



The Kamshaft

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Calendar of Events

** Kamloops Chapter Events*

* Every Tuesday Coffee Break 10:30 am Aberdeen Mall by the food court

* Apr 26th General Meeting [7:30 pm 2025 summit Dr.]

Apr 29th South Okanagan Swap Meet Oliver

* Apr 30th Adopt A Road [See p2 for details]

* May 6th KHR [Andy needs 10 cars see p14 for details]

* May 7th GROUP BREAKFAST [p10] [10 am Tobiano] [(If attending contact Dave 236 425 3111)]

* Jun 9-11th Back Road Tour [See p12 for details]

* Jun 18th Fathers Day Drive to O'Keefe Ranch Vernon [See p11 for details]

EDITOR'S EDITORIAL



Hi Folks,

It is me again. As I try to add different items in the Kamshafts to make them interesting reading it was suggested that I put in a section with baby pictures asking if you know who it is. I can do this but I would need at least 10, 12 or more members to send me pictures of themselves so I would be able to do offer this service more than once. I guess on the number of pictures I receive will tell me if there is an interest .

I can still use more pictures for the **"Old Photos Corner"**.

I was asked my a member if I wanted personal stories. I said **YES definitely** as I feel these are what keep the Kamshaft interesting. I realize one can get lots off the internet however I feel the personal touch is much nicer.

Activities: - There is number of them in the works. Final details and dates are not quite worked out yet. When ready they will be shown in a Kamshaft or you will receive a separate email. We do have some members in name only. I do hope that you can take the time to attend at least one of the club's planned activities s this year. They are fun and attending is part of being a member.

I was surprised the numbers for our Easter Drive was down from past years as I know of at least 10 of our regular attendees did not make it this year. Oh well it must have been the weather. *Editor*



Elaine Jones is our sunshine lady.

If you know a member that could use a ray of sunshine contact Elaine
at 778 470 0369

Elaine sent the following cards: -

Thinking of You to Marge Hoshowski

Get Well to Jim Carroll, Lorraine Finnigan & Terry Davidson



Once again it is time **Sunday April 30th** for us to take part in



the cities Adopt A Road program. **Starting with coffee at 10 am Fire Hall #5 (Heffley Creek Rd) by the Tolko Sawmill Gate #5 10:30 am Clean up starts with Picnic Lunch to follow (approx. 11:30) at Tournament Capital Ranch (5375 Yellow Head Hwy)**

If you can not help with clean up come for the drive and join us for lunch.



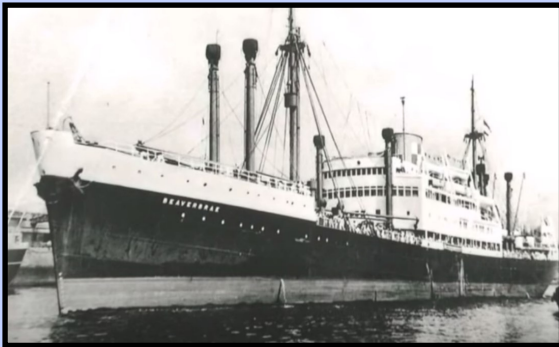
GIFTS FROM THE KING (1948)

I RECEIVED MY FIRST TOOTHBRUSH EVER FROM KING GEORGE 6TH WHEN I WAS 9 YEARS OLD.
SO HOW DID THIS HAPPEN?
WELL, LET ME START FROM THE BEGINNING.

My family immigrated from Germany to Canada, leaving from Bremen Haffen on May 24, 1948.

As we were passing England I stood on the ship's deck and watched a small ship come over and meet our ship. Things were uploaded onto our ship. Later I learned that these items were gifts from the king. Each man, woman and child received a paper bag filled with the following: - *a toothbrush with toothpaste, cashmere bouquets soap, (I remember the smell), oranges, scotch mints and colourful striped hard candy.* I believe there was something else but I don't remember what. Each adult also received 2 packages of cigarettes.

