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Calendar of Events

**Kamloops Chapter Events*

- *Oct 25th General Meeting
- *Nov 22nd General Meeting (Election of the 2024 Executive)
- *Dec 2nd Christmas Dinner (Hal Rogers) (Details to follow) (page 10)



Sunday August 13th the park invited various car clubs to have a show and shine to help promote their village.

It was definitely a hot day however the following members from our Chapter took their cars over for the day: - Craig & Marlene Beddie, Engel & Audry Bouwmeester, Terry & Heather Davidson, Carolyn Obieglo, Jason Tasko, Robert & Wendy Sparrow, Gerry & Vicky Wallin.

After parking their cars most of them did their best to find a spot with a little shade.



*Vicky & Gerry
With Vicky's (Dad's)
'62 Mercury*



Bouwmeester's '54 Studebaker



Jason Tasko's '29 Chevrolet





Lost Words from our childhood This brings back a lot of memories..... :

Mergatroyd!. Do you remember that word? Would you believe the spell-checker did not recognize the word Mergatroyd? Heavens to Mergatroyd!

The other day a not so elderly (I say 75) lady said something to her son about driving a Jalopy; and he looked at her quizzically and said "What the heck is a Jalopy?" He never heard of the word jalopy! She knew she was old. But not that old. Well, I hope you are Hunky Dory after you read this and chuckle.



So, let's illuminate some old expressions that have become obsolete because of the inexorable march of technology. Phrases like: Don't touch that dial, Carbon copy, You sound like a broken record, and Hung out to dry. Back in the olden days we had a lot of moxie. We'd put on our best bib and tucker, to straighten up and fly right. Heavens to Betsy! Gee whillikers! Jumping Jehoshaphat! Holy Moley! We were in like Flynn and living the life of Riley; and even a regular guy couldn't accuse us of being a knucklehead, a nincompoop or a pill. Not for all the tea in China!



Back in the olden days, life used to be swell, but when's the last time anything was swell? Swell has gone the way of beehives, pageboys and the D.A.; of spats, knickers, fedoras, poodle skirts, saddle shoes, and pedal pushers. Oh, my aching back!

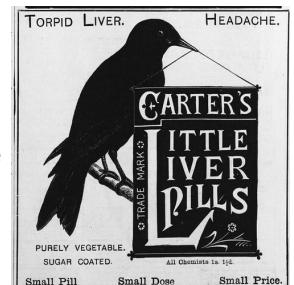
Kilroy was here, but he isn't anymore. We wake up from what surely has been just a short nap, and before we can say, "Well, I'll be a monkey's uncle!" Or "This is a fine kettle of fish!" We discover that the words we grew up with, the words that seemed omnipresent, as oxygen, have vanished with scarcely a notice from our tongues and our pens and our keyboards. Poof, go the words of our youth, the words we've left behind. We blink, and they're gone. Where have all those great phrases gone? Long gone: Pshaw, the milkman did it. Hey! It's your nickel. Don't forget to pull the chain. Knee high to a grasshopper. Well, Fiddlesticks! Going like sixty. I'll see you in the funny papers. Don't take any wooden nickels. Wake up and smell the roses.



It turns out there are more of these lost words and expressions than Carter has little liver pills. This can be disturbing stuff! (Carter's Little Liver Pills are gone too!) We of a certain age have been blessed to live in changeable times.

For a child each new word is like a shiny toy, a toy that has no age. We at the other end of the chronological arc have the advantage of remembering there are words that once did not exist and there were words that once strutted their hour upon the earthly stage and

now are heard no more, except in our collective memory. It's one of the greatest advantages of aging. Leaves us to wonder????



