



# The Kamshaft December 2016

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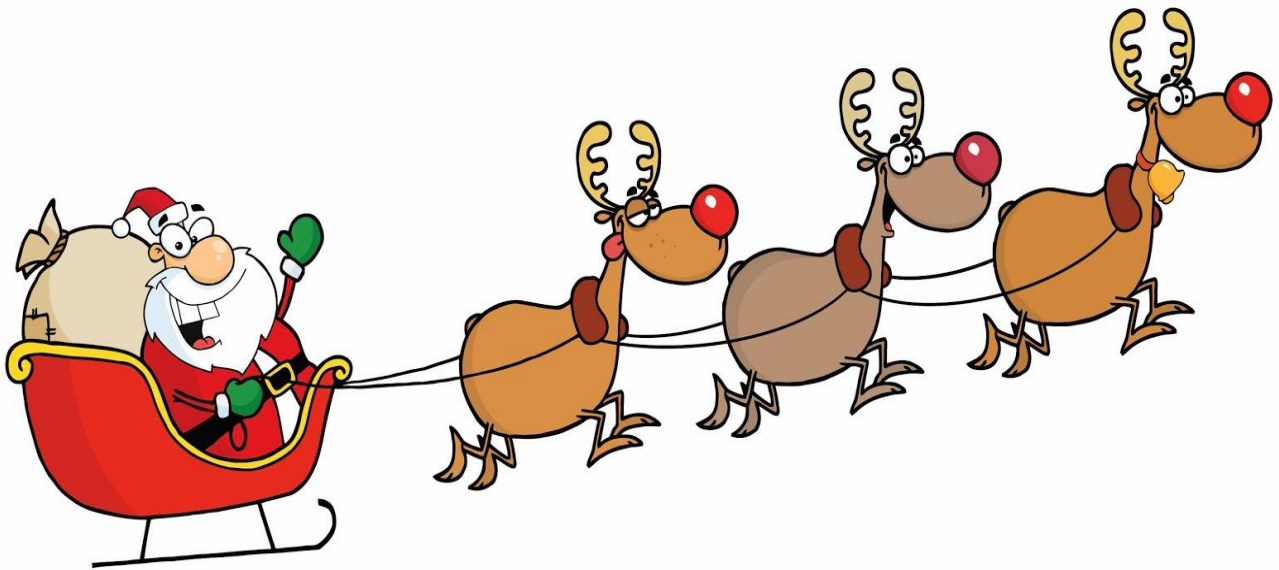
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## Merry Christmas to All

*From Your Kamshaft Team & Editor*



### Calendar of Events \* Kamloops Chapter Events

- \*Jan 8<sup>th</sup> Club Breakfast at Denny's {New Time 9:30 am}
- \*Jan 25<sup>th</sup> General Meeting {Auction Night} *{Please Bring an Item for the Auction}*
- \*Feb 5<sup>th</sup> Club Breakfast {Denny's 9:30 am}
- June 6<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> Canada 150 Tour



Hi Folks,

Merry Christmas to you from the staff and myself. I would like to thank all those that supplied articles and pictures over the past year. However, I would like to single out Dick Parkes as he has been one of my strong supporters with his “Behind The Doors, and introducing of our new members”.

I encourage each of you to give it a try and send something in as you don't have to be a fantastic writer or story teller as this is a club newsletter and not a paid magazine. I have been told by members that they enjoy the personal stories. I hope you keep items coming for 2017 and I look forward to others giving it a try. I can give you a hand if you like help.

### ***The Steering Column President Ray Henry***

This has been a really busy year for our chapter with lots of activity such as our annual Easter Parade, Swap Meet (Thanks to everyone for doing it without me), Backroads Tour, and Hot Nite in the City, KHR, Smith Chev Show & Shine, Summer Cruise Nights, and Christmas Party etc.

These activities are always a success because of our members that step up and volunteer to do the hard work

I am happy to welcome the new people to the executive and thanks to those that served last year.

I am looking forward to another busy year in 2017.

I wish everyone an exceptional Christmas with family and friends and a Happy New Year.

Try to find something bring it for auction night Wednesday January 25th

See you next year Ray



### **Did you Know?...I didn't**

That Henry Ford was going to call the first Model A ***The Fordmobile***. .....Interesting!!!

