



# Spring 2015 Newsletter

## Message from the Chairman

Hello to one and all.

Please excuse the informal format of this newsletter but some of the material is time sensitive and needs to get out to you quickly. Hence I have made an executive decision to put this quick release together without using the layout skills of our normal editor Dave Burman. My apologies to Dave and the normal professional outlook of our newsletters.

You will find two alerts in this publication. One is about the updating of the standards for a vehicle mechanical certification in Ontario. This review is being done by the Ontario Ministry of Transportation and they are looking for public input. Please share this notification and link to the MTO with anyone whom you think might be interested.

The second alert is an answer to a number of inquiries that the SVAO has received about a default mileage limitation that has started to appear on some specialty vehicles insurance forms. Please check your insurance renewal papers and if you are still concerned after reading this alert, call your agent and get the mileage you wish put on the form.

We at the SVAO would like to compile a member list of e-mail addresses so that alerts on important topics can get to you as quickly as possible. This list will not be shared with anyone else so please see the message from our membership secretary Keith Corby for how to get your e-mail address to us.

As always the SVAO is here to represent our hobby in dealings with the Ontario and various municipal governments, as well as certain industries that offer services to the specialty vehicle owners. Please let us know if you hear of things that are of concern to you and our hobby as we can only try to help if we know about a potential problem.

Enjoy your ride over the coming driving season!

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## **SVAO Alert on Proposed New Safety Certificate Standards**

Attached are the new “Draft” light-duty inspection standards that MTO is proposing in place of Schedules 1 and 2 of O/Reg 611 for a Safety Standards Certificate. These standards are posted on the Regulatory Registry for public comment until April 27<sup>th</sup> – (see link below). **Note that this is for PUBLIC comment so feel free to pass the link along to anyone who you think might be interested in this.** Also attached is another document that is posted, called “What’s new”, that summarizes the changes to the standards.

Right now they are dealing only with Schedules 1 and 2 of Reg. 611 and all the other Schedules will be done.

The new standards generally appear to be much improved over the old 611, and they include a lot of the modern technology that was missing before. Some concerns are:

- Reliance on OEM standards (*“must meet OEM standards”* – how is a technician to know what the OEM standards are? Not likely to be checked since this will add to the cost to the customer and they’ll just take a guess, leading up to possible conflict with the actual OEM specs, and that could lead to MTO charges and lawsuits by customers)
- Prohibition on recapped tires
- Brake pulsation (could lead to massive overselling of brake parts such as drums and rotors)
- Ride height (more OEM references, +/- 25mm [1”] variance for cars)
- Muffler standards (*“The OEM muffler or one that meets the OEM standard is required on every vehicle”*)
- Lamp heights
- Repair methods for rust holes in floors (*“no “pop” rivets, arc welding or flame repair. TIG or MIG stitch welding is acceptable”*)
- Recording of measurements by technicians (Is this likely to happen?)
- Provision of a detailed inspection report to the customer, including measurements (more cost to station for special forms, and thus to customer)
- Air bag inspections (how many?)
- Red brake lights only (HTA says red or amber)
- What about O/Reg 611 for tools, technician standards, etc.?

The SVAO will be keeping a close eye on this issue to give the MTO some input on this as a stakeholder group. It’s our understanding that MTO intends to incorporate any new standards into a stand-alone document that they will “adopt by reference”, which is done now for other Ontario regulations. This seems to be a good idea since it will allow for much quicker updating of the standards. We have also been told that there may be new standards for “modified” vehicles in the works but they have not yet been developed.

<http://www.ontariocanada.com/registry/view.do?postingId=18062&language=en>

This document is a long read but it would be worthwhile to spend some time on it and send in your comments.

Please feel free to let the SVAO know of any concerns [www.svaio.org](http://www.svaio.org) or (905) 649 – 2664

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## **Lant / Silver Wheels / Hagerty Insurance Information Alert**

*A number of SVAO members have contacted us about concerns regarding the mileage amount listed in the latter part of their insurance policies. Many policies had a distance of 501 km printed in them, although others had distances of 1000 or 2000 km. People had also heard that if they were touring in the USA or going on a tour of a week or more they had to contact their insurance company.*

*As SVAO Chairman (and a concerned specialty car owner) I contacted Geoff Coy of Lant Insurance and discussed this and a number of other questions that I had with him. Below find his written response for publication on our web site.*

*Please make note of his company's offer to provide a guest speaker to any club or association meeting where possible. Maybe this could work well for your club? ~ Chris Whillans*

Hi Chris:

It was great speaking with you today. As discussed, the computer generated mileage default (501 Km) on the policy documents for clients of Lant Insurance are simply that, a computer generated default amount. This number was set up in our operating system by our system providers.

We can confirm that this is not a "maximum allowed" mileage restriction. The plan does not have a mileage restriction and as long as the vehicle is not being used as a "daily driver" and follows the definition of collector car use as set out by the guidelines for our program. (ie no daily use for commuting to work or shopping) then annual mileage is not an issue. We do not ask for odometer readings each year.

I would also like to address your question on what is required when someone insured through Lant wants to take their vehicle out of Province or into the US (Continental only) for a car show, cruise/rally or other collector car related use. Again there is no restriction on this and clients are not required to contact our office prior to these kinds of trips. However, if a client wants to ship their vehicle outside of Canada or Continental US, they then would have to contact our office to see if alternate Insurance coverage can be provided.

As always, please feel free to contact us if you or any of your members have any further questions or concerns and please refer to our newly updated website for information on our plan and guidelines.

We also offer guest speakers for any club or association meeting to address these and other concerns.

Thank you and take care,

Geoff Coy, CAIB  
Vice President – Business Development,  
Lant Insurance Brokers



Please supply us with an email address for you or your group so that the SVAO can quickly contact you.

You can go to our website, <http://www.svao.org> and then go to the link at the bottom of the page where it says “email” and click on it to send us your email address directly.

Also a gentle reminder that the 2015 membership fees are due, so if you haven't already sent them in, please do so.

Thank you.

Keith Corby, SVAO Treasurer / Membership secretary