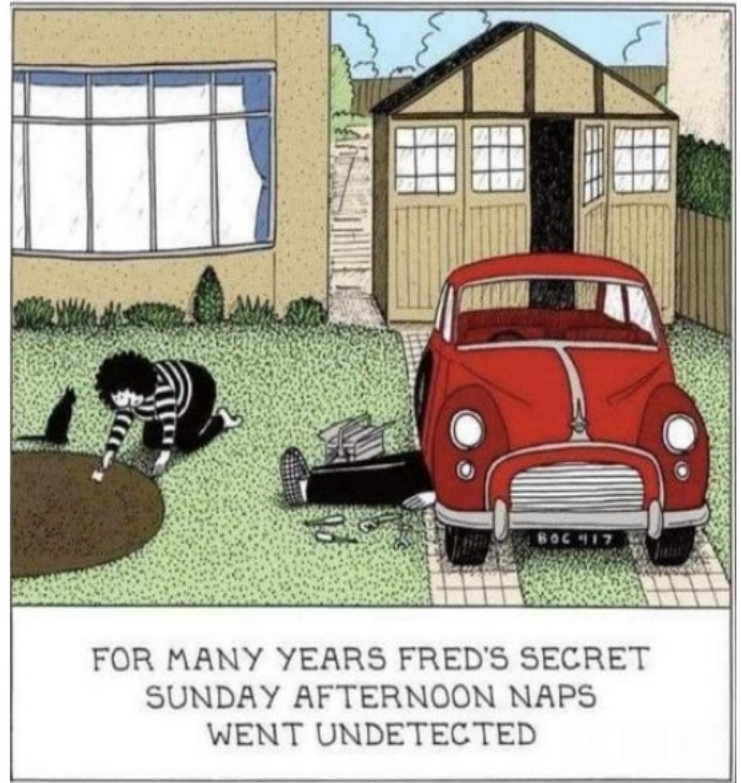
Doug McCloy's Celebration of Life September 16th

This celebration was held at the Orchard Walk Community Center. The VC members met at the Valleyview A & W where Doug spent his time drinking coffee with his buddies (he called it his office) The Vintage Car club made up a cavalcade of 15 cars and 2 club vehicles with Doug's Mustang in the lead travelled out to the Community Center.

Jeff and Chris (Doug's sons) spoke about their Dad and then it was an open mike. Relatives, co-workers, vintage car member, coffee buddies and neighbours all had things to say. By the time everyone had spoken we heard Doug's complete life history. **Editor**



Celebration of life Pictures continued



Switching from Left Side to the Right Side of the road

Before the 1908 launch of the Model T virtually every car in the US placed the steering wheel on the right. Ford thought it was better to see the edge of the road than worry about on coming cars. In fact, Ford only made the change to make it easier for people entering on the passenger side to avoid on coming traffic.

The interior of British Columbia had made the switch to what was called **“Keep to the Right”** about 17 months before in Vancouver, July 1920.

In those years, according to Gerald Froese, Manager of Traffic Engineering Policy and Standards for the Provincial Government of British Columbia, there were very few vehicles in the rural parts of the province.

Most of the roads weren't even paved, and none had lines painted down the middle. When July 15, 1920 came, switching from left to right in those sparsely populated areas was downright uneventful.

Early 1950's Keith Galbraith's father was responsible for the 1st white lines painted on BC highways.

His crew did the new Hope/ Princeton Hwy. Since he built the device on government time he only received a handshake for his efforts.

He got the idea out of Popular Mechanics, a magazine of the time. *Editor*



Chase Holds Downtown Car Show

I believe it was their 1st attempt at a Downtown car show. It was well attended and it was surprising how many of the car window registration's listing cars from Chase. *Editor*



Sunday Oct. 1st. What a beautiful day! Here it is the end of the season and I finally managed to get my car back on the road after last using in on the Back Road Tour in June.

As it was such a nice day Sue and I decided to give the Ford a run by driving out to Horsting's at Cache Creek for lunch.



Then it was down to Ashcroft and a visit to the popular Dessert Hills Ranch for some veggies.

When we arrived we were probably number 12 or 15 in line waiting for parking. It was very busy.



They were running out of wagons to use for your shopping and when it was time to

check out with four lines going full out it was a 45 minute trip to the till. It did not seem all that long as everyone was in a real good mood saying how they came for 1 or 2 items and were leaving with cart full. Next year will consider visiting through the week rather a weekend.

Following Dessert Hills it was a trip up to Logan Lake enjoying the fall colours. Stopped by their arena for some photos of the Bethlehem equipment on display. Not much traffic so it made for a perfect day of leisure motoring.



