

## **SVAI Code of Ethics**

The Ethics referenced herein were put into place to in-still confidence from the general public, insurance industry and appraiser clients that the individual appraising a vehicle follows a moral and ethical code when conducting business.

### **SVAI Member will honour and uphold the following:**

- 1 Conduct ones self in a professional and courteous manner and one that does not bring disrespect to the institute.
- 2 Approach each appraisal assignment they accept without prejudice or favouritism towards any of the parties involved, including the client or a representative third party, or towards the particular class or style of specialty vehicle involved.
- 3 Must not engage in any activities connected with the appraisal of a vehicle that are or may be perceived by a member of the general public as a conflict of interest.
- 4 Personally inspect a subject vehicle and be satisfied with the condition and presentation of that vehicle prior to completing the report and establishing a value.
- 5 Will not advertise or solicit in a manner that is false, misleading or that exaggerates ones standing as a member of the SVAI. Disclose to client if completing an appraisal on a vehicle outside ones expertise, and if one was to accept the assignment, consult with appropriate experts to complete the report.
- 6 Charge a fair fee that is based on the effort required to properly conduct an appraisal.
- 7 Protest the confidential nature of the appraiser/client relationship and comply with all confidentiality and information privacy laws.
- 8 Maintain and demonstrate respect for fellow members and those involved or connected with the appraisal profession.
- 9 Abide by the “Best Practices” and “Standards” set forth by the SVAI regarding content of appraisal reports and the manner within which an appraisal is conducted, researched and reported.

## SVAI Code of Ethics (Continued)

- 10 Report any legal action taken by or against oneself regarding specialty appraisal reports one has prepared or are asked to make.
- 11 Report any violation of this Code of Ethics to the duly appointed Member of the SVAI.
- 12 Keep up to date on current market trends and conditions and continue to educate themselves in specialty vehicles for as long as they are an accredited members of the SVAI.

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