



# The Kamshaft September 2023

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## CLUB VEHICLES

### VISIT

## **"HOT"** NITE IN THE CITY

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## Calendar of Events

*\* Kamloops Chapter Events*

Sep 23rd & 24th Vintage Ploughing Fieldstone Organic 4851 Schubert Rd Spallumcheem

\*Sep 20th Executive Meeting

\*Sep 27th General Meeting

\*Sep 29th Picnic at the Ranch (See Page 11) (Ball Fields in Rayleigh) **(Weather Permitting)**

## PRESIDENT JIM'S MESSAGE



Well, we made it through another hot and Smokey summer. The days are getting shorter and nights colder. Still lots of beautiful days to get out and enjoy driving our vintage cars!

With fall upon us, just a reminder that our meetings start up again. The Executive will meet Sept.20/23 followed the week after by the General Membership meeting, Sept.27/23. We have some interesting speakers lined up so mark it in your calendar and check your emails for the Kamshaft news letter.

See you soon and safe driving, *Jim*

PS. Remember Doug McCloy's Celebration of Life. Saturday, Sept16/23 leaving from the Valleyview A&W at 12 noon driving in a cavalcade out to the Orchard Walks Community Center.

## EDITOR'S EDITORIAL



I would like to thank all those that have supplied items this year for the Kamshafts especially Marlene and Audrey as it has been gratefully appreciated. Once again I am asking for ideas and items for the up coming Kamshafts as at the moment my desk does not have much on it. In

regards to the "Old Photos" on the back page this will be dropped at the end of the year as I do not have photos to carry on with this .

I hope you have been enjoying the different club newsletters that I have forwarded on to you when I receive them. I in return forward a copy of our Kamshaft on to their Editors for their members.

If any time you want to look back at a previous Kamshafts or Club Calendars from October 2009 to present you can see them all on the **VCCC.Com** web page. While visiting the web page check out some of the other **Chapter web pages** as some of them are very interesting.



It is with regret to announce the passing  
of Doug McCloy

Doug was an active Chapter member  
since joining in 1987. He was our Chapter  
President both 1996 & 2001.

He will be remember by those that knew  
him for his sense of  
humour & his Mustang







# IDAHO STUDEBAKER TOUR



The beginning of August took us on another adventure. We left for Post Falls, Idaho on August 8th for a combined *Antique Studebaker Club (ASC) and Willys Overland Knight Registry (WOKR) Tour*. There was a 1911 EMF, 1927 Dictator (*ours*), 1930 Coupe, 1938 Commander, 1941 President, 1941 Commander and a 1964 Lark (which was driven by a young member -so nice to see) which rounded out the Studebaker contingent. There was a 1923 Overland Touring, 1923 Willys Knight Roadster, 1925 Willys Knight, 1926 Willys Touring, 1926 Willys Overland Whippet, 1930 Willys and 1932 Willys as the WOKR contingent.



On Wednesday morning we toured Coeur Boat Shop. They had some beautiful wooden boats, many under restoration.

Pretty sure that the 6 foot Chris-Craft rowboat was way out of our budget, never mind the stunning cabin cruisers and sailboats!

From there, we were off to Classic Garage Restoration where they had numerous cars Bardenay's Brew Pub/Restaurant in downtown Coeur d'Alene. There was a bit of a parking challenge as we arrived there right at lunch time. Following lunch we made a stop at Glenn Vaughn's Restoration Shop where a 1930's Packard was the current project.

Day 1 complete - 30 miles. Back at the hotel we had a tailgate dinner- actually a buffet dinner set up in the parking lot. Luckily the weather cooperated. Both ASC and WOKR had their business meetings in the evening. Looks like we may get the two clubs together again as it was a great mix of cars and people.

Thursday morning we cruised through downtown Coeur d'Alene and turned a few heads. We followed the old Yellowstone Trail which wound through the forest above Interstate 90. We crossed over the interstate and drove Highway 97 along Lake Coeur d'Alene which is very scenic. The road is narrow, winding and had many switchbacks. A box lunch was enjoyed at the community



park in Harrison, Idaho. The museum was open and of course there was a great ice cream shop. What a quaint little town. We returned to the hotel by the same route. Day 2 complete - 97 miles. The evening banquet was held at the hotel and included a raffle and people's choice awards. ASC was won by James and Stephanie Bell with their 1930 Coupe and WOKR was won by Bruce and Gayle Forbes with their 1926 Willy Overland Whippet.