As Audrey Bouwmeester says it is sure nice to be able to use and drive our cars when possible. *Dave*



Monthly Mystery Car #55

Presented by
Art Harms



September Mystery Car



September Mystery Car is a 1964 Buick Wildcat. These automobiles were very popular, and helped

revive Buicks fortunes and sales figures in 1964. There were four body styles available, a four-door sedan, the two-door hardtop, the four-door hardtop, and the two-door convertible. Naturally, the last three styles

listed were the most desirable. The styling was clean, with a notable absence of the port holes used in previous models. This new styling included three horizontal stripes behind the front wheel- opening. A new redesigned slightly recessed grille with dual headlights, was designed in a more “W” shape. New wheel covers were designed with the Wildcat emblem in the center. The Wildcat emblem was also on the “C” pillars. The rear design included long horizontal taillights and ribbed rear fascia.



The 1964 Buick Wildcat was produced in two different trim levels, standard, and custom. Vinyl upholstery was the standard for these cars. Bucket front seats with a center console was utilized in all the cars, with one notable exception. The tachometer was located in the front of the console, with the speedometer and engine monitoring gauges mounted in the dash. Optional equipment included P/S, PB, power windows, power seats, power convertible top, radio, air conditioning, tinted glass, as well as other things.

Three engine options were available to the buyer, the 401 cubic inch V8 which produced 325 horsepower and 445 foot/pounds torque, the 425 cubic inch V8 which produced 340 horsepower and 495 foot/pounds torque, and the 360 horsepower V8 which was equipped with dual four-barrel carburetors. The 360 horsepower engine came equipped with aluminum finned valve covers from the factory.



Three transmission options were available in 1964, a three-speed manual c/w a column shift, a four-speed manual with a floor shifter, and the Dynaflow super-turbine automatic. The one notable exception noted in the previous section referred to the use of a bench front seat in the cars ordered with the four-speed transmission. The shifter was just mounted on the transmission tunnel, with no center console. You practically had to be a contortionist to drive the car with the shifter in this location.

Power was transmitted to the Buick Positive Action differential. Drum brakes were used, both front and rear. These automobiles were built on a 123" wheelbase, and weighted 3900 pounds before any optional equipment. 1964 production totaled 84,245 cars.



Art Harms



CHRISTMAS DINNER

Be sure to keep the date of **Saturday December 2nd** available for our annual Christmas Party with turkey and ham and all the trimmings

It will be very similar to last year at the Hal Rodgers Hall where we have our regular General Meetings.

Tickets are \$25.00 per person and will be available at the October Meeting

More details to follow.

Lila



George's 18th Annual Pumpkin Run

The cars from Kamloops left from the Residence at Orchard Walk at 8 am Sunday October 2nd. as the run is held on the first Sunday in October. For the drive to Salmon Arm then down to Grindrod it was foggy and quite cold with an overcast. By the time of arrival at noon in Grindrod it had cleared up and warmed up shortly afterwards. Some people brought sandwiches and others headed across the street to the pub for lunch.

Someone said there was 280 plus cars took part in the run as they came from other towns besides Kamloops. Do hope you can come and join us next year. *Robert Sparrow*



Membership

2024 Renewals

They will be available at the General Meeting October 25th.

When you pick up yours and if your neighbour is not at the meeting
please take theirs for personal delivery.

This way it will save the club some postage and gives you a chance to visit with them.

After checking to see that all the information listed is correct you can pay it that night.

If you would prefer to pay by e-transfer it is a direct deposit with no security password.

Transfer is to **debbie_f28@hotmail.com**

ELECTIONS
Nov.
22nd

Each year in November we have elections for the positions on the Executive which keeps our Chapter running.

The positions that are up for elections each year are: - President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and 4 Directors (2-year term). Other positions such as Sunshine, Kamshaft, Back Road Tour, Easter Parade, Garage Tours, Summer Cruise Nights & Etc., are positions that are either assigned or volunteers step up to fill the positions. **Yes** members can be re-elected or still stay on the volunteer positions if they like.

I know a lot of the seniors comment that they have done it and the new and younger in age say they have trouble finding the time between work and family. Remember the Vintage Car is a family club.

As they say many hands make the load easier to handle besides it can be fun to be involved and you get to know your fellow members better.