I don't know why we received these gifts and we never did find out for sure. The passengers all spoke German and the



staff spoke English, so communication was a problem. In my adult life I also spoke to other immigrants who came to Canada at the same time, but no one else remembers any gifts from the king. So I will try to guess why we were chosen for these gifts. The first guess is that we crossed the Atlantic on the Beaverbrae, a converted troop ship which transported immigrants across the Atlantic. Everything looked very new and clean on this ship. I believe we may have been the first passengers on this immigrant ship. Perhaps that is why we received gifts from the king.

Another possible reason was that we left for Canada and sailed past England on May 24th, which was Victoria Day. At that time Victoria Day was always celebrated on May 24th, on the exact day of Queen Victoria's birthday. Later, that changed. Could our immigration on Victoria Day have resulted in receiving gifts from the king? In any case we kids were in our glory. Our parents didn't smoke, so dad traded their cigarettes for more candy for us five kids. During the second world war, and the post war period, (which was all of our lives) we rarely received candy, and now, for the first time in our lives, we had all the candy we could eat.

Whenever I hear of King George 6th I think of gifts from the king. Before this time I had seen a tooth brush once or twice in my life but now I actually had one of my very own at the age of 9.

Another interesting thing which happened, and it had nothing to do with gifts from the king, was that a few years ago, my husband, Herman and I, were looking at old papers and discovered that on the very day Herman's family landed in Halifax was the day that my family set sail for Canada. Many years later, in 1966, Herman and I met at a teaching hospital where we did our field work training and in 1967 we got married.

This Spring we will be celebrating our 56th anniversary and 75 years in Canada and my 75-year-old memory of gifts from King George 6th. *Kathy Kovacs*





Canadian Coasters Tour Part #8 : - by Marlene Beddie

Monday August 8th After dinner, we decided to see what the full service community of Schreiber, population 1050, had to offer. Apparently the building of the CPR lured many immigrants to the area for work, many of which were Italian. In its downtown area is an old 1894 brick CPR station. It did not look like it was being used for anything even though it is deemed a heritage building. Unfortunately, we missed the Schreiber Discovery Centre and Railway museum. It tells the history of CPR and what it meant to Schreiber as an 1880 railway construction camp. One of the train cars is a virtual reality experience with a video about Schreiber's history. The other train car is a refurbished 1953 car with many unique artifacts donated by many of the townspeople. The downtown core had basically everything a small town would need. Terrace Bay Pulp Mill, CPR and the nearby hospital are the main employers of its residents. We did find a road that took us to Schreiber Beach on the shore of Lake Superior. Not a sandy beach. Mostly smooth rounded stones. Still very pretty. The area offered a picnic area, a gazebo and some hiking on trails that were part of the Casque Isle trail system that takes hikers along Lake Superior. Once we left Schreiber, it was still daylight so we thought we'd go back to Terrace Bay and have a drive around it too. Terrace Bay isn't all that big either. Just a population of about 1600. But it did have a lovely looking golf course that we drove



by. And as we kept driving, the road took us down to the shoreline of Lake Superior again, to Terrace Bay Beach. The area looked like it just had a new Pavilion erected not long ago with nice clean flush public washrooms, what looked like a visitor center, a sheltered picnic area and a lovely boardwalk to stroll along with a gazebo at the far end. As well there was a boat launch and lots of parking available. A number of people were present also

strolling along the boardwalk enjoying the last light of the day—a very pretty popular area. It too had trails that joined into the trail system Casque Isle Trail. It was quite windy and cool so we didn't stay long as we weren't dressed for it. Daylight was fading and it was time to return to the motel.

