



# The August Kamshaft 2025



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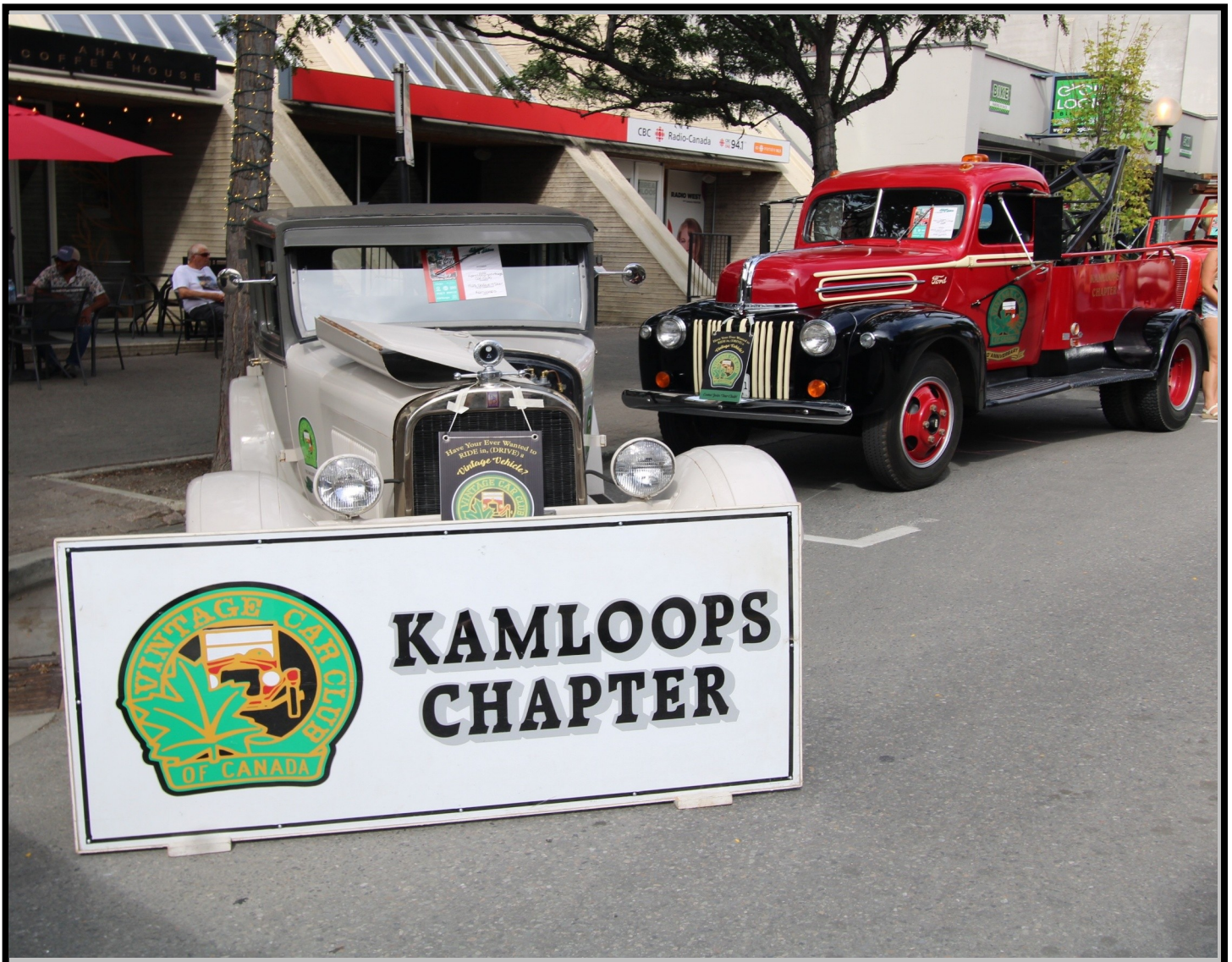
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## Calendar of Events

