



# 2026 Hagerty Spring Thaw

## Supplementary Regulations

Entry, Vehicle, and Event Information

May 1st to 3rd, 2026

## Vehicle Acceptance & Preparation

### Introduction

The Hagerty Spring Thaw Adventure is open to sport, touring and classic cars from 1979 and earlier. Sorry, no motorcycles on this event. All vehicles attending the Hagerty Spring Thaw are expected to meet legal roadworthiness standards at an absolute minimum. Generally guests should ensure their vehicles are ready for a long weekend of driving through back-country and winding roads, keeping in mind that short jaunts around town may not fully prepare your vehicle for long hours of remote highways.

### The Delorean Rule

Vehicles made after 1979 are considered on a case-by-case basis, under a rule we call "The Delorean Rule". If you think your post-1979 car fits within the spirit of our events, simply enter as per normal and ensure we have some photos and background story on the car. In previous events the Delorean rule has been used to enter plenty of vehicles, including a '50s International, an 80's Ferrari 308, a beautiful 80's Mercedes, more than a handful of Porsche 911s, a Noble GT, a Ford Zepher with an amazing family story, an original Audi Quattro, the list goes on...There are quite a few wonderful cars which don't meet the 1979 or earlier rule! The Delorean rule does have one additional requirement: If you enter a vehicle under the Delorean rule, you must be willing to let CCA's Dave drive the car at some point. Originally intended to one day give him a chance at driving a childhood dream car (the Delorean), it's become quite fun to experience other vehicles of distinction.

### Phantom Registrations

Traditionally we receive entries into the Hagerty Spring Thaw with either a "To Be Announced", or "If the restoration is finished", under the vehicle listing. These entries are often "Phantom Registrations", where the entrant is attempting to hold a spot while they figure out if they are able to make the event or not. We've seen an increasing number of these guests bow out of the event in the closing month, causing significant extra work on the organizing team and stress for the wait-list guests. We now require "TBA" or "Under Restoration" guests to submit their plans for vehicle acquisition or completion, confirming for the organizers that their attendance intentions are serious. It is the entrant's responsibility to provide regular updates as to the progress, otherwise the spot could be forfeited. Phantom registrations received without a plan are likely to find themselves on the waitlist.

## Vehicle Preparation

First year entrants *must* read the [CCA Vehicle Preparation Document](#). It contains details about the vehicle preparation we expect, spare parts you must carry, and our reasons why they are required.

For returning guests, here is a quick reminder on the basics:

### 1) A Vehicle Inspection Form is required to be completed for your entry vehicle.

- Vehicles which “fail” the inspection form, for any reason, are not necessarily barred from entry...it simply means you need to discuss with the CCA organizing team (before the event) your specific vehicle and issues.
- Inspection forms are valid for 30 days from completion, to ensure we’ve got a current and accurate check. Thus, you will need to plan ahead for completing the form sometime in April.
- The inspection form can be found here: [CCA Vehicle Inspection Form](#)

### 2) At registration the organizing team will check for the following mandatory items:

- Minimum one (1) roadside warning triangle. Triangle must have reflective sides 30cm or larger per side. LED light-up triangles (without reflectors) are no longer acceptable. You can purchase correct warning triangles from the following sources (linked to the products):  
[Amazon](#) [NAPA](#) Lordco (order Grote #71422, a set of 3 Triangles)
- Proof of current insurance and driver’s licenses.
- Vehicle inspection form (if not previously submitted).
- Fire Extinguisher - Element Fire Extinguishers are highly recommended

The above items *must* be removed from the vehicle and carried to the registration desk. This assures your team that they are located in an easy to access spot, not buried as the first packed item in the trunk. What good is a fire extinguisher if you can’t get to it?

