



The Kamshaft January 2024

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WE FINALLY GOT SNOW

Calendar of Events

** Kamloops Chapter Events*

Jan 24th

General Meeting [4th Wednesday not the last]

Feb 14th

Executive Meeting

Feb 28th

General Meeting

Feb 29th

Last day to make changes to the 2024 Chapter Roster

Mar 1st

2024 memberships are now past due.

President's Message by Ken Hoshowski



As we start off in 2024 I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. I would like to thank the executive for their service last year and in particular retiring president Jim Carroll for his 5 years of dedicated leadership to our Chapter. Thanks also to the new members on the executive.

I look forward to the challenges ahead and with your help will strive to make our meetings interesting and bring our driving tours back to pre-covid levels.

I would like to thank Lila Foley and Steve Bell and their committee's for the excellent organization in making our Christmas Party such a success. Thanks to Geoff Gibbard for the Christmas music on his keyboard. Next Christmas we will have music sheets so all the guys (including myself) who didn't remember the words to Jingle Bells and Frosty the Snowman.

This years May Tour is hosted by the North Okanagan Chapter and will be held on May 17, 18 and 19 in Vernon. Registration forms are available on the VCCC.com website.

Preliminary plans are now underway for our Easter (March 31) Drive chaired by Rich Vandermey and our Back Road Tour in June chaired by Steve Bell. More details to follow.

Cruise nights will resume in June and we would like your help for suggestions for places to visit.

The Tuesday morning Coffee gatherings at the Aberdeen Mall Food Court has been very popular, 22 in attendance on Jan 9. Come and join us.

We are looking ahead to a fun filled year with a variety of activities.

President: - *Ken Hoshowski*



It is with regret to announce the passing of

Bob Gieselman

March 3, 1945—January 8, 2024

**Bob was a member of the
Kamloops Chapter since 2000**

**He was Chapter president 2011– 2015 plus served
other positions on the Executive over the many years.**

He will be greatly missed

EDITOR'S EDITORIAL



Hi Folks, here we are starting another new year. Yes I can still use items though out the year for the Kamshaft.

I would like to welcome Lila Foley on board with her **"Cook's Corner"**.

If you have a favorite recipe or cooking tip and would like to share contact Lila at jlfoley@shaw.ca. It is also nice to welcome Geoff Gibbard to the Kamshaft Team with his new column **People You "Auto" Know**. If Geoff calls you in regards to an interview I do hope you say yes. I remember Dick Parkes telling me that when he was doing the stories on members for The Connector how many times he was turned down on doing an interview. After reading Geoff's column on Page 5 and Denis had owned 54 vehicles I counted mine. Only had 29. Do you remember how many have you owned?

On January 2nd at Tuesday Morning Coffee it was brought to my attention that Steve & Susan arrived early for coffee and I was to mention it. On this particular morning we had 16 join in for the weekly coffee break and on the 9th we even had more members show up.



Heh Folks Regarding 2024 Club Roster

If you want to change your picture from the 2023 Roster please send the new picture to kamshafteditor@gmail.com as soon as possible

The information shown in the Club Roster is taken from your 2024 Membership Renewal.

The absolute cut off for any changes is **February 29th**



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 a the following Cards: -

Get Well card to Jake Surline

Sympathy to Michele Gieselman & Family

On Sunday January 7th you received an email stating there was still a few places left on the May Tour in Vernon. If you are interested please complete application below and send in A.S.A.P.



2024 MAY TOUR VERNON
Friday May 17th—Monday May 19th
VERNON PRESTIGE LODGE
3914 32ND ST. [HWY 97]



DRIVER _____ **AGE** _____ **[OLDEST/YOUNGEST/AWARD]**
PASSENGER[S] _____ **COST PER PERSON \$265.00**

REGISTRATION WILL BE LIMITED TO THE FIRST 100 CARS. OTHERS WILL BE PUT ON A WAITING LIST.