I wonder if he would have sold as many under that name.



The **Ford Model A** was the second huge success for the [Ford Motor Company](#), after its predecessor, the [Model T](#). The Model A was first produced on October 20, 1927, but not sold until December 2. This new Model A (a [previous model](#) had used the name in 1903–04) was designated a 1928 model and was available in four standard colors.

By 4th February 1929, one million Model A's had been sold, and by July 24th, two million sold<sup>[3]</sup> The range of body styles ran from the Tudor at US \$500 (in grey, green, or black) to the Town Car with a dual cowl at US \$1200. In March 1930, Model A sales hit three million, and there were nine body styles available.<sup>[3]</sup>

The Ford Model A production ended in March, 1932, after 4,858,644 had been made in all body styles. ☺

# BEHIND CLOSED (GARAGE) DOORS



By: Dick Parkes 250 573 5740 [rparkes@telus.net](mailto:rparkes@telus.net)

No closed doors on this garage.....actually, no doors at all at the moment.

Bill Shurvell is one lucky guy to be able to double the size of his shop by extending it by 24 feet. This should be enough room to store all three of his 1956 Cadillacs. One of them is a restored Coupe de Ville (beautiful), the other one (in the photo) residing in his front carport is under restoration and the third, an Eldorado, is the parts car. His garage is being constructed by Sure Square Contracting and the owner is known as the "Garage King" and would love to build one for you.



Here's another plug: - While going through the new **Peavey store in Valleyview recently, I noticed that they have, on the shelf, those long skinny 6 and 12 volt batteries used by 30's, 40's and 50's GM products (and tractors).** They are becoming pretty scarce so it was nice to see them readily available. Peaveys also has lots of fastener bins with all kinds of hard-to-find nuts and bolts that we occasionally need for our restorations.

The latest word from the Bucks' garages is that their 1928 Model A roadster is just about complete, except for the front seat upholstery and the convertible top. Ron tells me that the car will be heading down to Kelowna to Gordon's Upholstery in a couple of weeks to get that completed and it's basically just little stuff from there. I'm sure Ron is just tickled pink to see this car almost finished after a long and winding road.



I probably didn't need another car to work on but I recently purchased this little 1962 Mercury Meteor S-33 coupe so that we would have something a little more modern to drive on our long tours. I spotted it out near Chase about five years ago and thought that it was a cute little number but then it disappeared. On the way home from Shuswap Lake in September, there it was again, this time with a 'FOR SALE' sign in the window, so I had to stop and take a look. Next time I went by it was still there, so I just had to bring it home! If you've seen Geoff and Judy Gibbard's '62 Meteor at our Cruise Nights last summer, mine is a dead ringer for theirs, except that theirs is a 4-door and mine is a 2-door.....faded red paint and all! I'm in the process of fixing up a few things on it and hopefully it will be raring to go in the spring.





For lack of anything else to fill up this column, I should also mention that I am also planning to work on another project this winter, our 1958 VW Beetle. We have owned this car since 1971 (it was our only transportation at the time) and it was just moved into Jake Surline's garage a few days ago. The theory is that

Jake will work on his VW and I will work on mine and we will motivate each other. I'll let you know how that works out! Anyway, you will note from the photo that I chopped off the back of it many years ago to make it into a Baja Bug but I have all the pieces to put back on, so that's the first order of business. We will then probably pull the body off the pan and patch some holes in the floor and eventually install a new motor, brake system, shocks, upholstery, etc. etc. If you think I'm crazy, please let me know!

Just so that I don't keep talking about my own stuff, if you have something on the go, please give me a call {250 573 5740} and we'll feature your project next time. ☺ *Dick*



As you are out and about doing your Christmas shopping you probably noticed a number of our club members donating their time manning the Red Kettles.

Many thanks to those club members that helped with the local Salvation Army Red Kettle campaign and also to all those that give the generous donations to make the Christmas Red Kettle campaign a financial success.

I understand that all monies collected is used locally in the community.

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**NAME TAG DRAW:** - Liz Gunnerson's name was drawn at the November meeting however she was not present so the pot gets bigger and the wine ages.