Tuesday August 9th after breakfast with the Motelers, we continued on to our day's destination of Thunder Bay with a couple of stops along the way. About 60 kms before Thunder Bay we took on the adventure of driving in to one of the Amethyst Mines along the way. It took us two tries to get the right turn off to the mine. (When the sign points at the road at the sign, it truly meant that is the road you take, not the next one up the road.) Anyways after turning around and going back, it turned out to be a narrow, bumpy dirt road that V'd about 10 km in. At this point, a fellow camper pulling a trailer was in the process of turning around as the one road to the right with signage that it was to the mine was blocked off and the other road to the left was uphill and narrow and he really didn't want to chance going up and not being able to turn around if it wasn't the road to the mine. At this point it was getting to be a bit confusing. Are we on the right road or not? Should we continue up the hill?

It was turning into an adventure! As luck would have it, a vehicle was coming down and told us the mine



was just up and around the corner with lots of parking available. So our camper friend turned around again and came up with us. The mine was one where you could go dig/pick/prod out your own samples of rock paying \$15 for a bucket full or you could purchase an amethyst rock already on display. Most of us chose to have the experience of doing it ourselves. We needed tools: your own or you could rent some. Lucky

for us car people, after rooting around in the trunks of the cars, we did come up with enough stuff to get us a few samples: hammers, screwdrivers, chisels. However, breaking up the rock was a lot harder than one would think; you really do need some special tools and lots of muscle and proper clothing and gloves—(not sandals or bare hands). Regardless, it was a lot of fun.

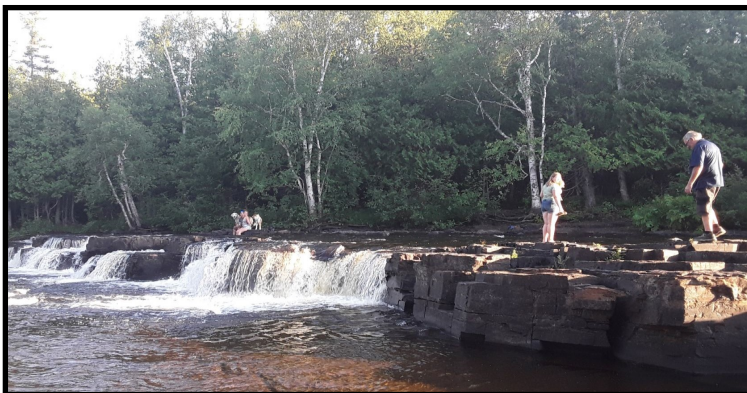


Being a rock lover, this was the highlight of my day. Looking back though, I should have bought one of the rocks already on display besides the bucket of rocks I got.



Many people stopped in to see the Terry Fox Memorial Monument about 19 kms prior to reaching Thunder Bay. However we had been there before and decided to continue on to Thunder Bay. Lo and behold, our accommodations were the same ones we had when we were on our way to NL. We registered and because it was lunch time and they had an empty breakfast area, we asked if we could have a picnic lunch in their airconditioned roomy facility rather than our rooms. After we lunched, we got all our stuff unloaded and up to the room. Since this was a bigger town, we decided we needed to replenish some supplies and went to a nearby shopping mall's LCBO outlet. Dinner was a pot luck dinner with the campers at their campsite at Trowbridge Falls Campground. For a last minute throw together idea, it turned out really great.

The motellers were responsible for dessert and the campers brought whatever they could put together last minute. Was a great selection of everything under the sun. After supper, we teamed up with a couple of the campers who took us on a little tour of what was in the campsite and where most people spent the day at on the Current River and falls.



Beautiful. You could walk out on the rock shelves and dip your toes in or take a chair and find a spot to sit in the river or like the younger people were doing just jump in; it was a very inviting area. Later we went back to the motel and played a few games of cards while sipping on a couple of cocktails. Nice way to end the evening.