### 3) Vehicles Spares Kit:

Based on our experience running over years of events, we’ve created a vehicle spares list which *every entrant in the Hagerty Spring Thaw is expected to carry*. For most vehicles the following kit will fit into a small package. While we consider these items to be ‘mandatory’, we do realize some of you are going to choose not to carry them, or share the kit amongst multiple vehicles (example: three MGA’s conspire to carry one fuel pump, one ignition coil and one set of points amongst the three). Rather than police the kit, we’re simply going to state the following:

If you have a failure at the side of the road, where a mandatory spares item (which you aren’t carrying with you) would have you up and running, our sweep crews have been told to shake your hand, exclaim “Good Luck!” and motor on to the next entrant’s failure.

**Thus, your level of “adventure” is self-chosen.**

The vehicle spares kit consists of:

- Emergency electric fuel pump, spare fuel lines and wiring so you can emergency-connect it.
- Points and condenser, Ignition coil.
- Timing information sheet. The timing information sheet should have the following details: Static timing, maximum advance, where the timing marks are located. You can find these details in your factory repair manual, a Haynes manual, or by asking your engine builder.
- Spare nuts & bolts fitting your vehicle (a sandwich-sized Tupperware container).
- Tow Strap, Tool Kit, Fire Extinguisher.
- Spare Tire.
- Snacks and Water for the crew. Water for the radiator if you have one.

## Event Schedule \*Subject to change

### Friday February 6th, 2026

- Entry forms posted, entry opens.
- Sixty-Five (65) cars accepted via our online entry system.

### Monday February 9th, 2026

- Entry list posted.

### Thurs April 30th, 2026    **Prestige Vernon Lodge & Conference Center - Vernon**

- Early Registration open on Thursday Evening. Hours to be confirmed.  
7:00pm                      Thursday night dinner begins!

### Friday May 1st, 2026    **Prestige Vernon Lodge & Conference Center - Vernon**

- 8:15-8:45am              Registration open for those who missed Thursday evening.
- 9:00am                      All-Participants Meeting & Event Introductions (*Mandatory Attendance*)
- 9:15am                      Depart start
- 5:30pm                      Estimated hotel arrival, allowing for 1.25 hrs in lunch & fuel stops during the day
- 7:15pm                      Group Meeting for hosted dinner

### Saturday May 2nd, 2026

- 8:45am                      All-Participants Meeting (*Mandatory Attendance*)
- 9:00am                      Depart start
- 5:15pm                      Estimated hotel arrival, allowing 2hrs for lunch & fuel stops during the day
- 7:15pm                      Group Meeting for hosted dinner

### Sunday May 3rd, 2026    **Farmstrong Cider Company, Armstrong BC - Finish**

- 8:30am                      All-Participants Meeting (*Mandatory Attendance*)
- 8:45am                      Depart start
- 1:00pm                      Arrive at finish location, lunch provided.
- 3:00pm                      Departure

## Accommodation

Included with your entry to the Hagerty Spring Thaw Adventure is one hotel room per car for both Friday May 1st, and Saturday May 2nd, 2026. The organizers will cover your room fee and taxes, and rooms are provided either with two double beds, or a single queen bed. Single king beds and double queen beds will be provided wherever possible. Additional rooms, upgrades and special requests will be accommodated as possible, with all additional charges being the responsibility of the entrant in question. Should you wish to travel with a four-legged companion, or perhaps your child, please be sure to indicate it on your entry form. Please note we don't guarantee dining venues are "minor friendly." Where possible we will accommodate, and advise accordingly.

A credit card for each car will be required upon check-in at your hotel. Your credit card, and thus you, are responsible for your damage deposit, incidentals and your co-driver who just raided the mini-bar. Unfortunately the organizers cannot provide damage deposit coverage for any participants, we're worried enough about our own co-drivers and their love for mini-bar snacks!