SATURDAY LUNCH PREFERENCE IS REQUIRED FOR EACH PERSON [USE FIRST NAMES]

BEEF _____ CHICKEN _____ VEGAN _____

OPTIONAL- POLO SHIRTS [BLACK ONLY] \$35.00 NO TAX . **NO REFUNDS FOR SHIRTS**

LADIES S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ 2XL _____ 3XL _____ **AFTER MAR 1, 2024**

MENS S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ 2XL _____ 3XL _____

PLEASE ADD SHIRTS TO COST OF FEES. DEPOSIT WILL BE DEDUCTED FROM TOTAL COST.

IF YOU WISH TO WITHDRAW WE WILL REFUND YOUR DEPOSIT _____

THERE WILL BE CAR JUDGING IN THE 2024 TOUR

REQUIRED INFORMATION: YEAR _____ MAKE _____ MODEL _____

PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO--- VCCC2024 MAYTOUR ----MAIL TO
WALTER OLDENBORGER, 51 RANGEVIEW RD , LUMBY BC V0E2G5 **ON OR BEFORE APRIL.1, 2024**

REGISTRATION , FROM 2PM. VALVE COVER RACES WILL START AT 7PM AT THE VERNON PRESTIGE LODGE .
MEET AND GREET 6-10PM, THERE WILL BE FINGER FOOD PROVIDED IN THE REGISTRATION AREA ALONG
WITH A NO HOST BAR

NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN AFTER APRIL 10, 2024. WE DO NOT HAVE ELECTRONIC BANKING SO YOU
WILL HAVE TO MAIL YOUR CHEQUES. REPLY'S CAN BE DONE BY EMAIL OR POSTAL MAIL TO: 51 RANGE-
VIEW RD, LUMBY BC, V0E 2G5

ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT WALTER OR WENDY OLDENBORGER 250 547 0235
OR EMAIL : WWOLDENBORGER1@GMAIL.COM

IF YOU HEAR OF REGISTRANTS THAT DID NOT RECEIVE THIS EMAIL
PLEASE ENCOURAGE THEM TO CHECK THEIR SPAM FOLDER.



43rd Annual Santa Claus Parade

A number of years ago Bob Gieselman was talking to the Downtown Business Association and a deal was made for our club wrecker to pull their float leading Santa Claus in the parade.

Jim Carroll supplied the trailer and the float was decorated by the DBA in the basement of Thompson Park Mall.

Thanks to this years drivers of the club vehicles. Keith Barron—Dodge, Rich & Barb Vandermey—Ambulance, Craig Beddie & Bob Gieselman—Wrecker, and Brian Vye—Fire truck





PEOPLE YOU "AUTO" KNOW #1

Denis Jolicoeur

By : - Geoff Gibbard

In a weak moment or divine inspiration, depending on your point of view, Editor Dave asked if I would write some articles on club members thinking that it would be fun to get to know people a little better. **Denis Jolicoeur** is my first victim which is only fitting as he is the reason I am a club member.



Denis was born to French Canadian parents long ago in St Boniface Manitoba. In 1950 the Red River flooded (surprise) and hastened the Jolicoeurs' move to New Westminster which was followed seven years later by a move to San Diego which is where Denis went to high school. It wasn't too long after that he saw the light and returned to BC.

In 1974, he and Laura escaped Metro Vancouver and moved to Knutsford. They have four kids, eleven grandchildren and four great grand children.

Denis is a self-taught mechanic who can build and fix most anything. (You should see the 3600 sq ft shop he built using two forty foot semi-trailers as scaffolding.) He has worked as a carpenter, cabinet maker, welder, trucker, tow truck owner operator, backhoe operator and finished up as a road and bridge builder for Weyerhaeuser. On snowy winter days, not this year, he can be seen plowing driveways up and down Rosehill Rd.

A 1955 two door ford was the first of some fifty-four cars and pickups he has owned. Later years witnessed a parade of ford pickups through the Jolicoeur estate. After some protracted thought, Denis declared his '55 nomad to be his favourite. He remembers that when JFK was shot, he was under that car swapping out the engine. (I was in a grade nine English class). He has quite a collection of vintage vehicles including a unique 44 ford army truck which is sporting a 6.9 ford diesel and a new paint job.