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## "Top Ten Reasons It's Time For A New Convertible Top"



**#10.** Calling your convertible a "ragtop" is more reality than slang.

**#9.** You're cruising down the highway with the wind in your hair and the warm sun on your shoulders-- with THE TOP UP!

**#8.** You couldn't see or hear the police cruiser--you know, the one with flashing lights that's been behind you for the last 3 miles.

**#7.** The weather forecast inside your car is at least as bad as that for the outside world.

**#6.** Your spouse is getting suspicious because you keep a half dozen towels in your car.

**#5.** Your insurance company refuses to insure you against pneumonia.

**#4.** You would order a new top, but you can't tell what color the old one was.

**#3.** When it's raining, you avoid hitting the brakes because the puddle under the seat soaks your pant legs.

**#2.** Neighborhood cats won't walk on your top for fear of falling through.

And the **#1 reason** it's time for a new top: You're running out of duct tape! ☺ *Author unknown*



# FALL GARAGE TOUR Sunday Nov. 13th

It was a cool day and we did not get either snow or rain. Terry Davidson had arranged for us to visit 5 garages in the Westsyde area starting off at his place. As his car was currently out getting some body work done so we had lots of room in his garage to enjoy the coffee and goodies. It was hard to take a count as people came and went through out the day I but believe there was probably at least 40 members attended.



*As the day was dry some of the members drove their Vintage for the tour.*



*Ray Henry* ↓



*Ken Finnigan* ↑



*Andy Cordonier*

*Peter (friend of Ken's)*



*John, Ken & Terry discussing Craig's car!*

After leaving Terry's we headed over to the Beddie's where Craig had everything out of his garage and on display for us including their motorcycles and quad.

In his garage he had on display some of the dash plaques they had managed to collect along with information about his truck and car.



Pictured here is Laverne and Cole (Shawna's son) helping themselves to some of the grapes that were still left on the vines.

Just maybe John!.. Laverne is going to make you some Ice Wine as I am sure the grapes must have already been frozen with the way the weather has been.

Next stop was to see the super new three car garage that Engel Bouwmeester built for Grant Rice. It has in the floor heating and a ceiling high enough so there can be a hoist installed. Now all Grant needs is some more cars to fill it.



After warming our feet on the heated floor it was time to leave and head for John Bones. John and Niki had it all organized that we could park in their yard off the busy Westsyde Road.



*John's shop behind his Printing Office*



The boys are checking out Vicky's fathers car which was a 1962 Mercury Monterey with only 23001 miles on the speedometer. Sure is nice to be able to keep it in the family as it is still an original car right down to the upholstery.

John and Nicki had the **"Bright Light Award"** on display as they were presented with this honour at HNITC this summer.



Then it was a short drive over to see Ken Hoshowski's 1926 Star that he finished restoring this summer. He did a fantastic job on the restoration and when he started it up for us it sure did sound good.



Then it was a drive further out Westsyde Road to see Jerry's emporium of stuff. He said that Vicky was responsible for having the place looking so good for us.

Jerry has signs galore on the walls, old lanterns hanging from the ceiling, shelves loaded with tin cigarette tobacco cans, meat grinders and much, much more. He was overheard telling Grant that if he needed any signs to let him know as he was sure he had some more and that Grant's new garage looked pretty empty with nothing in it.

Seeing all these items makes a person do some reminiscing. However the most popular item Jerry had was the wood burning stove in the shop. Seems everyone wanted to stand close by it. Especially Laverne.



Following the tour some of the gang stopped at the Westsyder Pub for lunch. Another great day. Thanks Terry. 😊



## Santa Claus Parade`

The Downton Business Association was looking for a vehicle to pull their float in the parade so Bob Gieselman arranged for the club wrecker to do the job. It lets the club get recognized without all the bother of creating a float. Thanks to those members that made it possible for our wrecker to be in the parade.

According to the paper and radio it was one of the biggest crowds that have attended in years, maybe even the biggest.

*Claudine & Del visit with Michelle during line up*



*Lining up by the Double Tree Hotel*

## Ford Ranchero Roundup

This year the Ford Ranchero Roundup was held in Spokane WA. Sept 9- 11<sup>th</sup>

I rolled into Spokane Friday afternoon around 1pm, I figured I had some extra time for a quick nap before our 3pm kruz = mistake did not set an alarm ! 3 hours later. Fortunately someone left directions on my car how to get to the local auto wrecking yard where they had a tour. They showed us how all inventory is now electronically tracked in a database and they indicated about 75% of their business is now via eBay + other auction sites!