Friday morning we left the hotel about 8:30 am, taking basically the same route as Thursday, but on steroids, we lunched at Timbers Roadhouse in Cataldo, Idaho. Great food and drink, complete with a live band. The weather was very hot and after a long day of driving, Day 3 was complete - 171 miles! From the hotel we walked to the local Pub/pizza place. It was hopping, but after all it was Friday night.

After some socializing with friends old and new, it was time to load up the car and make our way back home.

*Whenever you get the chance to drive your antique car.....take it!!* *Audrey Bouwmeester*





CLASSIC



## WHO WAS IT?

I understand that no one recognized the lady in the picture on page 15 of the July Kamshaft (except me). I recognized it right away as Marg McNaughton.

I have a few other pictures taken on the same day. As I recall, it was the only time she wore this outfit. She bought it at the Portland Swap Meet along with several other vintage costumes. The wig she is wearing was borrowed from Ev Gallagher.

This picture was taken at our house on Dominion St. as we were preparing for the July 1<sup>st</sup> parade in Chase, which leads to a somewhat interesting story.



On that day Marg was driving our 1958 Cadillac Convertible and I had my 1939 Ford Coupe. We were waiting in the lineup for the Parade that was almost ready to leave, when the Policeman who was leading the parade (they did that in those days) came back to talk to Marg, he asked her if she would like to join him for a coffee after the parade breaks up.

She said that might be very nice, but you should ask my husband, he's in the gray Ford Coupe about three cars back, I'm sure he would love to join us. With that, he went back to his police vehicle and never said another word to her. I could never understand why. *Ernie McNaughton*



Hi Dave, I took my 1926 Chev 1 ton truck to the Interlakes Community Hall and Park for their Show n Shine on Sunday August 20th.

There were 35 vehicles there. 4 or 5 from Barriere, a few from Heffley, the rest were from the local area.

I won Best Truck Award. It is a great area, on the grass ball field. Lots of room but little shade. The fall fair was going on at the same time, with lots to see. Too bad there were no VCCC members there.

A 1964 Ford won peoples choice, a 1929 Ford won best car. Unfortunately this show was not listed in Harrisons Auto Event List. *Jason Tasko*





# 2023 Back Road Tour To Grand Forks

This years Back Road Tour started Friday June 9<sup>th</sup> and ended on Sunday June 11<sup>th</sup>. Initially, Bruce Bawtree was organizing the tour. Unfortunately Bruce's work commitments took him away from the project and the job was handed over to Steve Bell to continue on with the remainder of the plans with help from John Foley and Ken Hoshowski. Thanks you guys for stepping into these shoes so the rest of us participants could enjoy a Back Roads Tour this year.

June 9<sup>th</sup> we all met at the Kamloops Subway on Dallas Drive at 9 am-- 14 vehicles (2 of which were modern) and 25 people: Don Potts in his 1998 Cadillac Eldorado, Harm and Deb Fransen in their modern vehicle, Bob and Michele Gieselman in their modern vehicle, Steve Bell and friend Susan Blair in Steve's 1966 Chevrolet Corvair Monza Convertible, Dave Dickinson and Sue Wilson in Dave's 1964 Ford Galaxie 500 XL 2 door hardtop, John and Lila Foley in their 1964 Chevrolet Impala 4 door hardtop, Ernie and Marg McNaughton in their 1964 Ford Mustang Convertible, Ray and Stella Rice in their 1964 Buick Riviera 2 door hardtop, Ray and Geri Henry in their 1964 Valiant Signet Convertible, Chuck Douglas in his 1965 Studebaker Cruiser 4 door sedan, Jim and Sherry Carroll in their 1973 Ford Grand Torino Wagon, Jake and Jan Surline in their 1940 Chevrolet Master 85 4 door sedan, Guy Arcand in his 1966 Ford Mustang GT Coupe, and Marlene and Craig Beddie in their 1963 Studebaker Avanti Coupe R1.



The day started as a beautiful sunny day for our day's drive to Oliver. The route was along the backroad through Barnhartvale connecting up with highway 97, through Westwold and Falkland turning off just before Vernon to continue along Westside Road with a stop at La Casa Market for a break and ice cream and then back onto highway 97 at West Kelowna and on to Peachland for lunch.



