



# The Kamshaft

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### Calendar of Events *\* Kamloops Chapter Events*

- \*July/August*      *Cruise Nights are now cancelled until further notice*  
August 7th      Hot Nite in The City  
*\*Sept 15th*      *Executive Meeting*  
*\*Sept 22nd*      *General Meeting 7:30pm Hal Rogers Hall*

## July Mystery Car



## Mystery Car for June



The Mystery Car for June is a 1953 Buick Skylark. These were special cars that were inspired by the design concept cars that were built and displayed at the GM Motorama shows a few years earlier. It was the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Buick which was the reason for the creation of these special cars. Many of the body parts and structure of these cars were hand made.

To lower the car the windshield was cut down 3" which also created the necessity to lower the seats by the same amount. The door angle was angled down towards the rear to make it comfortable for the driver to rest his arm on it.

The side trim molding was a styling first, and was used on Buicks for some years into the future. A first for Buick, a 322 cu. In. V8 engine was installed in these cars. Because of the narrow engine bay in Buicks, (straight eight engines were used since 1931), the heads were of a unusual design. The overhead valve arrangement was 45 degrees upright from the cylinder bores, which allowed the engine to be only 26.5 inches wide. Buicks own twin turbine Dynaflo automatic transmission was utilized.

Chromed Kelsey Hayes wire wheels, two tone leather seats, tinted glass, power seats, and selectronic radio c/w power ariel and foot control were standard features.

The selling price on these cars was just over \$5000.00, compared to \$3200.00 for a Roadmaster convertible. There was only 1690 Buick Skylarks built in 1953, and are a very desirable and valuable collector car to this day. **Art Harms**



# Happy Father's Day!

## Keith's Garage

Regarding the Father's Day downtown cruise. It was a very hot day. Overall the turnout was pretty low compared to Mother's Day. There were also a couple of other car cruise events scheduled on the same day. Many cars and owners from Kamloops were off attending other events.

Those who did participate had fun. I suspect another reason for the low turn-out could be attributed to people mixing up the start times. I saw incorrect information posted on social media. The cruise was to start at 1 pm. Yet I saw some posts on Facebook claiming a noon start time. So some cruisers were showing up at noon. The turnout numbers seemed low, so they moved on from there. Then the folks who showed up at 1 pm missed the folks who arrived at noon.

Ahh, the wonders of social media! Oh well. To those who did come out, at whatever time, thank you. Enjoy your summer evening cruises in your vintage car. Or maybe it's early morning cruises? During this hot weather reaching above the 40 degree mark, I've been up and about early in the AM. Coffee and a cruise in my old car at 5 AM is favourable for me. **Cheers Keith Barron**



## CRUISE NIGHT to Tobiano & Savona June 24th

Not much to say about this cruise as we only had 5 cars participate other than it was nice evening for cruising. After checking out the homes at Tobiano we stopped at the View point over looking Kamloops Lake and then drove down to Savona. Toured both sides of the highway. People commented on how many times they have gone through Savona and never realize just how many homes were on the left side of the Highway heading west. Of course the evening was finished off at the DQ.



## CRUISE to DUFFERIN July 9th

We did not cruise far this night however we did see some nice homes in a couple of the newer Kamloops sub-divisions. We cruised up behind Duffy's Pub to the entrance to Kenna Cartwright Park. ***(For mor details & pictures check out VCCC.Com Kamloops Chapter)***

When having our ice cream at the DQ it was over heard that someone mentioned they did not realize this caliber of homes where even in this area.



**Sue and I are very sorry that Cruise Nights were cancelled {Until further notice}. We felt between the heat, smoke and lack of members interest it was not worth carrying on with them. We have been talking about maybe still going to the park for supper on the Thursday nights but that idea is still in the planning stage**

## EDITOR'S EDITORIAL



Hi Folks, you may notice there is not much to this issue of the Kamshaft.

The club has not been doing much and I have not received anything from the members.

A reminder that it is your newsletter and as Editor it is my job to organize the items I received from the members.

## WANTED



### **ITEMS for future Kamshafts**

Surely some of you have stories that are not too risqué that you can share with others about past cars or yourselves when you were young & foolish.

Please forward them to  
[kamshafteditor@gmail.com](mailto:kamshafteditor@gmail.com)



### **1969 Pontiac \$4,500 convertible**

Nice car. Ready to drive away

Should be seen to appreciate it.

Contact Dean MacKley 778 220 4372

## CLASSIFIEDS For Sale

### **1930 Model A**

**Ford** **\$14,900**

**Completely Restored. 2 dr. sedan** Lots of extras parts including motor and transmission.



Should be looked at to be appreciated .



**John Duerksen**

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### **1961 Pontiac Bonneville \$17,500**

**(Or a reasonable offer)**

4 door hardtop Survivor car, all original (have original bill of sale) 389 V8 303 HP 4 speed Hydromatic

transmission, 3 time 1st place awards at VCCC May Tour judging, \$5,000 spent in 2017, engine pulled, all seals replace, timing chain replaced, new plugs & wires, brake hoses, heater core and much more components replaced. Appraised in 2006 at \$18,500 cdn. Current NADA estimated \$26,460 US



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***A Thought to Remember Until Next Time:***

***'OLD' IS WHEN...***

***'Getting lucky' means you find your car  
in the parking lot.***