Wednesday August 10th we got to sleep in as we were not moving on to another town. We did have a lunch and car show to attend though. It was at Tony Guadagnolo's place; he is the president of the Lakehead Antique Car club. He had a number of buildings open for us that housed his collection of vehicles and in his back-back yard he had some parts vehicles too; plus members of the car club came with their vehicles. And with the Coaster's vehicles, it was an impressive well attended private car show with about 75 vehicles. The luncheon was wonderful. Buffett style. Lots of great food. Weather was good also. On the way back to our motel, we stopped at Hillcrest park.



The park wasn't that big but it did provide a great view of The Sleeping Giant, the city, and the city's marina and waterfront. The Sleeping Giant is a bunch of flat-topped hills with steep sides formed by the erosion of the basaltic rock on the Sibley Peninsula and looks like a man sleeping on his back. The Ojibway people call it Nanabiju, meaning the spirit of deep water. One legend says that he

lays there to protect the silver mine know as Silver Islet. Another legend says he was turned to stone when the secret location of silver was revealed. Silver islet was a mine under Lake Superior that operated around 1870 for 13 years. One of the richest silver mines in the area. When a shipment of coal used to keep the pumps running to clear the water out of the mine failed to show up, the mine flooded and Lake Superior reclaimed it and the mine closed. The marina and waterfront area named Prince Arthur's Landing and Marina Park, is very lovely: lots of floral gardens and sitting benches make it a great gathering place. The park has an art centre and splash park as well as an area for city events such as outdoor music concerts to occur. The afternoon we were there, music entertainers were setting up and practicing for a musical event that night. With the day ending, we returned to our motel, contacted the Bouwmeester's and went out for a quiet dinner just down the road before returning to the motel for another evening of cards.

Thursday August 11th, this day's journey would take us to Dryden, our final destination in Ontario. It was a whopping 340 km, one of our longest days. And it definitely took us all day. Our first stop after leaving Thunder Bay was to see The Kakabeka Falls about 29 kms out of Dryden. It is part of the Provincial Park. We



had to pay for parking and that was classed as our entrance into the park to see the falls. Think it was about \$5 per vehicle. The falls are located on the Kaministiquia River. They are an impressive 40 meters in height. Very lovely. Called the Niagara of the North. Along the falls on both sides of the river is a boardwalk with a bridgeway to walk/drive over the falls to the other side of the river. We were able to visit the Provincial Park gift shop and use their facilities. People toss money off the bridge and one can see lots of loonies and toonie in the pools of water on the rocks below. Wonder if the park ever harvest the coins? Or do they get washed away with high water? There may be a loonie/toonie deposit downriver!

We also stopped at another small falls called Raleigh Falls. It wasn't much but it was pretty and was nice to get out and stretch our legs. We ended up stopping at a rest/picnic area about ½ way for lunch with the Bouwmeester's sharing what we had left in our coolers. This little stop was beside a small lake with covered picnic tables. Very nice. Of course, this took longer than expected, as again people see the cars and want to talk and look at them. We continued along the way and crossed the time change area and of course had to do the photo op. Eventually we arrived in Dryden, seen a grocery store and stopped to replenish our lunch and snack supplies before checking in to our accommodations for the night. Think this was the best hotel we stayed in so far on the trip. It was fairly new. Had dinner with the rest of the motellers in their restaurant. Was lovely. Then another night of cards and cocktails.



Friday August 12th, we had a really nice off-the-menu breakfast that was included in our room cost (yup, whatever you wanted). Before leaving we grabbed a picture of the giant Dryden Moose and then we headed for our next destination of Morris Manitoba.

Finally, we made it out of Ontario! Yahoo!

Marlene



Important

YEAR BARS To Be Presented !!!!

It would be nice if you could be in attendance to receive your year bar in person as the following members will be presented with their year bars at the April General Meeting.