Most of us stopped at Gasthaus Restaurant—German cuisine. After lunch we continued on to Summerland to the Nixdorf Classic Cars

Museum. Accessible for viewing out of the collection were only about 40 vehicles. They were either 2 door hardtop or convertible classic Chevs, Fords, Olds or Chryslers. It also had a small area containing artifacts and nostalgia. An AM1 juke box was available for whoever wanted to select some songs to listen to while we wandered through. From there we



were to go to Heaven's Gate Estate Winery in Summerland (Deb and Harm Fransen were the only ones that went to the winery and purchased some wine), and the Cascades Casino in Penticton but time was short so most of us continued on to Tickleberry's Ice Cream shop in Ok Falls. This place not only sold a huge selection of ice cream but had a massive array of other goods available to purchase in their gift shop and Fudge Factory.



Jake's car had to be coached to  
leave the winery

Also suggested as a stop was the District Wine Village approximately 7 km from Oliver. This village consists of 12 wineries, a brewery, a distillery and a restaurant. Way too much to see for us on a tight remaining schedule.



Our day ended registering at our accommodations at the Cactus Tree Inn and having a great dinner with excellent service at Pappa's Fire Hall Bistro. Unluckily, most of us who walked over to the Bistro, had to walk back to the motel in the rain...pouring rain, no umbrellas and for most of us, no jackets as it was so lovely walking over. Regrettably the rain was not great for sitting outside after and most of us retired early. We did have a couple of breakdowns during the day. Ray and Geri Henry's Valiant had tranny troubles about 10 km before the turnoff onto



Westside road. Because it was hot and no shade there, Lila and John

Foley drove them back to Falkland to wait for the tow truck to return them to Kamloops. Foleys later caught up with the group at Nixdorf Classic Cars and the Henrys rejoined the group in the evening at the Bistro in Oliver driving their modern vehicle. Jake and Jan Surline's Chev Master had resistor trouble at La Casa. He was able to get going with assistance by Chuck Douglas and Craig Beddie and even Bob Geiselman poked his nose under the hood; Jake was able to pick up the necessary parts in Westbank and the next morning with help from Craig made the needed repairs.

Next morning, June 10, was beautiful; it smelt fresh and had clear skies. We had breakfast at M & J Country Kitchen—a short stroll from the motel. The food and service were great- a good start for the day. We left the motel after breakfast and drove about 5 minutes towards Osoyoos. We had a choice of two wineries to visit: Gehringer Brothers Estate Winery on the right and/or Hester Creek Estate Winery which also had culinary supplies on the left. A few of our group signed up for the wine tasting and made purchases of wine. Craig and I don't drink wine, so after I had seen the culinary section and art displays at Hester Creek winery, we decided we would stop at the Home Hardware in downtown Osoyoos. Love this store. It doesn't look like a big place but it has about 5 floors and contains just about anything you could ever want. Would be a great place to do Christmas shopping as it has so much to choose from.



Ray visits Hesters Winery



From Osoyoos, we headed east on Highway 3 to Greenwood. The drive over was lovely. We made a quick stop at the viewpoint overlooking the Okanagan Valley. It gave a spectacular view. As we continued on over the summit, the scenery changed into lush green rolling hills that looked like those in pictures of Ireland. We also made a quick stop at Rock Creek's Petro-Can for gas, a bathroom break and to get some of the world famous cheese sticks and buns at their bakery. Then, just before Greenwood, the big black clouds that were gathering in the east opened up with a down-pour. Ernie McNaughton said he had to stop as the Mustang's wipers could not keep up and he could not see where he was going. Stella Rice reported that when she got out of their car at Greenwood, her fit-bit fell off into the gutter and

was literally carried away with the current. She had to chase after it to retrieve it. We were about 15 to 30 minutes behind everyone and only got to experience a few rain drops; by the time we got to Greenwood, the storm had passed.



We all lunched at The Pacific Café in the old Pacific Hotel . Apparently this hotel was almost burnt down twice and rebuilt in 1899 and 1907 . And during World War 2, the hotel was an internment building housing around 200 Japanese Canadians. This hotel was featured as the main hotel in the movie “Snow Falling on Cedars” which debuted in 1999—a fictional drama set in 1950 era with a murder plot.