Then we all headed to timber creek grill for a huge dinner buffet. Afterwards the guys had a tailgate party in the hotel parking lot (but good Canadian beer was hard to find)

Saturday Sept 10<sup>th</sup> the local Ford dealership (Gus Johnson) cleared their front lot along 1 of the main streets + resulted in lots of interest from the general public for our car show.



I think 32 rancheros ended up being the final count and it was hard to arrange that many for our group photo.

In the evening the dinner banquet was held in a private room at Darcy's restaurant – it was a great social time and good food too.



Sunday Sept 11<sup>th</sup> in morning we held our annual board meeting. I had been asked by the president to make a presentation to the group to see if they would be interested in holding the 2017 roundup in Kamloops - they voted yes. I hope to provide more details in March 2017. After the meeting others went to tour a local castle and winery while I headed home on Hwy 2 & Route 97.

Here is a picture my car at a view point overlooking the Grand Coulee Dam in Washington State.



Overall the total trip 894 miles and I was very pleased how my little '60 ran rolled down the Hwy. I figured I got just over 23 miles per gallon but one drawback I recall from previous trips is that the fuel tank capacity for 1960 was only 11 gallons, so it felt like I had to keep a constant eye on the gauge level as I reached each small town along the way.

Till next time – safe travels \* *Rich V*

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## FAMILY PHOTO

The enclosed picture is of a rather rare car! It is a 1913 Tudhope, which I believe was manufactured in Orilla Ontario. The company went broke in mid 1913 and this picture would have been of one the last cars manufactured.

It was owned by my Grandfather, Weston Maguire. That's him 3<sup>rd</sup> from the right next to my Grandmother Betsy Jane Maguire. The other in the car are family anunts and uncles.

This photo was taken about 1919 or 1920? According to my mother – she said that Weston was not a car person and as a farmer in SW Ontario his true love was with horses that were so important to his livelihood. He was also Deputy Reeve of McGillary Township which is located just north of London, Ontario.



Interesting to see that the front wheels have 10 wooden spokes and the rear wheels have 12 spokes.

In showing the picture to Peter Trant he says that he cannot find any other photo of a 1913 Tudhope.

Gosh I wish that I had possession of that machine now. ©*Bob Chambers*

### **More information on the Tudhope: -**

*Tudhope Carriage Co. had been created in the 1800s by blacksmith and wheelwright William Tudhope. By the early 1900s, its management – led by his son James. B. Tudhope – began to see the inevitability of tire tracks replacing hoof prints and that joining this new-fangled transportation trend seemed a better idea than being run over by it.*

*Tudhope decided to build a car of his own and, for its twin-cylinder air-cooled engine, two-speed transmission and chain drive, turned to W.H. McIntyre Co. of Auburn, Indiana, incorporating them into a buggy-like high-wheeler with a rudimentary body that was being tested by the end of the summer of 1908. Production began soon after and Tudhope-McIntyres, priced at about \$550, were sold across Canada through the company's network of carriage dealers – Bell Telephone Co. was an early customer. But this early success didn't last long.*

*Fire gutted the factory in 1909, and although it was promptly rebuilt and began turning out carriages again, Tudhope felt a more modern car was needed, and reached*

an agreement with Metzger Motor Car Co. of Detroit to produce a version of its up-to-date Everitt 30.

To build it, he established Tudhope Motor Co. and the 1911 models that emerged from this new undertaking were sold starting at about \$1,500 under the Everitt 30 and Everitt-Tudhope names and were powered by four- and six-cylinder engines.

In mid-1912, Tudhope's plans were sideswiped by a takeover of Metzger and the termination of the agreement. Tudhope carried on and by 1913 was offering updates such as electric lighting and a starter on cars sold under the Tudhope name alone, but their high-ish price, stiff competition and resultant slow sales meant all was not well financially.