Harm & Debbie Fransen **{5 yr}** Grant & Stella Rice **{10 yr}** Gerry & Marilyn Gerow, Don & Lil Potts **{15 yr}** Wayne & Judy Clarke, Keith & Doris Galbraith **{20 yr}** Dean MacKley **{35 yr}** Engel & Audrey Bouwmeester **{45 yr}** John & Laverne Duerksen, Ernie & Marg McNaughton, Dave Doman **{50 yr}**

\$\$\$ SPENDING OUR KID'S INHERITANCE \$\$\$

Hello Dave

Judy and I arrived back home from 3 weeks in Maui. If you can use any of the pics in the next newsletter, feel free.



The sunsets are looking West from Sugar Beach.
The whale tail is that of a humpback mama who had her calf close by.
That photo was also taken from Sugar Beach.



The rocky beach is in the Ahihi Natural Reserve in South Maui.

The snorkeling there is excellent, Katie with Snorkel and I can be seen tiptoeing with minor ouchies into the water. Judy and I wear wetsuits which keep us warm.

This other photo is taken at Makena Landing where keen snorkelers can see lots of turtles.

If you can't use any of this my feelings aren't hurt.
Thanks and I do enjoy the monthly Kamshaft.

Geoff Gibbard



My '46 BUICK HITS THE ROAD

Good Morning Dave, just thought you might be interested in knowing that my '46 Buick is now history as it went down the road to Kelowna on the weekend. A young guy bought it and seemed pretty excited about it, so I hope he enjoys working on it. Terry Shewchuk noticed that there was already a Facebook posting on it, sitting in front of it's new garage with a 1950 Ford.

Dick Parkes



Monthly Mystery Car #48

Presented by
Art Harms



March Mystery Car



The **March 2023j Mystery Car** is a **1948 Pontiac Silver Streak Streamliner**, the top model Pontiac offered that year. These cars were built on the larger General Motors "B" body, with the most distinguishing feature being the long smooth fastback styling. Three body styles were available in 1948, the two-door sedan, a four-door sedan, and a station wagon. The three chrome streaks in the center of the hood, and down the trunk let everyone know that it was a Pontiac. Styling features included a large chrome grille c/w a center badge, wrap around bumpers c/w with bumperettes, and front fenders which extended back into the front doors, c/w chrome styling accent spears. Other design features included full wheel chrome hubcaps, chrome gravel guards, round taillights, and a hood which extended to the windshield, thereby eliminating the cowl. On each side of the hood was a chrome emblem with the words Silver Streak on six-cylinder models, and Silver 8 Streak on eight-cylinder models.



As can be imagined, the interior appointments were on a different scale compared the lesser models offered by Pontiac. Seatbacks were manufactured in a two-tone pillow and tuft upholstery style. Quarter sawn mahogany was used for the window, and the dashboard trim. A glovebox door electric clock was standard, as was a deluxe steering wheel.

Power for these cars was provided by either a straight inline six cylinder-engine, or an optional straight inline eight-cylinder engine. Performance was merely adequate, with the 239 cubic inch flathead six-cylinder engine producing 90 horsepower @ 3700 RPM, and the 249 cubic inch flathead eight-cylinder engine 107 horsepower at the same RPM. With a vehicle weight of +/- 4000 pounds, this car was a slow, and steady automobile.





Two transmission choices were available in 1948, a three-speed manual synchronized transmission, or the optional four-speed Hydramatic automatic transmission. It is interesting to note that these early automatic transmissions were a very expensive option, yet 122,327 of the 160,857 Pontiac Streamliners sold in 1948 were equipped with them. The wheelbase was 122 inches, and

was equipped with 16" wheels c/w 6.50" X 16" tube type tires. *Art Harms*

A fine car made even finer... PONTIAC for 1948

GM HYDRA-MATIC DRIVE OPTIONAL ON ALL MODELS*



**What
Hydra-Matic Drive
Is:**

G.M. Hydra-Matic Drive is a proved, dependable transmission that makes your driving unbelievably easy. Hydra-Matic shifts your gears automatically, at the right time, at the right speed. With G.M. Hydra-Matic there is no clutch pedal! You just move the control (forward or reverse) and go!