\*Kamloops Chapter Events

- \*Aug 21st Cruise Night to support MS at the North Shore A & W
- \*Aug 28th Cruise to #1 Fire hall (Sahali)  
This was planned by Dave Costain before his passing.
- \*Sep 14th Mystery Garage Tour [You do not want to miss this one]
- \*Sep 24th General Meeting
- \*Sep 28 Tour to Armstrong {Fall Fair & Ploughing match} [Lv Dallas Co-op at 9am]



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### By Ken Hoshowski

We have been lucky in Kamloops this summer by staying reasonably clear of smoke from wildfires. Let's hope it continues and we avoid the horrible fires that are burning in Eastern Canada. A few years ago your Kamshaft editor sent out a questionnaire asking what members wanted from their club. The unanimous answer was more driving events. We have attempted to give members a good variety of different events and venues.

Our Thursday night dinner cruise nights are almost over with only 2 remaining as I write this message. Of the nine completed cruise nights four have been organized and hosted by members which makes my job a whole lot easier. I would like to thank Peter and Celine Sanderson (June 17), Rich Vandermeij (July 10), Engel and Audrey Bouwmeester (July 17) and Dave Dickinson (August 14) for organizing the tour on those dates.

I would also like to thank Del and Shannon Schneider (July 20) for the delicious BBQ at their Shuswap Lake summer home. Our annual Mother's Day, Father's Day and Collector Car Day lunch outings are always popular and best attended. Steve Bell and Susan Blair organized a successful and fun Back Road Tour that all who attended enjoyed. Steve also organized our participation in Hot Nights in the city which had 31 member cars participate to commemorate the 31 years since its inception.

There have also been numerous shows and shines that members have attended here and in various communities but too numerous to mention here. My thanks to everyone who has organized and attended those functions and represented our chapter. Unfortunately I have had to cancel the proposed August 23 Mystery run. HOWEVER..... I would like you to mark **Sept 14 on your calendar for our Fall Garage Tour**. We will be leaving at 10:00 am to a surprise destination with a prior lunch stop to view the most extraordinary garage you wish to see. More details to follow. You do not want to miss this event. Our last official tour will be on September 28 to the Armstrong tractor and Plowing Event. About 8 of us attended last year to this well organized event with many displays, vendors and interesting history. We think you would enjoy this day back in history. More info to follow. Our first general meeting of the fall will be held on Wednesday September 24 at the Hal Rogers Activity centre on Summit Drive starting at 7:30 pm. Until then, Enjoy the balance of the driving season, drive safe

*Ken*

**EDITOR'S  
EDITORIAL**



Summer is just about over and we had fun with the various activities with more to come before the cars are put away for the winter.

As I have mentioned before in my remarks if you experienced any Show & Shines, visit to a museum or place of interest, made a trip and

would like to share your story with fellow members please forward this information to your Editor at [kamshafteditor.com](http://kamshafteditor.com)

A reminder that our General Meetings start up again 7:30 pm on Wednesday September 24th.

Kamshaft Classifieds are still FREE and open for members to use.

I would like to thank Ken Hoshowski for the photos he supplied of HNITC.



## Lion's Club 2025 Motorcycle

### Toy Run for Christmas Amalgamated

The Lion's club is holding their annual Toy Run on Sunday Sept. 7th at Sahal Mall.

They would like to have our Vintage cars displayed between 10 am to 1 pm before the actual ride begins through the streets of Kamloops

Please bring a new toy for a child or teenager.