Tudhope was taken over by a Walkerville, Ont., and group, headed by local Studebaker plant manager Frank Fisher and the brand name changed to Fisher, although the cars were still built in Orillia. This effort wasn't to last long either and, with the start of the First World War in 1914, car production ended, the plant using up the last parts to produce ambulances.

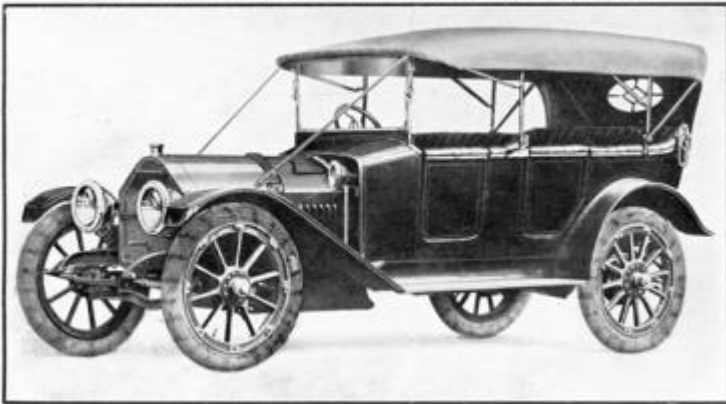
Tudhope still made carriages, and in the mid-teens bought McLaughlin Carriage Works allowing "Colonel Sam" to concentrate on building McLaughlin Chevrolets before becoming General Motors of Canada.

Just over 500 Tudhope-McIntyres and perhaps a couple of thousand of the later Tudhopes were built, making it remarkable that any have survived. 😊

## Post Card Ad

### Tudhope-Everitt

1913 TUDHOPE, 6-Cylinder, 7-Passenger, \$2,500.



Rub a lead pencil or edge of coin over the tires of the TUDHOPE above and blank space beneath the running board and see how to eliminate every possibility of SKIDDING.

### Car that sold for \$1,200. to \$1,500.

By 1912 the Everitt name was dropped and the Tudhope was manufactured with a price tag of over \$1,600. This advertising postcard is a unique novelty card manufactured in the U.S. The instructions on the bottom of the card read "Rub a lead pencil or edge of coin over the tires of the TUDHOPE above and blank space beneath the running board and see how to eliminate every possibility of SKIDDING. When found, this postcard had been rubbed, to reveal chains on all four tires.



Well it is nice to know that all the club members are healthy and happy as Elaine did not have to send out any cards this month.

If you know any member that needs a little sunshine please Contact Elaine Jones Our Sunshine Girl at [joneselaine28@yahoo.ca](mailto:joneselaine28@yahoo.ca) 778 470 0369. -

## A LITTLE HUMOR FOR YOU !



In most of the United States there is a policy of checking on any stalled vehicle on the highway when temperatures drop to single digits or below.

About 3:00 AM one very cold morning, Montana State Trooper Allan Nixon #658 responded to a call there was a car off the shoulder of the road outside Great Falls, Montana. He located the car stuck in deep snow and with the engine still running.

Pulling in behind the car with his emergency lights on, the trooper walked to the driver's door to find an older man passed out behind the wheel with a nearly empty Vodka bottle on the seat beside him. The driver came awake when the trooper knocked on the window. Seeing the rotating lights in his rear view mirror, and the state trooper standing next to his car, the man panicked. He jerked the gear shift into drive and hit the gas.

The car's speedometer was showing 20-30-40 and then 50 MPH, but it was still stuck in the snow, wheels spinning. Trooper Nixon, having a sense of humor, began running in place next to the speeding (but stationary) car. The driver was totally freaked thinking the trooper was actually keeping up with him. This goes on for about 30 seconds, then the trooper yelled, "PULL OVER!" The man nodded, turned his wheel and stopped the engine. Needless to say, the man from North Dakota was arrested and is probably still shaking his head over the state trooper in Montana who could run 50 miles per hour. *{Copied from the AARC November Spokesman}*

A doctor that had been seeing an 80-year-old woman for most of her life finally retired. At her next checkup, the new doctor told her to bring a list of all the medicines that had been prescribed for her. As the doctor was looking through these his eyes grew wide as he realized Grandma had a prescription for birth control pills. "Mrs. Smith, do you realize these are birth control pills?"

"Yes, they help me sleep at night."

