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Maurice's 1965 Chevrolet

Calendar of Events

** Kamloops Chapter Events*

- *Nov 20th** Executive Meeting
- Nov 24th Santa Claus Parade 4 pm Sunday
- *Nov 27th** General Meeting {Election Night}
- *Dec 7th** Annual Christmas Dinner [See below for details]
- *Dec 31st** Cut-off Date for Kamloops Roster Changes
- *Jan 26h** **GENERAL MEETING NEW DAY & TIME {Sunday 2 pm}**
- *Jun 6-8th** Proposed 2025 Back Road Tour



Kamloops Chapter Christmas Party

\$30.00 per person Hal Rogers centre,
2025 Summit Drive

Saturday December 7th 2024

Doors open 5 pm Dinner 6 pm

Collecting Cash Donations for the Kamloops Food Bank

Give Lila Foley [250 573 4256] a call as she is selling the tickets.

The cut-off is at the November 27th General Meeting



Why Say Cheese When Taking A Picture ?

In the 1930's people started saying "cheese and crackers," which was eventually shortened to "cheese."

Well, it turns out that "cheese" is the perfect word for getting people to smile.

Saying "cheese" naturally stretches your mouth into a grin, and the "ch" sound is a great way to get your teeth to show.

So now you know why you are asked to say cheese at picture time. **Editor**



EDITOR'S EDITORIAL



In regards to Membership Renewals: - You do have until end of February to pay your National Dues.

However the Kamloops executive wanted our Roster to be out earlier than March so December 31st was set for the cut-off date for this years Chapter's Roster.

Hope you can make the meeting as it is the night we pick the right people to run our club which you are part of and do have a say.

Elaine Jones is our sunshine lady.



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

This month Elaine sent a "Get Well " card to Dave Costain

DID YOU KNOW WHERE THE TERM "GLOVE COMPARTMENT" CAME FROM?



The name is **derived from the compartment's original purpose, storing driving gloves.** Initially, the glove compartment was a box near the driver on the floorboard.

Driving gloves were worn to keep hands clean and considered essential equipment in early vehicles



THOMPSON-NICOLA
REGIONAL DISTRICT

Terri Harwin [Film Commissioner] for the TNRD was our guess speaker at the October General Meeting.

She was an excellent speaker and spoke how much the making of films in our area effects our economy. The number of people that it brings to the area plus many times offer jobs to locals.

She said how many photos that she has on file of the area in case someone is looking to make a movie. The number was unbelievable. She said that she does have our club vehicles on record should there be a chance they could be used.

If you think you would be interested having your vehicle in a movie please send a photo along with some detail to ***kamshafteditor@gmail.com*** before the end of February 2025. If there is any interest I will them forward them on to Terri as a group from our Chapter. ***Editor***





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's hard to believe we are just a month away from Christmas, which brings us to the last general meeting of 2024.

An important meeting as it is our annual election night. I would ask each of you to consider letting your name stand for office. All positions are open except the 4 directors and the governor who still have one year remaining on their terms.

Give Jim Carroll who is nominating committee chair a call [250 374 7606] if you would like to let your name stand for an office.

My thanks again to Lila Foley who is chairing our Christmas party. This is one of our best attended highlights events of our year. A delicious dinner, door prizes and music for all to enjoy. Details in this newsletter.

As our year ends I would like to thank everyone who have chaired the various club committee's, those who have helped out and those who've participated in our events.

We look forward to another exciting year in 2025. *Ken Hoshowski*



True Love Conquers All

Today I was in a shoe store that sells only shoes, nothing else. A young girl with a tattoo and green hair walked over to me and asked "What brings you in today"?

I looked at her and said, "I'm interested in buying a refrigerator." She didn't quite know how to respond, had that deer in the headlights look

I was thinking about old age and decided that old age is when you still have something on the ball, but you are just too tired to bounce it.

When people see a cat's litter box they always say "Oh, have you got a cat?"

I just say "no, it's for company!"