## Meals

For 2026 the organizers will be providing dinner for Friday and Saturday evenings, and lunch at the finish. Each entry includes the listed meals for two people. Since we're a company offering driving tours, you probably won't be surprised to hear that we do a cash bar with our dinners. Dinners are always provided on site at the hotel, within a short walking distance (less than 1km) or transportation will be provided. Please ensure you indicate any dietary restrictions or allergies on your entry form, we've got a great track record of accommodating requests...when we know about them ahead of time.

## Sweep and Vehicle Assistance

Our events are modelled after a time when motorists were somewhat self sufficient, and knew a little bit more about their vehicles than just "it has bluetooth and a coffee maker" As such, drivers and co-drivers are expected to be the warning lights, eyes and ears for problems with their vehicle. It is advisable that you know in which end of the vehicle the engine can be found, and how to check basic items such as fluid levels and what to do if it won't start in the morning. Entrants should be prepared to handle minor problems on the roadside, or at least be friendly enough to convince others to render assistance when needed.

Should the unthinkable happen, and your vehicle is unable to continue on the event, each entrant is protected by the Hagerty Roadside Assistance package (regardless of your insurance carrier). The event roadside assistance package includes towing mileage designed to get you and your vehicle to a town with mechanical services. The towing mileage provided is limited, and aimed at simply getting your vehicle to a safer location than standing on the side of the road. The Hagerty towing service is provided as an emergency too, and is not for getting your car home, to your preferred mechanic or a major city centre...unless those options fall within the mileage limit outlined in the route book.

The 2026 Spring Thaw will have a dedicated sweep service for the event. The sweep team is equipped with axle stands, a garage jack, a selection of tools and a very knowledgeable vehicle specialist. Sweep vehicles follow the designated route, and do their best to ensure they haven't passed entrants as they stop for fuel, food or photographs. While full details of the sweep policies are included in our [CCA Vehicle Preparation Document](#), the following four points are considered accepted by all participants upon completion of your entry form:

- Sweep is NOT a white-glove mechanic service. Entrants are expected to begin diagnosis and repairs themselves upon discovering a problem. Should you not be mechanically inclined, we expect you to be friendly enough to make new friends by flagging fellow entrants down for assistance. If you require the help of our 'roving sweep' experts, we believe you should be rolling up your sleeves and getting greasy alongside them...even if it's just to hold the hood up, or cool our expert using your route book as a fan.
- Our sweep vehicles will stop for a total of 30min at each roadside issue. If your problem cannot be assessed within 30min (or repairs look like they'll take hours), Hagerty Roadside Assistance will be called.
- Entrants will be required to shorten their route if requested by our sweep teams. (ie: Go directly to the hotel via highway X, or "skip this next loop and travel ahead on the route via \_\_\_\_). This is simply done in an effort to have all entrants arrive for dinner each night in a timely fashion.
- Entrants who are travelling significantly slower than the posted speed limit may be passed by our sweep. This is done with entrants who (for example) choose to have many stops for photographs, or perhaps because they chose to enter a 36hp Beetle into an event traveling through mountains. Sweep will always stop to discuss the need for sweep to "continue moving on" before passing the entrant.

**Note:** Sweep will depart each morning 10 minutes after the driver's meeting concludes. Entrants who choose to pack their car, grab a coffee or otherwise delay their departure after the driver's meeting may find themselves traveling behind the sweep crew.

## Decals and Event Graphics

Each entrant will be issued two Spring Thaw numbered decals - one for each side of the car. We use a high quality, removable vinyl to ensure they'll come off your car with the least amount of fuss. Anyone with a quality paint-job should have no issues. Use of event decals is mandatory, and they must be mounted in a way in which they are clearly visible. The decals are designed to be removed following the event. Keeping them on the car for an extended period of time may allow moisture to sit between the decal and the paint.

## Start and Finish Locations

This year the Hagerty Spring Thaw will start at the Prestige Vernon Lodge & Conference Center (in Vernon BC). Registration and driver's meeting times are listed for those who choose to arrive on Friday morning. Please note all participants (driver's and passengers) **must make the registration and driver's meeting** in order to participate on the event for the weekend. Our finish location will be in Armstrong BC.