"Mrs. Smith, I assure you there is absolutely nothing in these that could possibly help you sleep!"

She reached out and patted the young doctor's knee and said, "Yes, dear, I know that. But every morning, I grind one up and mix it in the glass of orange juice that my 16-year-old Granddaughter drinks. And believe me it definitely helps me sleep at night."

You gotta love Grandmas!



## CLUB SUNDAY BREAKFASTS

Well folks it has just about been a year since we started the ~~President, Group~~, now called the Club breakfast at Denny's. The idea was to get members together then following breakfast take a drive with the cars some where even if it was only back home. By listing it in the Kamshaft it made it legal for those that had cars with Vintage Plates to be able to enjoy their car on a nice sunny Kamloops day.

With the number that has been showing up for breakfast we are going to carry on for 2017. January's breakfast will be on **Sunday the 8<sup>th</sup>** as January 1<sup>st</sup> is New Years Day.

There was vote taken of those present at the December 4<sup>th</sup> breakfast and the start time will now be changed back to **9:30 for 2017**.

# The Year Was 2006

The Year was 2006 and the Executive (President-Dave Dickinson, Past President-Harry Morrow VP- Jim Harker, Secretary-Joy Parkes, Treasurer-Marg McNaughton, Directors-Al Pausen, Andy Cordonier, Craig Beddie, Dick Parkes, Gerry Wallin, Julian Slotylak, Ray Henry & Virgil Lysgaard) sent out a **Questionnaire** regarding the club's activities in 2005.

Summarization of the answers they received in return are hi-lighted in **bold print**.

## **What did you like in 2005?**

*Cruise nights, Mall shows, Garage Tours, Parades, Kamshaft, Mini-roster, Swap Meet, Thursday night Ambulance restorations, Corn Roast*

## **What did you not like in 2005?**

*Not enough driving tours, Lack of communication between members. Campouts-no time,*

## **What would you like to see in 2006? [New or repeat event.]**

*More Tech sessions dealing with automotive, more public exposure, Cruise night as a cruise not a tour. Cruise nights to start after swap Meet, Same format for Hot Nite in the City, Club to get involved in service projects. Possibly a day tour with a meeting if needed rather than a regular meeting in August at the hall, Tours to car shows such as a Tour to O'Keefe Ranch & Summerland Car show*

## **What changes in 2006 would you like to see compared to the past?**

*Weekend tour, Sunday drive with picnic, Mall show should have 2 sitters, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> People's choice, Members helping each other, Be more of a car club than a social, Women of the club getting together for activities, try to get involvement or new members.*

## **What new events would you like to add for 2006?**

*More visit & inter club or chapter's events, Hands on projects, Invite other chapters to a garage tour & picnic, Halloween & Knutsford Hall parties, Sunday drives, Fashion show [past to present]. A club info night.*

## **Would you like to help your club in 2006 and if so in what capacity?**

*Mall shows, Tech talks, Easter Parade, Whatever is happening.*

## **If not renewing why? No time. [1] Reply**

*Only one reply to this question*

## **Additional Comments: -**

*Carry On; Club is fine don't beat it to death. Would the club consider restoring a pedal car? Need toilets at start of Easter Parade, Male & Female members to talk on other hobbies that they have, Something different than donuts all the time at meetings, Club should have its own building for meetings*

Think how you might answer it if you were given this Questionnaire today in regards to 2016 club activities.

Therefore if you have any comments to pass on to the 2017 Executive please click on [kamshafteditor@gmail.com](mailto:kamshafteditor@gmail.com) Put in the Subject Line: - **Ideas** and I will see the Executive get them.

# Christmas Party

The 46th Christmas Party was held on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, and what a party it was. Over 50 people attended and only a few left before 10:00 pm. Happy hour started at 5:00 and before dinner, Ken Finnigan said grace then the buffet dinner began at 6:00. Dinner was indeed a feast with several types of salad, vegetables, ham, turkey and all the trimmings followed by dessert.

Firstly, I would like to thank Lila Foley who chaired the committee, acquired all the prizes and organized the committee members, Marg McNaughton who arranged some of the games and acted as MC for the evening doing an excellent job of keeping the program moving along on schedule. As well as the rest of the committee and others who assisted in setting up the hall and staying after the party until it was cleaned up.