Employment application blanks always ask who is to be called in case on an emergency. I think you should write, "An ambulance."

The older you get the tougher it is to lose weight because by then your body and your fat have gotten to be really good friends.

The easiest way to find something lost around the house is buy a replacement.

Have you ever noticed: the Roman Numerals for (40) are XL.

The sole purpose of a child's middle name is so he knows when he's really in trouble.

Did you ever notice that when you put the 2 words "the" and "IRS" together it spells "Theirs."

Aging: Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.

Some people try to turn back their "odometers." Not me.

I want people to know why I look this way.

I've traveled a long way and a lot of the roads were not paved.

Ah! Being young is beautiful but being old is comfortable.

Lord, keep you arm around my shoulder and your hand over my mouth.

May you always have: Love to share, Cash to spare, Tires with air, And friends who care.

Credit Goes to unknown author.



Lila's COOK's Corner #11

By: Lila Foley



Here is one of Don Pott's favourite
Christmas cookie recipes -
You know if Don makes them they are good.

It just happens to be one of my favourites as well. Lila

Jam Diagonals

1/2 cup butter (not margarine)

1/4 cup sugar

1 t vanilla

1/8 t salt

1 1/4 cup flour

1/4 cup raspberry jam

3/4 cup icing sugar

4 t lemon juice

Mix first 5 ingredients well. Make into long roll on parchment lined pan.

Make indentation along roll and fill with jam.

Bake at 350 degrees for 12 - 15 minutes till golden in color.

Glaze: - Mix icing sugar and lemon juice and drizzle over the jam when cool.

Cut diagonally to make diamond shapes.

I always make at least 2 times the recipe but usually 4 times. *Don*

PEOPLE YOU "AUTO" KNOW #11

John Foley

By: - Geoff Gibbard



John is a Kamloops original. He was born in RIH which at that time was a small hospital with large wards. He remembers being in a ward of ten or twelve patients when he was a young boy recovering from having his tonsils out. Apparently the ice cream was very good.

John grew up on the family ranch in Knutsford and attended the one room Long Lake schoolhouse until grade 9. He had to take grade 9 by correspondence in the actual school to keep the student numbers up so it would not



close. That old school house is now a private residence. John attended Kam High for grade ten and half of grade 11, staying in the dorm and going home on weekends when the Knutsford road was open.

When he was elected, Flying Phil ensured that road was



open in March so the area ranchers could attend the bull sale in Kamloops. His dad sold the ranch and the family moved to Kelowna where John finished grades 11 and 12. Both high schools were known as KHS.

After graduating, John and three buddies went to Prince George and ended up working in a sawmill. John stuck it out until the fall when he returned



to Kelowna and got a job driving for a dry cleaning company. About that time he and a buddy drove to Vancouver for interviews with Finning. Finning told John they'd put him on their list for future reference. May of 1960 saw John take a job with Finning as an apprentice mechanic in Prince George. He was the only new hire who didn't have to take pre-apprentice courses, his mechanical experience on the ranch stood him in good stead. As luck would have it, a lovely young woman named Lila started work in the Finning office in 1961. Not missing a beat, John drove her downtown from work on a very cold day in his robins' egg blue '57 chev convertible and would see her every day in the lunch room. Things progressed from there and John and Lila were married in April of 1965. (I'm thinking they have a big anniversary coming up in April.) Until then, John had been boarding with the Ewanchuks for \$80 a month which was great because he didn't have to cook, do laundry or pay bills.

There was no housing available in PG at that time; John and Lila were lucky to find a small suite in a little house next to the twenty-four hour coke plant. Talk about noise! A family friend of Lila offered them an empty lot which was great as there were none available. They secured a 6 ½% mortgage for \$16 300 and hired a contractor. On May 1, however, John was sent to Endako to do warranty work on the mine's machines which meant he only came home on the weekends. This meant that Lila supervised the building of the house and did a bang up job. They had married, bought a lot, found a plan, and built a house in less than a year. John returned to the Prince George office in the fall of 1966 as the shop manager looking after the service department.