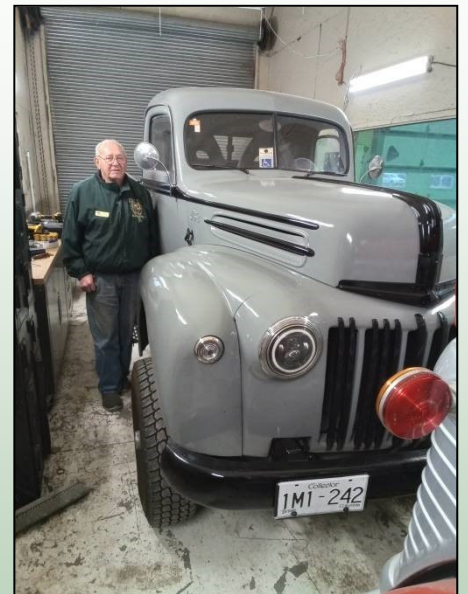
My favourite, however, is Denis's 1983 mustang convertible which is even nicer than mine. Currently, Denis is working on bringing a 1924 Graham pickup back to life. He rebuilt the roof frame out of wood which took a lot of measuring, bending, planning, gluing and

screwing. Guess what, it fit!

Denis and Laura have cruised to Alaska and through the Panama Canal. They have travelled extensively in the west coast states, BC, Yukon, NWT and Alaska in a variety of motorhomes and have enjoyed the warmth of Arizona, Florida and Mexico.

Plans for this year are fluid (and I do hope we get some rain).

Thanks for the visit, Denis. I enjoyed it. **Geoff**



A Lot in this to think about – Read on – the bottom line says it all:

Thanks for being my friend.

We grew up in the 40s – 50s – 60s:

We studied in the 50s – 60s – 70s:

We dated in the 50s – 60s 70s:

We got married and discovered the world in the 60s – 70s – 80s:

We ventured into the 70s – 80s:

We stabilized in the 90s:

We got wiser in the 2000s:

And went firmly through the 2010s.

It turns out we've lived through NINE different decades,

TWO different centuries, and TWO different millennia.

We have gone from the telephone with an operator for long-distance calls to video calls to anywhere in the world. We have

gone from black and white photos to colour slides to YouTube; from vinyl 12 inch records to cassettes to CDs to online music, from handwritten letters to email and to WhatsApp.

From listening to the cricket live on the radio, to black and white TV, then colour TV, and then to HDTV;

We went from black and white movies at the cinema to colour films at the cinema to black and white TV, to colour TV, to VHS taped movies, to DVD movies, and now we watch Netflix. We got to know the first computers, punch cards, diskettes and now we have gigabytes and megabytes in hand on our cell phones or iPads.

We wore shorts throughout our childhood and then long pants, oxfords, Bermuda shorts, etc. We dodged infantile paralysis, polio, meningitis, H1N1 flu and now COVID-19.

We rode skates, tricycles, bicycles, invented cars, bicycles, mopeds, gasoline or diesel cars and now we ride hybrids or 100% electric.

Yes, we've been through a lot but what a great life we've had! They could describe us as “exennials” people who were born into the world of the forties and fifties, who had an analogue childhood and a digital adulthood. We're kind of Ya-seen-it-all.

Our generation has literally lived through and witnessed more than any other in every dimension of life. It is our generation that has literally adapted to “CHANGE”.

A big round of applause to all the members of a very special generation, of which are UNIQUE. Here is a precious and very true message:

TIME DOES NOT STOP! Life is a task that we do ourselves every day. When we look, it's already six in the afternoon; when we look, it's already Friday; when we look, the month is over; when we look, the year is over; when we look, 50, 60, 70 and 80 years have passed!

When we look – we no longer know where our friends are. When we look – we lost the love of our life and now, it's too late to go back.