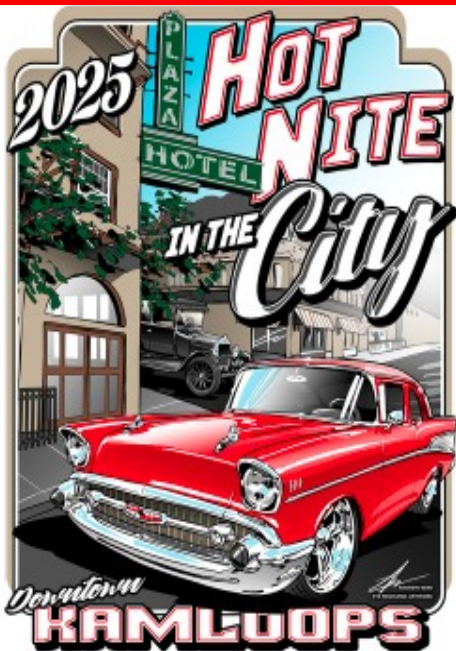


**It is with regret to announce the passing of Dave Costain on July 19th. Dave was currently on the Executive and had been a member of our Chapter since 2016**



## CHROME on the GRASS

Saturday July 12th was time for the annual Chrome on the Grass at the Kamloops Pow-Wow grounds. Considering it was such a hot day the turn out of cars was great.



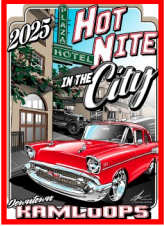
HNITC starts Friday afternoon with a Poker Run that take those that sign up on a trip around town to fourteen different places to get a card to use and hopefully get the best poker hand.

As Sue and I reside at The Residence we agreed to hand out cards to the cars that came there. Between start time of 3 pm and 6:45 pm we handed out 82 playing cards.



All the participants seem to in great spirits no matter what card they drew.

I understand an accident on Hwy 5 prevented some of them from reaching all 14 stops in the allotted time to help get that perfect hand.



Here it is 6:30 am in the morning of the HNITC and we are lining up to travel as a group from behind the court house down to the 200 block of Victoria street where parking has been reserved for us. It is only because the Vintage Car Club started this whole thing and we have a number of cars that we manage to have reserved parking. Some people have been known to go down at 2 am to get the parking spot they want.





John Bone and his assistants

John Foley,



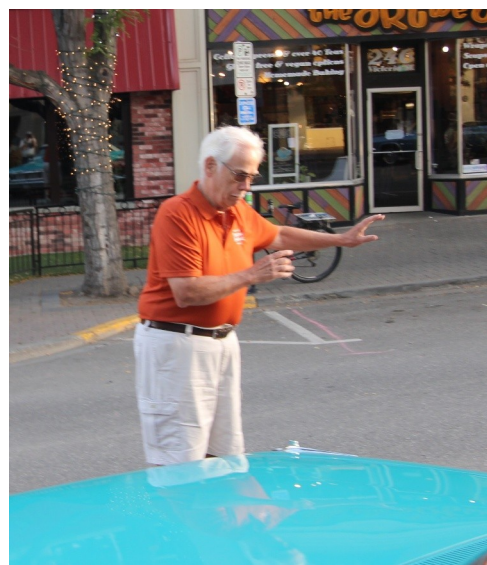
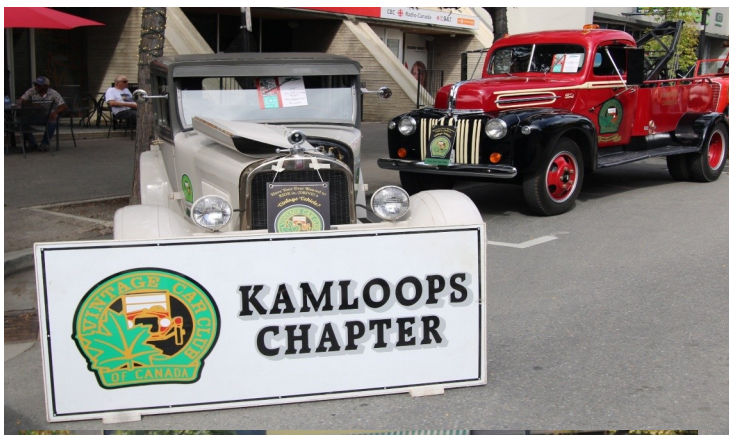
Terry Davidson



Denis Jolicoeur



drove the four club vehicles directly to Victoria street as it takes longer to set them up compared to just parking a car.