Their son Blaine was born in 1971 and two years later they moved to Vernon where Diane was born.

As service manager, John doubled the size of his staff and increased the number of quality service trucks. In 1979 the Kamloops branch manager made John an offer as a salesman he couldn't refuse; he and Lila moved their family into their present Kamloops house July 1st of that year.

His foray into sales was an immediate success as he brought logging and construction accounts with him.

The building of the Coquihalla Highway and the privatization of highway maintenance was a boon for John in sales. He sold numerous packages of thirty to forty machines which was unheard of. He even made a trip to Dawson Creek to help out a childhood friend and ended up selling him a package of machines.



In the late eighties and early nineties, John was acting as an unauthorized branch manager, ensuring all the month end paper work was signed, sealed and delivered. In recognition of this and of his stellar sales record, the company sent John and Lila to the NHL Allstar Game in Pittsburgh. Needless to say, they enjoyed a great week.

After much discussion, introspection and financial counselling, John "retired" Dec 31, 1999. The company threw him a party in Edmonton and the many contractors he worked with over the years got together and organized a send-off featuring more than one hundred attendees. Sounds to me like they really liked him and were sorry to see him go. In fact, one of those contractors hired him almost immediately and John ended up consulting for the Tercon Group of Companies until 2009 when the company was sold.

Surprise! Surprise! Some two years later the new company hired him to organize and supervise disassembling, refurbishing and sending well used equipment to a gold mine in Alaska via Seattle. John's ingenuity and creativity came to the fore and he completed the job in eight months all the while working from home. That was his last paying job.

John joined the car club in 2000 when he and Bernie Kent bought a '67 T-bird together. (It has been at John and Lila's ever since). The next car was a '64 Impala convertible which turned out to be too expensive of a project. It sat for years until the right buyer came along. John then bought a '64 white Impala



which is now blue. That turned into a ten year project. The four door red '64 Impala that John and Lila enjoy came from Cranbrook.

John has been a club director a couple of times and has been involved extensively with Steve in the food preparation, set-up and take-down.



In 2005, John's retirement project involved getting Jerry Wallin to build him a 26' x 32' shop in his backyard where his cars now reside.



John and Lila are happy grandparents who dote on their four grandchildren. Blaine has two grown boys and Diane has a teenage boy and an 11 year old daughter.

Thanks for your time, John and Lila. You are a good story teller, John, and you make a good sandwich, Lila.

Geoff



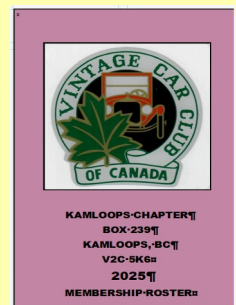
Remember You Read It Here.

To have your name in our
2025 Kamloops Chapter Roster

your membership must be renewed and
paid for **before December 31st.**

Names and any changes that you would like to make
must be sent to kamshafteditor@gmail.com before December 31st.

Any thing after this date will not be included



Monthly Mystery Car #66

Presented by
Art Harms



October Mystery Car



The October 2024 Mystery Car is a 1936 Dodge D2 touring sedan.

These automobiles featured a very aero- dynamic design for this period.

The art deco design is evident in many areas,

rounded fenders, raked windshield, round grille, horizontal chrome strips, and aero

-dynamic shaped headlights. Steel auxiliary wheels and white wall tires were a finishing touch to style of this vehicle. The interior of these cars was very comfortable, featuring chair height seating, with quality uphol-

stery materials used throughout. A large speedometer was the center of the instrument panel. Just above the instrument panel is a crank handle, which is used to open the windshield for ventilation.

Safety glass was standard in the 1936 Dodge cars. Available options included dual wipers, dual horns, dual side mounts c/w wheel shields, and fender skirts.