Do not stop doing something you like due to lack of time. Do not stop having someone by your side, because your children will soon not be yours, and you will have to do something with that remaining time, where the only thing that we are going to miss will be the space that can only be enjoyed with the usual friends. This time that, unfortunately, never returns. That day is today!

WE ARE NO LONGER AT AN AGE TO POSTPONE ANYTHING.

Hopefully, you have time to read and then share this message – or else leave it for “LATER”, and you will see that you will never share it!

Always together, Always united, Always brothers/sisters, Always friends.



Sent in by Debbie Fransen

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP



At the Christmas dinner Vice President Rich Vandermey presented Engel & Audrey Honorary Life Membership to the Kamloops Chapter..

They have been members for 46 years. They have always been very active and still are involved with the well being of the chapter.

This is why they deserve this recognition .



Each year at the November General Meeting we have our annual elections for the next years Executive.

The results were as follows: -



Directors: -

President: - Ken Hoshowski

Andy Cordonier

Vice– President: - Terry Davidson

Craig Beddie

Past President: - Jim Carroll

Dave Costain

Secretary: - Diane Hargrove

Don Potts

Treasurer: - Debbie Fransen

Maurice Gravelle

Governor: - Steve Bell

Jason Tasko

Other positions are made up of members volunteering or being appointed.

John Bone

Steve Bell



B.C. Vintage Truck Museum Cloverdale, B.C.

Truck Museum Loses Lease

The truck museum in Cloverdale is losing their storage after 10 plus years as it is costing more to fix the roof than the building is considered to be worth by

the present city council. They have been given 6 months to vacate.

I think it is something we should keep mind that we have 4 club vehicles that we store with the help of the City of Kamloops where as they have 36 with a story behind each

one of them relating to the history of BC.

One never knows what councils may decide to do with their buildings.



BC Vintage truck Museum Photo by Cam Hutchins



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For more information on the Truck Museum go to <https://www.bctruckmuseum.org>



Share

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER

Thanks to Lila Foley, Steve Bell and their helpers the club enjoyed a turkey dinner with all the trimmings on Saturday December 2nd..

I thought I was going to arrive a little early to see if I could give a hand however when I arrived there was more than a dozen club members already helping decorate and setting up the tables.



Ken Hoshowski was our MC for the night and he thank all those that helped make it a success. Geoff Gibbard was kind enough to provide us with his playing of Christmas songs.

Ken Finnigan won the raffle and Debbie Fransen had arrange for numerous door prizes..

It was not a late night and the members helped the cooks clean up before leaving.





Monthly Mystery Car #57

Presented by
Art Harms



November Mystery Car



The January Mystery Car is a 1920 Mercer Series 5 Runabout.

Mercer automobiles were manufactured in Trenton, New Jersey. There were four different models built, each with their own body style. The four models consisted of the Raceabout, the Runabout, the Touring car, and the Limousine. Our feature car and the Raceabout were built on a 115" wheelbase, while the touring car and the Limousine were built on a 132" wheelbase.



These automobiles were powered by a 298 cubic inch four-cylinder engine, which produced 72 horsepower at 2800 RPM.

The cast iron engine was cast in one piece, which meant that the cylinder



head and cylinder block were a single casting, no head gasket required. The round plugs on the top of the engine were for machining access and engine assembly. The engine oil pan was a one-piece aluminum casting. With a bore of $3\frac{3}{4}$ ", and a stroke of $6\frac{3}{4}$ " this over square design produced a lot of torque. One thing that is hard to fathom these days is the fact that the pistons in this engine did not have an oil control ring, meaning that the oil system was a total loss system. To maintain the oil requirements of the engine an auxiliary oil tank was required.





The driver had a hand pump, and was his responsibility to maintain the required oil supply to the crankcase during operation. engines were capable of powering these cars to speeds of over 75 MPH.

Power from this engine was transferred to the mid-frame mounted 4 speed transmission through a 21-plate dry clutch.



The rear differential had a gear ratio of 3.22 to1. The suspension for this vehicle consisted of leaf springs both front and rear, with control provide by Houdaille shock absorbers. The brake system consisted of a service brake on the drive shaft, with emergency brakes on the rear wheels. Needless to say, stopping was real adventure, which required careful planning.