Thanks to Steve and his organizing it appear to all go well for the parking. I understand we did manage to have 31 cars in attendance. It does make for a long day as some told me to make it happen they got up at 4 am and were busy till their vehicle was finally put away at 6:45 pm. The day was fun and I asked if they would do it again. **YES** was their answerer as it is only one day a year.



# Some Of the Member's Cars





## Monthly Mystery Car #73

Presented by

Art Harms



## June Mystery Car



The June 2025 Mystery Car is a 1970 Chrysler New Yorker convertible. These luxury cars were part of Chrysler's move into the fuselage type design. This resulted in an automobile with long sweeping lines, seamless contours, side windows that were flush with the exterior surfaces, no square protruding surfaces, and no side trim (chrome strips). Deep pile carpets were standard. Vinyl upholstery was standard, with leather upholstery being a very popular choice, especially on hardtops and convertibles. Interior woodgrain accents was another popular item. It goes without saying that these luxury cars could be ordered in many different exterior colors, as well as various interior upholstery color choices.



Attention to detail with luxurious appointments were a hall mark of these cars. Electric windows, air conditioning, power accessories, and even an 8-track sound system.



Chrysler New Yorker's, like most full-sized automobiles manufactured in this era, required a large engine, with a lot of torque. In this case, the engine of choice was a 440 cubic inch V8. Rated at 350 horsepower, and 480 foot-pounds of torque, provided the performance needed to make driving a pleasant experience.

A Torque-Flite three speed automatic transmission, handled the power-torque combination easily.

These vehicles were manufactured with drum brakes on all four corners, with disc brakes on the front wheels as an extra cost option. Power steering and power brakes were standard due to the vehicle size and weight.

Suspension consisted of torsion bars on the front, and leaf springs on the rear. These cars were built on a 124" wheelbase, with an overall length of 224.7 ", and an overall width of 79.1 ".

Tire size was H78/15. Average weight for the Chrysler New Yorker's was 4225 pounds.

Gas mileage? Well, the average mileage rating was 10.5 miles per imperial gallon. Top speed (estimated) was 120 MPH. *Art Harms*

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## CRUISE NIGHT July 24th

As the traffic down town is so bad at the moment because of all the construction it was decided to leave from the Petrocan on the top of the hill.. As Ken had organized us to go for a drive to the Lac Le Jeune provincial campsite and have out supper there this worked out fine.

Traffic on the back road was light and weather good with no mosquitos so the evening was great. I believe most people returned home using Hwy #5.



## CRUISE NIGHT July 31st

To night's Cruise took us on a drive out to visit Solindo Farms on Dairy Road in Westsyde owned by Patricia Sullivan and her husband. Patricia [on the left in the photo] gave a walking tour to the ladies explaining the different vegetables they grow and the various flowers through out her landscape yard. Their yard is beautiful and has hosted weddings and dinners for people riding the Rocky Mountaineer Road Tours.

The produce grown is sold at the local farmers market. Besides the market gardening they raise free range chickens and turkeys for Thanksgiving & Christmas dinners.



Those present were enjoying the Socializing, the lawn and having their bag suppers.



Following our visit to the farm the Wallin's invited us to stop at their place on the way back home for ice cream sundaes.



Sorry Jim no D Q this night

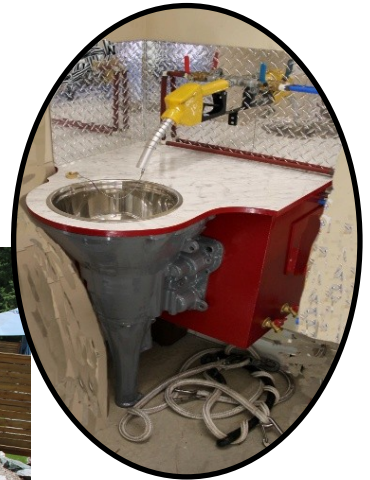


Sunday July 20th Del & Shannon Schneider invited the club to their house at the lake for a BBQ.

It was a perfect day as the traffic on the highway was not heavy and the weather was an enjoyable temperature with no rain.