The lunch we had was wonderful--great comfort food and wonderful friendly efficient service. Suggested while in Greenwood were visits to the Greenwood Museum which had a display of town's mining, commerce and WW11 internment camp history. The museum offered a Greenwood Heritage Walk tour that took in the 120 year old Supreme Court Building/City Hall and prisoner's docket.



As well, we could go to the BC Copper Company smelter stack that is still standing and see the huge slag bench near

the stack that is seen at the entrance to Greenwood coming in from the west. Craig and I had already toured the town of Greenwood years ago so didn't take in any of the tours/sights. Instead we visited our friends who live in Greenwood. They were first owners of the Copper Eagle Bakery.



Craig and I joined up with everyone at the Grand Forks Inn in time for the social/cocktail hour in the Inn's parking area.





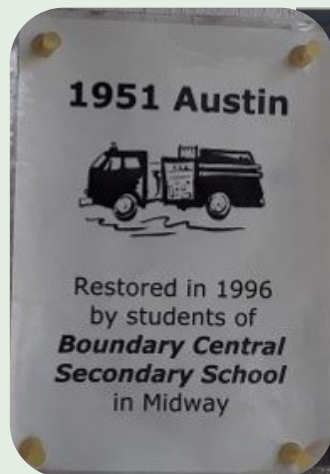
Around 6 pm we gathered for a group picture by the local paper and had dinner at the Station Pub Restaurant located in the historic Kettle Valley Railway Station building.

The food was good but they did not have enough servers for our group so it was slow. But in the end, we all eventually got our food. After dinner, we went back to the Inn and had another social/cocktail/nightcap in the parking area prior to turning in for the night.



Sunday June 11th was another sunny morning start to our day. After our continental breakfast Chuck Douglas, Guy Arcand and the Henry's left the group to get back to Kamloops. McNaughton's had a breakfast date with relatives in Grand Forks and would meet up with us later at Midway.

Around 9:30, the rest of us carried on back to Midway to the Midway Kettle River Museum. It is housed in the original 1900 or so train station building displaying artifacts and pictures of the area's cultural, railway, forestry and agricultural history and contained a gift shop. Also present on the museum's grounds is a restored CPR caboose, a bunkhouse and a station house with many artifacts of the steam engine days that we were able to walk through. Out back of the main part of the museum is a covered long shed with vintage farming equipment and, of particular interest to our club's group, a 1951 Austin Fire Truck. The old track bed passes by the museum and is part of the TransCanada Trail.





After a hour and half at the museum, we continued on stopping again at Rock Creek Petro-Can and then we were off along Highway 33 to our next stop at My Neighbourhood Restaurant in Kelowna for a late lunch at one pm. This was another great choice as the food and service were very good. The Foleys left the group at this point to visit relatives in Kelowna and the rest of us headed back to Kamloops with some of us stopping in Vernon to get fuel. Unfortunately, our car—the Avanti—started acting up, sputtering and missing on the hills. As we were coming into Vernon near Polson Park, it let out a big backfire right next to some poor lady on her bicycle. We did manage to pull into the Chevron on the main throughfare, get gas and pull into one of the gas station's parking spots to see what was wrong.

Distributor problems! Luckily Craig had a spare with him and was able to change it out with some help from Jake. This took a couple of hours as the engine was pretty hot to work on. Others-- the Surlines, Rices, Gieselmans, Susan Blair and Steve Bell-- stayed with us until we were up and running and then we all headed on towards home.

It was another great adventure with lots to see and do in the 3 days.

Looking forward to next year.



**Article & Photos by Marlene Beddie, Other Photos by Jan Surline & Dave Dickinson**

## Lila's Strawberry Shortcake



Lila has been asked for her Strawberry Shortcake recipe  
so here it is for you home cooks.

### Ingredients

- 2/3 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup shortening
- 1 large egg room temperature
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 & 1/2 cups all purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 cup whole milk
- 1 cup heavy whipping cream, whipped
- 1 & 1/2 quarts fresh or frozen strawberries, sliced

### Directions

1. In a bowl, cream sugar and shortening. Add egg and vanilla, beat well. Combine dry ingredients and add alternately with milk to the creamed mixture. Spread in a greased 9 in. square baking pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 20—25 minutes. Cool on wire rack.
2. Cut into 9 servings. Split each serving horizontally and fill with whipped cream and strawberries. Replace top of cake. Garnish with a dollop of whipped cream and more strawberries.