These cars had a price tag of \$4,675.00 in 1920, when a Ford could be purchased for \$269. *Art*



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Lila Foley's

COOK'S CORNER #2

OLD FASHIONED BUTTER TARTS

★★★★★

COURSE: DESSERT CUISINE: AMERICAN

PREP TIME: 30 MINUTES COOK TIME: 30 MINUTES

TOTAL TIME: 1 HOUR SERVINGS: 24 TARTS AUTHOR: [DEANNA](#)

These old fashioned butter tarts are a Canadian classic. A rich filling of brown sugar, butter and raisins is surrounded by a flaky pastry shell. Decedent and delicious, they are a holiday favourite.



INGREDIENTS

- 24 Tart shells uncooked, homemade or store bought
- $\frac{2}{3}$ Cup Butter softened
- 2 Cups Brown sugar
- 2 Large Eggs
- $\frac{1}{4}$ Cup Milk
- 2 teaspoon Vanilla
- 1.5 Cups Raisins

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Pre-heat oven to 375 degrees
2. If making your own pastry, roll and cut your pastry into rounds with a 3.5 inch cutter, or the lid of a wide mouth mason jar. Lightly spray 2 12-cup muffin tins with non-stick spray and gently press the shells into the muffin tins
3. In a medium size bowl, beat the butter and sugar together, then beat in the eggs, milk and vanilla until smooth.
4. Stir in the raisins
5. Spoon filling into each of the shells, filling to $\frac{2}{3}$ full
6. Bake for 25 minutes, or until golden brown.
7. Allow to cool in the muffin tin, then remove and store in an airtight container.

Thank you to Celine Sanderson for supplying this recipe!

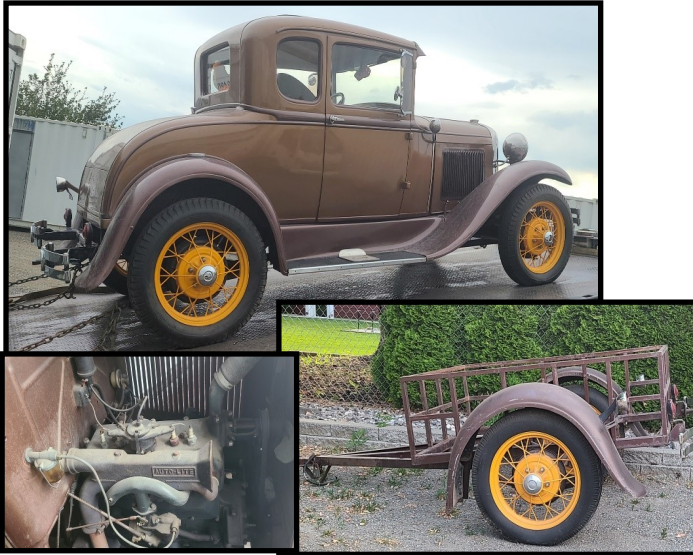
CLASSIFIEDS For Sale

1930 FORD Model A & Utility Trailer \$15,000

The trailer is road worthy and has papers, just needs some plywood. Sadly the car hasn't been started in years, just needs a wee bit of attention to get it running.

The pair are sitting in a seacan at the Big Steel Box yard. If someone would like to take a look give me a call as I live only 5 minutes away.

***Allison 250 819 2264**



I woke up this morning with a terrible Hangover...to the sound of my neighbour, mowing his lawn.

I was going to get up.

Then I thought "Nah he can mow around me"



**Beware of a new Amazon scam.
My husband ordered me some expensive jewelry, but motorcycle parts came instead.
Thankfully they fit his bike...**



A husband told his wife that he's going to "The Second Wife" for dinner. He didn't get the chance to explain that it was a restaurant. He is now in hospital recovering.

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

As 2023 comes to an end I urge you to take care of yourself and avoid accidents, because spare parts for old models like you and I are no longer in stock.