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The SVAO continues to monitor the provincial governments various programs as to their effects on the collector car community. The following are some of the more recent developments.

- 1) The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MOECP) has now transferred the motor vehicle provisions from the Environmental Protection Act to the Highway Traffic Act. This was required to transfer responsibility for vehicle emission inspections and enforcement (Drive Clean) from the MECP to the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) for the future integrated program. Hopefully this will not affect our members in any negative manner, but the SVAO will be monitoring the situation.
- 2) The MTO is proposing to introduce an Ontario Motor Vehicle Safety Requirements (OMVSR) Pilot for Low-Volume Vehicle Production. The OMVSR would be introduced as a 12-year voluntary regulatory pilot to encourage the design, testing and manufacture of vehicles, and will apply to vehicle models produced in low volumes in Ontario only. The SVAO will watch this program with interest to see how it might affect certain elements of the collector car community.
- 3) In addition the SVAO has learned that proposed revisions to the MTO Handbook for Light Vehicle Mechanical Inspections may be available for public comments in the spring of 2020. With the MTO now enforcing the remaining sections of the EPA (eg: heavy diesel trucks) and likely the roadside enforcement program for light duty vehicles, it would not surprise us that there will be an inspection of emissions equipment for future mechanical inspections.

The SVAO is hopeful that some of these proposals may eliminate some of the potential problems which those building and registering kit cars have faced in the past. Time will tell. If you have concerns about any of these or other old car issues, please contact the SVAO as we often first hear about potential problems first from you, our members. We can be contact at the above sites as well as on Facebook.

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