The games began, starting with a “Name the Item” which kept everyone busy milling around a table of 45 items, some of which were nearly impossible to identify what they were, or what they might be used for. Bruce Bawtree identified 29 of the 45 items to win the prize.

Next, was a version of the “The Night before Christmas” that Ken Hoshowski adapted to relate to restoration of a Vintage vehicle, mainly a '26 Star. It was very well done and most interesting. **[Next Page ODE TO A VINTAGE CAR CHRISTMAS]**

The next game was “Name that Carol” where everyone was given a list of 23 single lines from Christmas Carols and had to name the title of the Carol that it was from. There was a 3-way tie for first place, so the names were put in a hat, the winners were Shawna and Oakley.

Another interesting game was the “Snow Flake Game” where there were several dozens of snowflakes adorning the tables. Most of them had a numbers on the bottom side. Participants were divided into groups of 6, who then added up the numbers to try to reach 75.

The “Bottle Raffle” ticket sellers were Darleen Lajeunesse and Eileen Lawrence, The bottle was won by Marlene Beddie.

We then sang 3 Christmas Carols led by Marg McNaughton on the mike and Susann Borth on the piano. Nearly everyone joined in to make it a fun sing-a-long. This was the cue for Santa to park his reindeer and make his way into the hall. Santa (Mal Dixon) and his Elf (Shawna Holmes) distributed presents from under the tree to all, along with several extras from the North Pole.



This was followed by greetings from President Ray Henry and presentation of 2016 Restoration Awards by Dick Parkes. It's not a very long list but it is a list. !!!!!!!!!!!!! - One was for Rick Wourms (that didn't get presented last year.....my fault) and his 1968 Fargo 4 x 4 pickup and the other was for Ken Hoshowski's 1926 Star “bun wagon”.



The Committee decided this year to collect money for the Food Bank, rather than food. This seemed to go over very well as we collected \$313.00 which I am sure they will be happy to accept.

The “Door Prize”, a lovely poinsettia plant, was won by Eileen Lawrence. © *Anonymous*

## ODE TO A VINTAGE CAR CHRISTMAS

By Ken Hoshowski

"T'was late Christmas Eve and all over the shop  
Not a vehicle was moving, not a Star or a Hupp  
All the shops were dark, save the one where we toiled  
Our tools were still scattered 'round puddles of oil'

The mechanic and I, still covered with grime  
Had finished the annual inspection in time  
For a well-deserved rest, for tomorrow would bring  
A new Christmas day, full of laughter and singing

With only the paperwork yet to complete  
Our cars would be driving again by next week  
The records were spread on the desktop with care  
In hopes that a signature soon would be there

With he in his coveralls and I with cold feet  
We sat down with cocoa and cookies to eat  
Content with our work, we settled our brain  
And our thoughts turned to driving adventures again

The snow had begun just a little past dinner  
The field was now blanketed lightly with winter  
Though the cold just outside could turn all to jelly  
The cocoa was pleasantly warm in our belly

But then on the roof there arose such a rumble  
The cookies, once perfectly shaped, had now crumbled  
First a crash and a thump, then a frightening roar  
It comes not once, but seven times more

We sprang from our chairs, they fell with a clatter  
As we dashed to the window to see what was the matter  
And what did we see, from the window so clear  
But a monstrous sleigh and eight tiny reindeer

From the shop top they flew, a quick dogleg north  
Then a sweeping turn inbound, they came back on course  
The approach was superb and with the sleigh in tow  
The eight little reindeer then rolled out on the snow

The big sleigh's door popped open just then  
And out popped Santa, quite short by most men  
But in girth he was ample, how round in the middle  
He resembled in profile, an overgrown fiddle

With a flight suit of red, a quite dashing old chap  
A current world atlas affixed to his lap  
His pockets were bulging with pencils and plotters  
From planning these difficult legs over water

His flowing white hair tumbled out from his cap  
Which said "Durant Motors" or something like that  
With fur on his collar and bells on his toes  
A great flying Elf of magnificent repose

To the shop he sprinted, threw open the door  
The bag on his shoulder was soon on the floor  
He roamed around our cars, dropping colourful hints  
Like Vintage Car Calendars and preview plan prints