Serve immediately. ***"A Taste of Home Recipe"***



# BURGERS TO BEAT MS AUG 17TH

Each August 17th A&W's across Canada team up with the MS Society. For each teen burger sold on the 17th a donation is made to the MS society.

Car clubs all across Canada are encouraged to support this event.

The list shown is our members that attended and 15 of them drove their cars.

Craig & Marlene Beddie  
Steve Bell  
John Bone  
Engel & Audrey Bouwmeester  
Dave & Heather Costain  
Andy Cordonier  
Terry Davidson  
Dave Dickinson  
Harm & Debbie Fransen  
John & Lila Foley  
Berne Gaucher  
Gerry & Marilyn Gerow  
Ray Henry  
Ken & Marge Hoshowski  
Elaine Jones  
Herman & Kathy Kovacs  
Peter Sanderson  
Bill & Yvonne Pasjack  
Don Potts  
Dieter Arndt & Shirley Walker  
Sue Wilson







# PICNIC



Start up your car, dig out your picnic basket and come join in  
for a club picnic at the  
Tournament Capital Ranch

**Friday Sept. 29th at 11:30 am**

[There is no Adopt A Road  
However we can still enjoy the  
picnic part of the day]



**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 Sympathy cards to the following : -

The McCloy family & Ernie & Marg McNaughton

After Sue & I had lunch and a visit to the Kiwanis Toy Run we decided to take a drive around the neighbourhood before returning home.

Sue said that she had never been up this particular street so we travelled up it to find that Keith Galbraith had his garage doors open as he had been working on his 69 MG. Keith was not available at the time so we had a short visit with Doris.

It is nice to know that we do have members that take time to work on their cars. I do hope you noticed the nice wooden boat in the picture that Keith made.







## THE 18TH ANNUAL KIWANIS 2023 TOY RUN FOR CHRISTMAS AMALGAMATED



It is sad to hear that the local Kiwanis club is calling it quits after 71 years as they have helped Kamloops in so many ways. It is hard to list them all. The club does have a number of members who are aging out, however noting it is difficult to pull in newcomers as people don't want to attend meetings and volunteering has changed. *(This statement sounds very familiar doesn't it?)*.

On behalf of the Kiwanis club Roger Parkes would like to thank those that participated from our Chapter helping them make their **2023 Toy Run** a success.

As you can see by the pictures there was a number of bikes showed up. Jim was disappointed that besides himself & Sherrie there was only John & Lila Foley and Maurice & Robyn Gravelle that brought out their cars.



These two vans were made possible by the terrific work of the local Kiwanis club.



The ride was going out to Orchard's Walk then back through town to Save On Foods at Westsyde. Regroup and return to finish at the Sahali Mall. The ride was lead by Santa Claus and his elf.





# Monthly Mystery Car #54

Presented by  
Art Harms



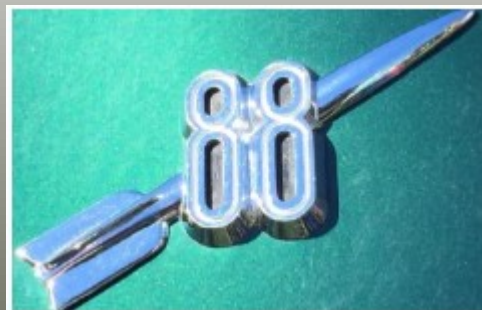
## August Mystery Car



The August Mystery Car is a 1950 Oldsmobile. These automobiles were produced in seven different body styles, a 2 door Holiday hardtop, a two door Club coupe, a two-door sedan, a four door sedan, a four door station wagon, a two door convertible, and a sedan delivery. It must be noted that there were only seven sedan deliveries made. They were not sold to the public, but supplied to each of the separate manufacturing factory managers as all purpose vehicle. A few of them survived and are in private hands. One of the nice features of these cars was the one-piece windshield, an improvement over the two piece used previously, and still standard in the Pontiac and Chevrolet lines and that time.



The engine in these cars was the famous Oldsmobile Rocket V8. Just introduced in the Oldsmobile automobiles one year earlier, they were a huge leap ahead in technology, and widely considered the first muscle car. The main push behind these motors was Gilbert Burrell, the head of the Oldsmobile Motor Engineering Group. This modern overhead valve, short stroke V8 had a 7.25 to 1 compression ratio. Engine displacement was 303 cubic inches (five liters in today's terms) with a cylinder bore of 3.750" and a stroke of 3.430". These engines produced 135 horsepower at 3600 RPM, and 263 ft/lbs torque at 2000 RPM.