We departed from the Co-op gas station east of town at 10 am. Arrived at their house around 11:30 am.

After enjoying great burgers and socializing people left at various time to arrive back in Kamloops around 3:30 pm .



Del had made the neat-est sink I have ever seen for his shop.



It was originally an automatic transmission



It was nice to sit in such a beautiful surrounding, visit with friends and enjoy a great BBQ.

Thanks to Del & Shannon for a great day. *Editor*



## COOK'S CORNER # 20

by: - Lila Foley



### Autumn Crunch Pasta Salad

This is not a pasta salad - it is a green salad with some pasta in it - \ could be made without if you have a reason.

- 1 1/2 cups dry small pasta
- 5 oz fresh spinach, same amount of chopped lettuce
- 3/4 cup chopped celery
- 3/4 cup dried cranberries
- 1 can mandarin oranges drained
- 1 lg granny smith apple sliced thin
- 1/3 cup pecans chopped - could be toasted or candied
- feta cheese ( optional)

#### Dressing

- 2 tbsp apple cider vinegar
- 2 tbsp white wine vinegar
- 2 4 tbsp sugar
- 1/8 tsp paprika
- 1/8 tsp onion powder
- 4 tbsp olive or vegetable oil
- 1/2 tsp poppy seeds

Cook pasta according to pkg directions and cool.

Prepare dressing : place all ingredients in blender or shake in a jar.

Add the apple to dressing to prevent it from turning brown  
or mix with a little lemon juice.

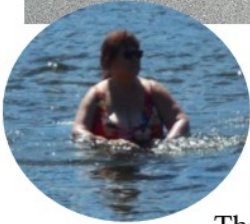
Place all ingredients in large bowl and don't mix in dressing until just before serving. *Lila*



# JULY 13, 2018

COLLECTOR CAR APPRECIATION DAY

It was decided to have a picnic at Lac Le Jeune to help celebrate this day. The time to leave the Petro-Can was set at 10 am for the drive to the park. Wow with the turn out, I did not know quite what to do as



there was only Ernie & Marg McNaughton in their 64 Mustang, Sue Wilson and myself with my 1933 Hupmobile. Should we cancel or carry-on. Well we carried on and it turned out to be a great day as the traffic was not heavy and the lake was beautiful. A short time after we had arrived Janice Gillis arrived in her 1968 AMC.

Then to be followed up by Bryan Vye and his 1921 Dodge touring.

Janice was the only one brave enough to go for a dip in the lake.

For the 6 of us that were there we had good time as the weather was not too hot, picnic site is beautiful, lunch was good and the traffic both ways was very light.

A great day to enjoy taking the old cars out for a drive. Sorry you missed it. ©Editor

# BC Collector Car Appreciation Day 2025

BC Collector Car Appreciation Day is celebrated on the 2nd Friday in July For those of us that attended this year we met at the Co-op gas station East of town as we were going for a drive out to Finz at Blind Bay for lunch.



Collectors Day was celebrated this year by 13 cars and 24 people.

Quite a difference compared to 2018

The weather, and company was great and so

was the food. *Editor*



Carolyn & her Son Karl & wife Sophie from Sweden

## \*\*\* PEOPLE YOU "AUTO" KNOW #20 \*\*\*

### Engel Bouwmeester

**BY: - Geoff Gibbard**



Engel was born in Claresholm, Alberta in 1955. His parents had emigrated in 1954 from Holland under a government program where his dad was required to work on a prairie farm for two years. He put his two years in and moved to Kamloops where he purchased a lot on Holt Avenue in North Kamloops.

Engel's dad worked in a planer mill and then on a chicken farm. In 1966, he realized his dream and purchased eighty acres on Highway 97 close to Monte Lake.

By that time he had his own company and was building houses mainly in Brock and Dallas.

