileges
of auto enthusiasts of Alberta since 1974

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 56 Alberta Vintage, Modified, Street Rod and 4-wheel Clubs, in Alberta, representing 2000 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.

*Greg & Diane's Show & Shine
&
Birthday Bash*

Greg 75, Diane 72

SATURDAY JULY 18, 2026

10:00 –3:00 PM

#151, 51205- RR195

Beaver County, (Lindbrook Estates)

West of Tofield, signs will be posted

Free Lunch

Please confirm attendance ASAP

Greg or Diane's cell @

(780)995-0883 or (780)951-0754

Or email

panchysgm@gmail.com

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WWW.VEGAG.CA

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SOCIETY GROUNDS



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Saturday, June 20, 2026

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RUN TO THE HILLS MEMORIAL RALLY
HILLS BIKE WEEK

VINTAGE CAR SHOW

MUSIC VENDORS
RAFFLES TROPHIES

July 19th/26
1:30PM TO 4:30PM
Two Hills Museum
5009 - 51st Street (Hwy36)
Two Hills, Alberta

TWO HILLS & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY



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 post-secondary education institution in the automotive field.
- 4. If there is no suitable candidate for 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, c/o William Smolak, 5701 – 43A Street, Vegreville, AB, T9C 1E3.**

NB: Application forms may be picked up from our local high school counsellors.

Iron Runners Memorial Scholarship Application Form

Name: _____ Grade: _____ Age: _____

Alberta Student ID # _____ School: _____

Student's Cell #: _____ Student's Email Address: _____

Parents/Guardians: _____

Address: _____

Street/P. O. Box #

Town/City

Postal Code

Home Phone Number: _____ Cell Number: _____

Parent/Guardian's Work Number(s): _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Telephone _____

Student Timetable

Semester 1 Subjects

Semester 2 Subjects

Period 1	_____
Period 2	_____
Period 3	_____
Period 4	_____

Future Plans

Work Experience/RAP Program: _____

Post Secondary Training Program: _____

Name of Post Secondary School: _____

Name of Current Employer: _____

Name of Current Supervisor: _____

Address of Current Employer: _____

Contact Information For Employer/Supervisor: Phone # _____

Cell # _____

Attachments Included: _____

Certified Statement of Marks From School

Personal Letter Regarding Future Plans

Notice of Acceptance into a Post-Secondary School

and/or _____

**Confirmation of Employment in Appropriate Field
and Employer's Certification of Enrolment in an
Apprenticeship Program**

Vegreville Collector Car Appreciation Day Schedule
Friday, July 10, 2026

1:30 PM Club meets at Mundare Care Centre
2:30 PM Club leaves for Vegreville Care Centre
4:00 PM Club leaves for Orest Lazarowich's Residence
5:00 PM Club leaves for A & W
5:30 PM - Club has burgers etc at A & W

Proclamations for this day will be completed a week prior.

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)

Cruisin' The Dub

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

Calendar of Events (2026)

The SVAA publishes events throughout the year, so please forward your information to rhs01@outlook.com 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.

Funny Road Trips

My fiancé and I were road tripping from New York to the mid-west to check out the national parks. Our second stop was Amarillo, Texas, Palo Duro Canyon, to be exact. We were camping there, or at least supposed to. We brought a very large tent from home that was my mother's, we practiced setting it up beforehand so we knew all the pieces were there, but we didn't account for bad weather. A storm was coming in, and it was dark, and windy. Every time we got a side up and started working on another side, the first side blew down. Eventually we called it quits and slept in the car for about 2 hours and then just hit the road again. It actually ended up being kinda lucky for us, and gave us more time at the painted desert and enough to see the sunset at the Grand Canyon that night!"

"My boyfriend and I drove for 18 hours from North Carolina to Michigan last Christmas and I was meeting his family for the first time. Somewhere in Ohio, we stopped at Buffalo

Wild Wings to grab some food and we got seated right outside the women's bathroom. (This is important!) After we sat down, I went to the bathroom and the lock got jammed. I couldn't open the door and I was calling for my boyfriend, but he couldn't hear me because the loud music speaker was right above the bathroom door!! Some time went by and luckily my boyfriend came to check on me. He calls the manager over and the entire staff is trying to get this door open. I was so embarrassed and very hungry at this point. I was in there for a good half hour until they called a locksmith who just beat the lock off with a hammer. Our food was on the house and it was definitely an icebreaker considering his family teased me about it for the entire trip. Now it's tradition to stop at Buffalo Wild Wings every time we drive to visit his family!"

The 1959 Cadillac Cyclone



The 1959 Cadillac Cyclone was also a very wild design. With its sleek aerodynamic body, it was intended to mimic a rocket ship. Despite its futuristic look, the Cyclone still had a lot of advantages over other cars that were being sold in the '50s.

The 1959 Cadillac Cyclone sported a bubble canopy that was intended to give its driver a 360-degree view of other cars on the road. But the downside to this "panoramic" view was that the driver could get bombarded by the sun constantly, especially over summer. Also, in contrast with conventional cars, its doors slid down to the side instead of swinging outward as they do in conventional cars.

Something For The Chefs In Our Lives Cake Mix Cookies

Anyone over the age of 10, including men who profess they can't bake. Give them the recipe, and grab a glass of wine. It's time for a couple's baking session, even at 9 PM, where you sit back and drink wine while the men bake the cookies.

The only cake mixes to avoid are the Angel Food Cake Mixes. Other than that, the sky is the limit. Lemon, Carrot Cake, Cherry Chip, Rainbow, or Chocolate; you name it; you can make cookies from it.

Makes 2 dozen Cookies

Prep Time: 12 minutes

Total Time: 35 minutes

Ingredients:

! box or Package of cake mix (15 ¼ oz or 432 gm)

½ cup butter, softened

2 eggs, beaten

Procedure:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. and line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper.

Place all of the ingredients in a medium mixing bowl and mix together using a hand mixer or a stand mixer.

Using a table spoon sized cookie scoop, drop dough portions on to a baking sheet, about 2 inches apart.

Cool in the refrigerator for about 10 minutes.

Remove from the fridge and bake for 12 to 15 minutes, until the edges are firm and baked, and the middle is set.

Remove from the oven immediately and let cool on the baking sheets, completely.

Store, in an air tight container, for 2 or 3 days at room temperature, or freeze for up to 3 months.

Enjoy.

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

I, _____, (print full name) do hereby consent to the use, reproduction, and publication of any and all photographs, video/audio recordings, and/or movies taken by and/or supplied to local 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

Vegreville Iron Runners Auto Club

Membership Application

Please Print

Date: _____

Name: _____ Occupation: _____

Spouse: _____ Occupation: _____

Children: _____ Age: _____

_____ Age: _____

_____ Age: _____

_____ Age: _____

Address: _____ Phone (Res) _____

City/Town: _____ Phone (Bus) _____

Postal Code: _____ Phone (Cell) _____

Province: _____ New Membership: ____ Renewal: ____

Type of Membership: Single: ____ Family: ____ Other: ____

Vehicles Owned

Vehicle #1 Make: _____ Model: _____

Year: _____ Body Style: _____ Colour: _____

Vehicle #2 Make: _____ Model: _____

Year: _____ Body Style: _____ Colour: _____

Vehicle #3 Make: _____ Model: _____

Year: _____ Body Style: _____ Colour: _____

Fees: Single: \$15 Family: \$25

This information is solely for club use only and will not be given out.

Date of Acceptance: _____