There were two transmissions that were available, a three-speed standard, and the four speed Hydramatic automatic. The Hydramatic was developed by Oldsmobile just prior the Second World War. It was the first commercially successful automatic transmission. With the successful introduction of the V8 engine, Oldsmobile was able to capitalize on the public's use of the optional transmission. Power was sent to the semi-floating rear axle. Coil springs were used for both the front and the rear suspension.

Front and rear stabilizer bars were standard, as well as dual action shock absorbers. 750 X 15 tires were mounted on 15" steel rims. The combination of the V8 engine, and the automatic transmission made these cars very popular, which created a large increase in sales. Total production for Oldsmobile in 1950 was 407,889 vehicles. *Art Harms*



## STOCK CAR RACING

I came across this picture of stock car racing in the "*Haggerty's Driver Club Magazine*" and I got to wondering how many of you senior members had the chance to take part in this fun sport when you were younger.

For myself I was involved while up was up in Fort St John (1960-65). Our team had a couple of good drivers so I only got to drive in a couple of races.

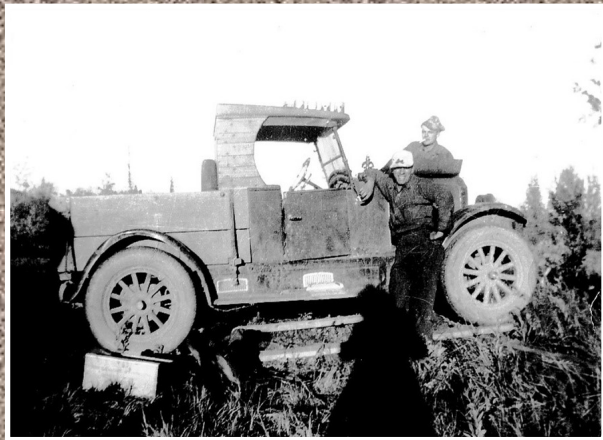
With the dust from the dirt track and the roar of the engines and the odd crash the crowds got quite excited.

It was great way to spend a Sunday. *Editor*





## OLD PHOTO CORNER #9



**Martin deWit [Noella's dad] and neighbour helping put 1938 Dodge pistons into Martin's 1925 Star car that he had made into a truck to use on his farm located at Charlie Lake, BC**

*Submitted by Editor*

## CLASSIFIEDS WANTED



**1998 Cadillac Touring Coupe** I have had an accident. I am looking for connections for parts. I need a grill, headlight assemblies and maybe some other parts. I would appreciate any help you can offer. Thanks Don Potts, [dolip52@gmail.com](mailto:dolip52@gmail.com)

## CLASSIFIEDS For Sale

**1953 Plymouth Windshield** with Steel Rubber seal and locker ( new ) Fits a 2 door hardtop or convertible. This is in excellent shape.\$400.00 email Don @ [dolip52@gmail.com](mailto:dolip52@gmail.com) I will reply.



### Seniors Are Worth A Fortune

Remember, old folks are worth a fortune – with silver in their hair, gold in their teeth, stones in their kidneys, lead in their feet and gas in their stomachs. I have become a little older since I saw you last and a few changes have come into my life – frankly, I have become a frivolous old gal.

I am seeing five gentlemen every day. As soon as I wake up, *WILL POWER* helps me get out of bed. Then I go to see *JOHN*. Next, *CHARLIE HORSE* comes along and when he is here he takes a lot of my time and attention. When he leaves, *ARTHUR RITIS* shows up and stays the rest of the day. He does not like to stay in one place very long so he takes me from joint to joint. After such a busy day, I am really tired and glad to go to bed with *BEN GAY*. What a life...eh

P.S. The preacher came to call the other day. He said that at my age I should be thinking about the hereafter. I told him, "Oh I do, all the time. No matter where I am, in the parlour, upstairs, in the kitchen or down in the basement, I ask myself – now, what am I here after.....Author Unknown.

### Lincoln SP100 Welder

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Complete unit.  
Works well.

**Bill Lindsay**  
**250 376 1339**

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

When I get a headache !  
I take two aspirin and keep away  
from children  
just like the bottle says.