Some vintage pins and patches and catalogues and such  
This Elf's generosity was clearly too much  
On the tool box he placed a Christmas tree sprinkled  
With nuts, bolts and screws, Oh, how they tinkled

Then in a hurry he gathered his gear  
As though not to waste, the dwindling year  
He nodded toward me, gave his bag a big shake  
Then I knew he must have many more stops to make

As he passed the old "Star" with nary a glance, he then knew  
That our fondest desires had yet to come true  
With a peek at the paperwork and a stroke of his pen  
Our beloved restoration was current again

Then he burst out the door, crossing the ground  
The bells on his feet making Christmassy sounds  
With a leap to his sled, he looked up with a wink  
Then busied himself with some checklists, I think

The reindeer all waited for the reins to be gripped  
They surged ahead smartly to get on with the trip  
The sleigh was still heavy, laden with purpose  
And merry Old Santa was soon off the surface

Over windsocks and rooftops his coursers they flew  
And he called them by name from some ritual he knew  
On Rudolph, on Donner, on Blitzen, all eight  
I need all your power so I won't be late.☺



## I Wonder Who?

After the club meeting in October some of us went to Tim Horton's in Valleyview for coffee. We were discussing all the world problems past and present and I do not know why the subject of the Brick Shares came up. Don Potts said *I wonder who* still has them. Well the other day I was looking for a file in my metal filing cabinet down stairs when I found my Brick shares. So Don, you know longer have to *Wonder Who* still has them as Yes I still have mine. Does anyone else remember them, sold them or still own them?



The **British Columbia Resources Investment Corporation** [1979-2007] or **BCRIC** (pronounced "brick") was a **holding company** formed under the government of **William R. Bennett**. The company took over ownership of various sawmills and mines that had been bought and bailed out by the government. The name was eventually changed to Westar Group Ltd.

The most famous aspect of the company were the five free **bearer shares**, dated August 7, 1979 that were distributed to all **British Columbians**, to promote investment in the province, and earn back a profit to the buyer. British Columbians and investors were encouraged to buy more. The company expanded, and bought numerous mining and logging installations.

Unfortunately, because of significant investment in a **North Sea oil** play by a subsidiary, Westar Petroleum, as well as bad timing in a mining investment by another subsidiary, **Westar Mining**, the company ran into financial trouble. Investors saw their thousands of dollars dwindle to pennies.

In 1995, the shares were consolidated at a ratio of 125 to 1. At that time, 5 bearer shares were worth .008 (or 0.8%) of one post-consolidation share. In June 1997, the consolidated shares were subject to a compulsory buy-out at \$70 each (i.e. 56 cents per bearer share) as part of a **privatization** transaction by the **Jim Pattison Group**. However, the buyout had a 10 year limit which expired on June 30, 2007 and, as a result, outstanding share certificates no longer have any value. I don't even have an outhouse that I could use to paper the walls with them. ☺ *Editor*

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The Costains have been around Kamloops since 1966 where Dave was Battalion Chief of Kamloops Fire & Rescue and is now retired. In the questionnaire, Dave lists “Wolfe (the Schnauzer)” under “children”, so I guess that is one spoiled dog! Their collector vehicle is a 1995 Jaguar XJS V-12 convertible, which is not quite vintage yet (won’t be long) but a very special vehicle nonetheless. Dave has always wanted an English sports car and loves the sound of that V-12 so when they saw it advertised in the Auto Trader, they snapped it up. As purchased, there was nothing to repair or renew and since Dave admits that his mechanical ability is challenged, they are very pleased to just enjoy the car and drive it around the interior of B.C. rather than having to restore it.



Dave’s other pastimes include skiing, golf, hockey and ball playing and Heather has just taken up golf also. The Costains look forward to the new friends and knowledge they will gain from joining our Chapter and are promise to jump in with enthusiasm and energy. Great to have you both aboard.

**This years meeting  
Was held  
Between Chilliwack & Abbotsford  
Thursday December 8<sup>th</sup>  
More than expected attended**



The annual meeting  
of the Summer Tires Club.

**A Thought to Remember Until Next Time**  
**Life is like a roll of toilet paper**  
**The closer it gets to the end of the roll**  
**The faster it seems to go.**