SUGGESTED GUIDE LINES (are listed on next page 13) FOR CLUB POSTIONS

Positions marked with *are Elected Positions

If you feel you would like to help in someway to help keep the Chapter active please contact the

Nominating Committee:- **Jim Carroll 250 374 76706** carroll.jim20@gmail.com or

Ken Hoshowski 778 362 3016 hosh1941@telus.net

SUGGESTED GUIDE LINES FOR CLUB POSTIONS [Elected*]**

***President:** - *Guide the club for the calendar year.*

- *Has club signing authority along with Treasure and Secretary*
- *Over see any awards or presentations.*

***Vice President:** - *Assist president with club activities*

- *Run Meetings if President absent*
- *Provide Entertainment at the meetings*

Past President: - *Guide & assist president*

- *Chairman of the Nominating Committee along with a Director [2nd term]*

***Secretary:** - *Record minutes of General and Executive Meetings.*

- *Write letters and answer correspondence if necessary*
- *Notify National and the Vintage Car the change of the executive officers*

***Treasurer:** - *Record the finances and pay bills of the club*

- *Provide an annual financial statement to the club in either January or February*
- *Part of the Finance Committee*
- *Contact City re Hal Rogers hall rental.*

***Directors [8]:** - *A two year term position. Four elected each year*

- *Different jobs and positions*
- *One director serving 2nd term to be on Nominating Committee*

***Governor:** - *[Two year term]*

- *Represent our Chapter at the two annual VCCC National Meetings*

Coffee: - *Provide coffee & doughnuts at the General Meetings*

Cruise Nights: - *Responsible for Thursday Night Cruises [June, July, August]*

E Mails: - *Send out e mails as necessary*

Finance Committee [Min 3 members]: - *Treasurer, and two members.*

- *Make decisions and oversee club investments*

Finance/Review: - *Review Chapter books annually.*

Garage Tours [2]: - *Usually one in the spring and another in the fall.*

Historian/Photo Albums: - *Record activities and happenings of the chapter*

Hot Nite In The City: - *Represent our club on HNITC committee.*

Kamshaft Editor: - *Supply chapter with at least 10 issues of newsletter annually.*

Membership: - *Record membership*

- *Introduce new members and guests at general meetings*
- *Try to get information regarding new members for Kamshaft*

Parade Chair: - *Decide on which parades to attend as a club and organize times & dates.*

Phoning Committee: - *Contact members without e mails in regard to club activities.*

Property Chair: - *Maintain the safety of the club vehicles and trailers*

- *Make certain vehicles have proper insurance*

Regalia & 50/50: - *Sell tickets for 50/50 at meetings*

- *Order and sell club regalia*

Sunshine: - *See that club members get cards at time of need.*

The Vintage Car Reporter: - *Provides Vintage Car Magazine with current Kamloops Chapter activities.*

Gerry Takes Buick to Mt Lehman Fall Fair



John Bone and I left very early and went to the Mt. Lehman Fall Fair and Car Show on Sat. Sept. 6th.

I spoke to the organizer of the fair Gordon Taylor and he suggested to bring the car to Mt Lehman as Mt. Lehman is named after the Lehman family.

Isaac Lehman was a previous owner of my 1911 Mclaughlin-Buick.

John and I had a long day but a good day. Sorry we had no time for pictures as we were busy visiting with so many who were interested in the car and story. I was fortunate that others took pictures and sent a couple of them to me.

I was given a second prize in the "People's Choice Award". A great, great grandson of Issac Lehman knew I was at the car show so he stopped to look at the car and we had a good talk. I managed to get more information on the Lehman family.

After the show I visited the Mt. Lehman winery, called "Seaside Pearl", and bought some Sam & Isaac wine. A little hard to see the picture on the wine bottle is of the two brothers Sam & Isaac Lehman on horseback.

When you have an old car you sure get to meet and talk with a lot of people.

Gerry Wallin



John and Myself



This photo appeared in the Abbotsford News





On Wednesday, September 27, the Kamloops Chapter of the Vintage Car Club, was presented with a most interesting program.

Our two guests were Andy and Shirley Philpot, the tireless volunteer leaders of the Kamloops St John Ambulance.

In the early 1900, the St John Ambulance movement started in BC, and started first aid in 1948 and was formally recognized in Kamloops in 1967. These two people are the glue that has kept this chapter, together and moving forward with, innovative ideas and proving that with the hard work of many members over the years, the group can be seen at so very many functions. From, tournaments for many sports to being key personal key at many functions such as Canada Day held in Riverside Park. To being there for those who have been evacuated from their homes, due to floods and fires. We can always be grateful for the help they provide for all.