**What
Hydra-Matic Drive
Does:**

G.M. Hydra-Matic Drive lets you drive with easing simplicity. You can stop and start—all day long—with only the brake and accelerator pedals. On hills, on the highway, in heavy city traffic, G.M. Hydra-Matic does your gear shifting for you. You're always in the correct, most efficient gear with G.M. Hydra-Matic!

DeLuxe Streamliner Sedan Front



MONTHLY GROUP BREAKFASTS

I started these as my Hupmobile had Antique plates which meant it had to be a parade or club function to legally use it. So I started the Sunday Breakfast's with the idea following the breakfast we could take a drive with the cars. This did not work, as it turned out that the members where satisfied to just sit and socialize.

My recent survey showed the following results: - Tobiano 9 The Dunes 5 Liking both 4 Alternating 2 Not available 5 and A&W 1. So it is out to Tobiano in May.

However, I still need to know by noon on the Friday preceding the Sunday Breakfast if you plan on attending as the restaurant likes to know.

Someone suggested we try somewhere else. Okay, but take in to consideration when looking as they will have to look after between 20 and 30 people arriving all at the same time plus there should be room to park at least 15 more cars in their parking lot. I am open for suggestions. *Dave*



We need your help in planning our **Fathers Day Event** on June 18. We have been invited to O'Keefe Ranch for a Show and Shine. We would leave Kamloops at 9:00 am arriving at O'Keefe Ranch about 11:00 am and have our cars on display until 2:00 pm at which time we will return to Kamloops. Our Tentative proposed route would start at A & W, Valleyview and proceed to Monte Lake via Barnhartvale Road where we would join Hwy 97 and take St. Ann's Road (a few miles past Schweb's Bridge) then join Otter Lake Road to Highway 97 and O'Keefe Ranch.

Departing O'Keefe Ranch at 2:00 we would take St. Ann's Road and join Otter Lake Road to Armstrong where we will stop at Village Cheese, for you guessed it, **ICE CREAM.**

Leaving Armstrong we would use back roads to get back on Highway 97 at Schweb's Bridge, then home.

While at O'Keefe Ranch we can have lunch. More info to follow on lunch. **Everyone driving Vintage gets free admission to the ranch and all displays.** Grand kids are welcome. O'Keefe Ranch is prepared to advertise our participation.

We need numbers, we need at least a dozen cars to justify their advertising expense. We don't want to embarrass ourselves and them if only 6 cars show up.

That is why we need your help. Will you be able to attend? This is not a firm commitment at this time but gives us an idea of whether or not we should proceed.

Call or email Lila Foley jlfoley@shaw.ca or phone 250 573-4256 or Ken Hoshowski hosh1941@telus.net or phone 778 362-3016 or let us know at the general meeting of April 26



Situated at the head of Okanagan Lake in the stunning Okanagan Valley, this historic site is a mecca for tourists. Just a few kilometers from the City of Vernon and twenty minutes from Silver Star Mountain, the Ranch welcomes travelers from all over the world, and extends a particular welcome to its local residents.

The Ranch was founded in 1867, and in its earliest days was at the end of the wagon road into the Okanagan Valley and the site of the stage coach depot. It was a small, self-contained community, with a Post Office, blacksmith shop, grist mill, and even its own church and cemetery. Many of the original buildings still exist, and are a delight to explore.

Historic O'Keefe Ranch tells the story of early BC Ranching and endeavours to preserve the history and culture of the early ranching era for future generations. Check their website at okeeferanch.ca *Ken*

2023 BACK ROAD TOUR June 9th– 11th

Friday is a drive to Oliver and stay there over night. On the Saturday the drive is over to Grand Forks and on Sunday it is the return to Kamloops.

Along the way we will be travelling back roads, visiting wineries, museums, points of interest and of course have meal and ice cream breaks.