Power was provided by a six-cylinder, water cooled, cast-iron flathead engine. This engine had a displacement of 217.8 cubic inches, and was rated at 87 horsepower, and 155 foot-pounds of torque. The compression ratio was 6.5 to 1. These engines were very reliable, and were used into the 1950's. The power was transmitted though the three speed manual transmission, to the semi-floating rear end. Leaf springs both front and rear, were standard. Hydraulic drum brakes were also standard on these vehicles. With an all-steel body, and built on a 116" wheelbase, with a vehicle weight of 2770 pounds, these cars were a pleasure to drive.

One thing of note, the electrical system in these cars was of the positive ground type (not the negative ground systems we are used to today). *Art Harms*



Fall Garage Tour Saturday Nov. 2 nd 2024

This year's tour started at Mt. Paul Golf Restaurant at 11 am with a full complement of 40 members arriving for breakfast. The food was perfect as usual, the service was great. I am sure everyone enjoyed the morning.



At 12.30 we departed for the Rocky Mountain Station for a very informative tour, as Robert Mensinger "Director, Mechanical the Rocky Mountaineer – Canada" gave us a very complete history and the operation of the system and its place Kamloops and B.C. and Alberta. All questions were answered.



Next, we were off to the warehouse to see the large Amount of machinal parts and supplies it takes to keep the system running.



Next it was off to the Machine Shop to get a full knowledge of the mechanics of the cars that keep you safe and comfortable on your journey. A tour of one of the newest scenic cars that was built in Sweden, It is full of comfortable features.



Next, off to the parking lot for pictures of the club vintage cars that attended, and Ken Hoshowski presented a Thank you Certificate to Robert for all the information he provided for us.



A special thanks to;

Ken Hoshowski for making this a possibility.
Michelle and her staff at Mt. Paul Restaurant
Robert Mensinger for his time and a great tour.

Don Potts

**Thanks to those that answered my request for "Photos of Your Car "
and Fall Colours. Not all photos presented were current photos**



Del's 1956 Dodge



Richard's 2012 Camaro



Peter's Model A's



Rich's 1963 Falcon



Bernie's 1965 Ponti-



Sue's 2024 Acre



Dave's 1964 Ford

CLASSIFIEDS For Sale



1964 Mercury Meteor \$22,000- 390 motor
2 door convertible, Baby Blue in colour.

Contact Jerry Wallin for more information.

Phone: 250-579-5102

Email: gwallin@telus.net.



1955 PONTIAC – \$15,000

Laurentian 265 V8

Engine, Powerglide trans
Odometer reads 78313
miles engine & trans were
overhauled New brake

drums & all new brake shoes Interior upholstery in
excellent condition , – lap type seatbelts installed
WW radial tires Original paint finish

Original bought new from Reid Motors, here in
Kamloops

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One day a state trooper while patrolling the roads spied a vehicle on a country road at twenty-two miles an hour. It looked quite suspicious to him so he pulled the driver over. When the state trooper was approaching the car, he noticed that the passengers inside looked wide-eyed and really pales.

As he stood next to the car the elderly driver started talking "officer, I don't understand why you pulled me over. I was doing exactly the speed limit! So I don't understand what seems to be the problem?"

"Sir", the officer replied, "indeed you weren't speeding but driving much slower than the speed limit can also be dangerous." I'm sorry officer but I beg to differ, I was doing exactly the speed limit as stated on the sign: twenty-two mile an hour!" the old man said.

The trooper was a bit surprised but started explaining that the "22" on the sign was the route number and not the speed limit. A bit embarrassed, the old man grinned a bit and thanked the state trooper for pointing out his mistake.

But before the state trooper was about to let the old man go he said: But before I let you go , sir. I really have to ask whether everyone in this car is feeling all right?" "Because your passengers seem awfully pale and shaken."

"Oh they'll be alright in a minute, "the old man said.

"We just got off Route 119"

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

I relabeled all of the jars in my wife's spice rack.

I'm not in trouble yet, but the thyme is cumin