Some of those who have received their training from the St Johns, have gone forward to not only continued with their first aid, but also to become well known in the medical communities throughout the world.

People as young as 18, if accepted, can train with the group and for many, this is the start of wonderful of their future careers.

The organization is able to continue with this valuable need with donations from the general public.

If anyone is interested, in learning more about this most valuable group, they would appreciate hearing from you.

Both Andy & Shirley have been recognized for their 20 plus years of service.

If you would like to obtain an updated First Aid Kit for your car, home or make a donation to their group (which goes towards purchasing equipment and supplies)



Contact Andy Philpot 250 320 6693 or philpot518@gmail.com

St John Ambulance 627 Victoria St 250 372 3853 website ; sja.ca



OLD PHOTO CORNER #10



Noella Dickinson with sons

Darrell, Duane along with Patches

(Visiting International Tour Kelowna 1972)

Car is 1928 Model M Hupmobile

CLASSIFIEDS WANTED



26 Star Coupe -

Parts or a complete body.

**Jim Chambers 250 672 0208*

mk5sabre@yahoo.ca

CLASSIFIEDS For Sale

1940's AM Radio, Turntable & 78's record collection \$325.00

Turntable in good working condition

**Ken Savage 1 416 287 9813*

kensavage@rogers.com



EDITOR'S EDITORIAL



Well folks I must apologize that some of the summer events did not get mentioned by me as Kamshaft Editor as I do not use FACEBOOK and did not know about them. If you know of an up coming event and think that some of our members would be interested in attending please drop me

an email about it so I can pass the information along.

Car Shows are nice and I realize people like to show off what is under the hood. However when taking car pictures and showing them later it is nicer to have the hoods closed. "Old Autos" publications will not print any pictures with car hoods open.

Thanks to all of you that sent items in this month as it makes your Kamshaft more interesting reading.

ONE MORNING a husband returns to the cabin after several hours of fishing and decides to take a nap.

Although not familiar with the lake, the wife decides to take the boat out, since it is such a beautiful day.

She motors out a short distance, anchors, and reads her book.

Along comes a Game Warden in his boat. He pulls up alongside the woman and says, "Good morning, Ma'am, what are you doing"?

"Reading a book," she replies, (thinking, "Isn't that obvious"?)

"You're in a Restricted Fishing Area," he informs her.

"I'm sorry, officer, but I'm not fishing, I'm reading."

"Yes, but you have all the equipment. I'll have to write you up a ticket."

"For reading a book"? she replies.

"You're in a Restricted Fishing Area," he informs her again.

"But officer, I'm not fishing, I'm reading."

"Yes, but you have all the equipment. For all I know you could start at any moment. I'll have to write you up a ticket and you'll have to pay a fine."

"If you do that, I'll have to charge you with sexual assault," says the woman.

"But I haven't even touched you," says the Game Warden.

"That's true, but you have all the equipment. For all I know you could start at any moment."

"Have a nice day ma'am," and he immediately departed.



MORAL: *Never argue with a woman who reads. It's likely she can also think*

A Thought to Remember Until Next Time

A lady asks: "How much do you sell your eggs for?"

The old vendor replies "50¢ an egg, madam." The lady says, "I'll take 6 eggs for \$2.50 or I'm leaving."

The old salesman replies "Buy them at the price you want, Madam. This is a good start for me because I haven't sold a single egg today and I need this to live."

She bought her eggs at a bargain price and left with the feeling that she had won.

She got into her fancy car and went to a fancy restaurant with her friend. She and her friend ordered what they wanted. They ate a little and left a lot of what they had asked for.

They paid the bill, which was \$150. The ladies gave \$200 and told the fancy restaurant owner to keep the change as a tip...

This story might seem quite normal to the owner of the fancy restaurant, but very unfair to the egg seller...

The question it raises is: ***Why do we always need to show that we have power when we buy from the needy? And why are we generous to those who don't even need our generosity?***

I once read this somewhere, that a father used to buy goods from poor people at high prices, even though he didn't need the things. Sometimes he paid more for them.

I was amazed. One day his son asked him "Why are you doing this Dad?" His father replied: "It's charity wrapped in dignity, son."