Steve needs to hear from you if you plan on attending as he needs numbers to line up restaurants and accommodations. There will be a registration fee to attend this tour.

As Steve is going to away and if you are interested please let either **John Foley at 250 573 4256 or jlfoley@shaw.ca or Ken Hoshowski 778 362 3016 or hosh1941@telus.net** know as soon as possible. Thanks Editor

E A S T E R D R I V E



Hello Members -

I hope you enjoyed the Easter Drive / Show again this year. Preliminary counts indicates about 85 cars at Registration . A big thank you to all the 'Helpers' as you made this year much easier on me. we overcame the Riverside Park issue with the City .

I think the weather may have had something to do with the numbers of people showing up along the drive route * but as Dieter Arndt mentioned ... it didn't rain!

Lila & the coffee/cookie group did a great job. Enough was collected by donation to cover our expenses. Thank you

Easter Parade/Drive Chairman

Rich Vandermeey



CLASSIFIEDS For Sale

***1932 CHEV CONFEDERATE BA SERIES \$30,000**

Excellent condition. It was restored (New Old Parts) with the original rebuilt manual engine, Unfortunately my husband passed away and I have to sell it.

Contact me for more info at emmahi@shaw.ca Or 604-556-9508
Thank you Julie



***CARGO TRAILER \$4,500**

2000 Wells Cargo 26 Ft. Fun Wagon Rear Ramp, Front Ramp, Side Door, Interior Lights, Good



***CAR TRAILER \$3,500** Excellent Condition
New 10 ply tires, 2001 Re-furbished U Haul Car Trailer New Brakes, Recently Painted

***Dianne Hargrove**

Cell 250 573 9253 dhargrov@telus.net



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2.5 S (Like new) 4 door sedan 42500 km
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View at **175 Vicars Rd or call 250 320-8868**

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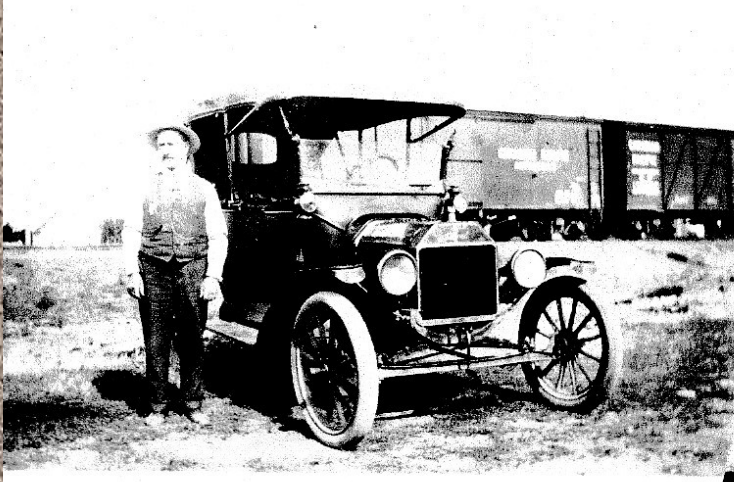
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Tires & Rims are American
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57 Chev or Firebird



***Guy Arcand 250 573 2825**
or gjarcand@telus.net

OLD PHOTO CORNER #4



Bob Chambers grandfather Don Chamber's proudly standing besides his 1918 Model T Ford at Arden Manitoba

Submitted by Bob Chambers

Asked my dad for a cordless drill and this is what I got.



Kamloops Heritage Railway [2141]

Is holding an open house for the public on **Saturday May 6th.**

They would like the Vintage car to be part of it by displaying our club vehicles and at least 10 members cars.



If you can help please contact me at **250 372 8179** or **cordonier@telus.net** if you can help.

Thanks
Andy Cordonier



A Thought to Remember Until Next Time:

Be decisive. Right or wrong, make a decision.

The road is paved with flat squirrels who couldn't make a decision.