Engel grew up on the farm as he was 11 when the family moved there. He did a lot of work around that farm. Fencing, haying, setting irrigation pipes, pulling weeds and milking the cows (not his favourite thing to do) kept him busy when he was not running free and wild. He says it was a great way to grow up, he learned lots and was an independent guy. After moving to the farm, Engel attended Monte Lake School and later on rode the school bus via the Barnhartvale Road (which was gravel) to Dallas and then John Peterson. As soon as he was old enough, Engel drove to Kam High in his own car.

Engel was the curious type and enjoyed fiddling with all things mechanical. His dad knew nothing about cars and it was Engel who kept his dad's '59 GMC pickup running. That worked out for Engel as he was the only one in the family allowed to drive it other than his dad. He'd sure like to have that truck today. His first car was a 2 door, 6 cylinder '63 Biscayne with 3 on the tree. He was in a highway accident with that car. Engel survived in good shape but the car didn't. He did find a '64 which was almost identical to that '63 and it sported a 327/300 hp motor which Engel found in a junk yard on Ord Road. That was one hot machine. That car was followed by a '69 short based pickup which Engel bought in 1970 from Reid Motors in Downtown Kamloops. It had a 327 in it and as Engel says, was a "warmed up truck".

Audrey went to NorKam and Engel went to Kam High. They met through mutual friends and went out during high school. On one date, Engel took Audrey for ice cream in that truck. They got their cones, climbed into the truck and Engel proceeded to floor it at which point he wore Audrey's ice cream cone in the face as she yelled at him to never do that again. Turns out that was the first of two ice cream facials he got while driving one of his special cars. They got married after Audrey graduated in 1974. In 1975, Engel built a house in Dallas and they moved onto Crawford Court.

After graduating from high school, Audrey took the 22 month nursing program at Cariboo College. Engel had left school after grade 11 and was working framing houses. In 1976, he got together with 2 of his brothers doing contract work framing houses and building foundations. Audrey needed a car so he bought her a brand new '75 Honda Civic and while he was at it traded his short box truck on a '72 El Camino. That vehicle had a 402 cubic inch engine married to a 400 turbo hydromantic transmission. Audrey finished the nursing program in '76 and she and Engel order a '77 Firebird T/A 400 with a 6.6 litre engine and a 4 speed Borg Warner tranny. That was a wee step up from the Honda.

Before Audrey went to work, they took a 3 week trip to Europe. They went all over Holland and connected with many of Engel's relatives.

1976 – 1979 Engel and his brothers built a lot of houses in Cache Creek and Clinton. Engel was racing at Scheidam Flats at that time. He started out with his brother running a '59 Plymouth before building a '64 Chevelle racing machine. It was too bad the track shut down in 1977. Corissa was born in 1979 and in the fall of that year Engel picked up a '27 Studebaker sedan that needed everything.

He converted the carport into a garage and joined the vintage car club. That car is a beauty and he and Audrey have put many miles on it. They bought their present property in 1980 and Engel started building the house that summer. They moved into the garage that fall and moved into the house in the late spring of 1981. Nick was born that July and Audrey went on unpaid mat leave for 4 months. Work for Engel had run out that summer and so he looked after the kids when Audrey went back to work. He says it was fun.

Work started to improve for Engel in 1982 but he says it was never the same again as there was lots of competition and people did not want to pay for work that was done. A Sahali project involving 13 contractors worked out relatively well in the late '80s. I asked Engel how on earth 13 contractors were able to work together. He said it was easy, they were all broke. Desiree was born in November of '85 and Mike was born December 22 and came home on Christmas Day in 1987.

In 1989, Engel and Audrey loaded their four kids (oldest was 10) into the '27 Studebaker and drove across the U.S. with 8 to 10 cars of the Vancouver Chapter of the car club. They met at the truck museum in Cloverdale and got as far as Point Pleasant Beach, New Jersey. They attended a reception at the Canadian Embassy, drove the Virginia and Blueridge Parkway, saw Nashville, Fort Smith and Dodge City. It was hot and humid and it was in Dodge City where Engel ended up with one of the kid's ice cream cones in his face. That '27 Studebaker made it up the Berthold Pass in Colorado with an elevation of 14 000 feet. They covered 9000 miles in 7 weeks and suffered only minor breakdowns which mostly involved the wheels. The kids did pretty well, riding with some of the others at times. The speed limit was 55 mph throughout the States which made the trip doable for that car. Engel figures they have put 30 to 40 000 miles on that car. They took it on the 1983 Anniversary Tour pulling a tent trailer. In 1985, they drove it to Vegas again pulling a tent trailer which Audrey says was a bad idea. A head gasket burned out on that trip. It has been to Barkerville, Prince George, Fort St. John and the Kootenays. What a car! Engel must have done a remarkable job rebuilding it.