## Thursday Night Hotel & Dinner

The 'official' Thursday night hotel is the Prestige Vernon Lodge & Conference Center (in Vernon BC). The entry form has an option to add a Thursday night room and dinner should you wish to take advantage of our group rates. Returning for 2026, we will once again host the "unofficial" Thursday night gathering. Guests adding a hotel room for Thursday night will have dinner for you and your co-driver included.

The hotel rate for a Thursday night stay with dinner is \$220 plus tax, for a total of \$231.00 per room.

## Registration Procedure

Follow the link from the [Hagerty Spring Thaw registration page](#), fill out your entry form and hit submit. Canadian residents can then pay their entry fee via Interac E-Transfer to secure their application. USA entrants will still need to mail in a check, though we can accept Paypal with a slight fee.

If we receive more than 65 entries, a draw will be held on February 9th, and the entry list posted. Successful applicants will have their e-transfer deposited, those who are wait-listed will have their e-transfer returned.

## Dropping Off Registrations

In past years it became a bit of a tradition for some guests to drive their entry forms up to Squamish, or Port Alberni, to the CCA office. In an effort to make entries fair for all interested parties, we are no longer accepting in-person registrations. All entries must be the digital form, or e-mailed if you have technical issues.

## Entry Fees

Base Entry Fee: \$ 1,480.00 CAD  
GST (tax): \$ 74.00 CAD GST# 82583 6240 RT0001  
**Total BASE Entry Fee: \$ 1,554.00 (\$ 1,165 USD)**

Deluxe Entry Fee: \$ 1,700.00 CAD  
(Entry with Thursday hotel and Dinner for two)  
GST (tax): \$ 85.00 CAD GST# 82583 6240 RT0001  
**Total Deluxe Entry Fee: \$ 1,785.00 (\$ 1,335 USD)**

## Waiting List

Traditionally the entry list for our events fill quickly. We strongly encourage you to enter, even if it looks as though things are “filling up”. Classic cars, and especially classic car projects, have a habit of not meeting scheduling expectations. Each year we end up with some last minute cancellations, and a chance to fill them with a lucky late entry. In some years we’ve gone twenty-plus cars deep on the waiting list, with each of those wait-list guests getting a spot into the event. We’ve even managed to fill a spot hours before the event began!

## Element Fire Extinguishers

We are pleased to have Element Fire Extinguishers supporting Classic Car Adventures again in 2026. The E50 is a lightweight fire extinguisher that never expires, has a 5x longer discharge than a 5lb fire extinguisher bottle, and is compact and easy to use. Element fire extinguishers retail for \$124.95 plus tax, or you can pre-order an extinguisher to arrive for you **at registration** for \$115 tax included. Simply check the Element Fire Extinguisher box on your entry form. Further product details can be found here: <https://elementfirecanada.com/products/element-e50>

## Registration Forms

The Registration link will be posted on the CCA website Friday February 6th. Payment via e-transfer will secure your 2026 application. Email for e-transfer is: [info@classiccaradventures.com](mailto:info@classiccaradventures.com)

\*Note: Entrants with a USA home address will be accepted as ‘paid’, with the understanding that a check will need to be mailed. Perhaps by 2026 the USA will join the e-transfer system!

## Cancellation Policy

Since we’re handling your room and meal bookings, we do find ourselves bound by unique cancellation schedules. Please ensure you’ve read the following carefully before entering, as the date structure has changed for 2026:

### **Cancellations before March 1st**

Cancellations before March 1st will result in a full refund.

### **Cancellations between March 2nd and April 9th**

Cancellations on or after March 2nd, but before April 9th will result in a \$130 refund unless we can fill your space with another entry.

### **Cancellations after April 9th**

Cancellations after April 9th, 2026 will result in no refund, unless we are able to fill your entry.

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