He bought a '34 Studebaker in 1991 and is making some progress on the rebuild.

In 1995, Engel bought a '72 Corvette and finished the '24 Studebaker which is another beauty.



In 1996, they took Engel's parents and the kids to the Pan Pacific Vintage Car Rally in New Zealand.

There were 1500 – 1600 cars participating. They rented a Van and toured both islands. Mike graduated in 2005 and by then the kids were all out of the house. Desiree and Mike started working with Engel in 2007. They got their red seal carpentry certifications and worked with their dad for 9 years. When they left in 2015, Engel retired as he didn't want to train anyone else.

Engel bought a '54 Studebaker 4 door sedan off e-bay in 2019 and started working on it in 2020. Craig



Beddie worked with him a lot and Engel says he learned lots about body work and paint. They sprayed it in May of 2022, put all the parts back on and left on the Cross Canada Tour with the Canadian Coasters in early June.



Fuel pump issues surfaced in Medicine Hat and they ended up having it towed to Calgary where they put it on a U-Haul and took it back to Kamloops where Engel was able to install the correct fuel pump. He and Audrey trailered it back to Calgary and to make a long story short, made their Nfld ferry reservation. The car handled and ran well and they thoroughly enjoyed their 3 month adventure.

Engel and Audrey bought a property in Arizona in 2010 to enjoy more sun in the winter.

They have 10 grandchildren ranging age from 2 to 15 years old of whom they are immensely proud. They limit their stays in Arizona so they can be with their grandchildren on their birthdays and other special days. Engel and Audrey had a special day of their own on August 24th of last year when they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.



Their sons are also both car guys. Mike joined the club in 2018 and is building a 1970 Chev short box pickup.

Sound familiar? (Hope he does not wear an ice cream cone in the face.) Nick has a '64 Pontiac Grand Prix which he bought when he was 18.

Last year, Engel traded a '15 Model T for a '25 Studebaker Standard Six Brougham. Only 2 were made, and the other one is in France. Pretty cool! I asked Engel why he focused on Studebakers. He replied that once he had a Studebaker everyone wanted to sell him theirs.



Thank you for time, Audrey and Engel. I enjoyed the garage tour and had a good time chatting with you both and getting your story. *Geoff*

# As Seen From My Patio

Here it is Monday morning August 11th and I am sitting on my patio enjoying my breakfast and I see this black Model T sitting at the mini mall [Corner of Grand Blvd & TCH #1]

Next thing I see the CFJC TV SUV leaving the parking lot with it's emergency flashers on and the model T following.

The hatch is open on the SUV and there is someone sitting in the back with a TV camera filming the Model T. as it is leaving the parking lot.



This Model T Ford is owned by Nolan Choiniere and he is very proud of his car.

I managed to get this photo of Noel and his car when he attended HNITC.

*Editor*



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## 1930 Model A Ford \$12,000



New battery and car runs with lots of extra Ford parts included. \*Bill Lindsay 250 376 1339



**1990 Mustang \$12,000** -7-up contracted Ford to build 30 identical mustang convertibles for NCAA basketball half time shooting contests. Ford only built 2, then went on to build 4103 of these cars painted in 7 up green. They were identical with the exception that some had 5 speed transmissions. Ford called these cars their unofficial 25th anniversary mustang.

**Geoff Gibbard**

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

**A SURVIVAL TIP: -**  
*If you get lost in the woods start talking about politics and someone will show up to argue with you.*