



# The December 2025 Kamshaft



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*Season  
Greetings from  
the  
Kamshaft Staff  
Art, Elaine,  
Geoff, Lila  
& Dave*

## Calendar of Events

\*Kamloops Chapter Events

\*Jan 14th Executive Meeting

\*Jan 21st General Meeting

\*Feb 25th Annual Auction at General Meeting



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Ken Hoshowski

In this age of global uncertainty those of us that live in Canada are truly blessed. Canada the best country in the world.

We are blessed because we are lucky enough to be far away from wars and conflict.

We are blessed because we have a roof over our head and a comfortable home.

We are blessed because we will soon be sharing a wonderful Christmas dinner with family and friends.

And..... We are blessed because we are able to share our wonderful hobby with fellow enthusiasts like yourself.

As we bring our year to a close I would like to thank all chapter members for helping out our club meetings and events . We have had a busy year and I expect 2026 to be the same.

Special thanks to Lila Foley, Steve Bell, Geoff Gibbard and everyone else who helped make our Christmas Party a success.

We had a record attendance this year. Marge and I would like to wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year. **Ken**



A great big jolly red thank you to the very many of you who helped with the Christmas party and the many others who offered to help.

It is all appreciated.

Your comments could make next year's even better.

*Lila and Steve*

# 2026 EXECUTIVE



**President:** - Ken Hoshowski

**Vice-President:** - Bruce Bawtree

**Secretary:** - Dianne Hargrove

**Treasurer:** - Peter Sanderson

**Governor:** - Steve Bell

**One Year Directors:** -

Craig Beddie

Terry Davison

John Foley

Bryan Vye

**Two Year Directors:** -

John Bone

Gerry Gerow

Jason Tasko

Rick Pye

**Positions will be posted in Roster**

## EDITOR'S EDITORIAL



Well I had a few spare moments the other day so I started going through some of the boxes I had set aside to look after at a later date. What I found was some interesting photos and I was thinking how nice it would be if when members find an old photo that they take the time to send a copy to [kamshafteditor@gmail.com](mailto:kamshafteditor@gmail.com). Think how interesting it would be to add a section labelled "GLIMSPE OF THE PAST". Anyone at any time can send a photo with a few words explaining what the photo is about.

At the General meeting in February we will be holding our Annual Club Auction to help raise some funds for the club.

You can bring just about anything that includes the gifts you received at Christmas that you do not need or want. However "Flea Market Items" are not appreciated.

**Remember DECEMBER 31st is the cut-off date for any changes you want to add to the 2026 Roster.**



At our **February 25th General Meeting** we will be holding our Annual Club Auction. Please bring items to be auctioned to help raise funds for the club.

Just about anything is accepted however if you think it is a Flea Market Item please it at home.

This is good way of getting rid of the unwanted Christmas gifts you may have received from Santa.



John Bone's Christmas tree. John was given this tree, so he being a Chevrolet fan he decorated it with Chevy items as Louis Chevrolet was born December 25th 1878. Chevy fans consider this their Christmas Day to celebrate.

As Louis Chevrolet was a race driver John has added black & white checkered race track flags, chevy emblems, spark plugs [Mom's suggestion], chevy orange ribbon and he went out to his shop to get other miscellaneous chevy items.

However he did have to buy the string of lights. Note the battery service box in the corner of the picture is so he can water the tree.



## CLIMPSE OF THE PAST

As a club we used to have mall shows. We would supply the malls with 12 to 14 cars. It was a way of our club making a few dollars. We always had a club member car sitting all the hours the malls were open.

This picture was taken in 2007 when I had my 1933 Hupp on display at the Sahali Mall. It is hard to see however the Chevrolet Truck in the back ground belonged to Connie Meyers. *Editor*





The Christmas They'll Never Forget!

Cadillac



CADILLAC MOTOR CAR DIVISION  
GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION

WILLYS OVERLAND FINE MOTOR CARS



This CHRISTMAS Pool the Family Funds!

You also yearn, as regularly as Christmas here come and gone, you have registered a year die "over!" Christmas you would not see over a new lot—"over!" Christmas you would receive better judgment—"over!" Christmas you would see just progress and the family's happiness that you and yours would receive something more only suitable, something more worthy, something more intensely worth-while.

"Willys-Overland" Christmas is here. That "over!" Christmas has become this Christmas. This is the time—the occasion—see it your opportunity to crystallize your wish.

An Overland Six? Why not? You can do it! Buy it "over time," eventually it will be yours. Only a small amount down. 12 months for the balance, longer if you want it. You can take care of lease payments early out of your income. The money you otherwise would spend for more Christmas expenditures will make this month out your own.

The beautiful Overland Six pictured on this page priced at only \$1095.

It is, without exception, the biggest bang dollar's worth of satisfaction in the world today. An engineering masterpiece. Equipment so complete, spiciness so fine, appointments so luxurious as to save you the time of a car so good to look upon that waiting groups gather around it wherever it stops.

A wonderful gift. And a gift you can afford. A gift you need. A gift for which every member of your household will gratefully thank you, from the bottom of their heart!

This year, put a hit on every Christmas holiday. Call a hit on Christmas week. Choose the family partner. Own this Overland Six. A suitable thought. Such a gift prolongs the thrill of Christmas joy and adds to more than Christmas Day. It means readiness and fresh air. It means health and happiness. It suggests a new era of enjoyment and pleasure for everybody in your home, for years and years to come.

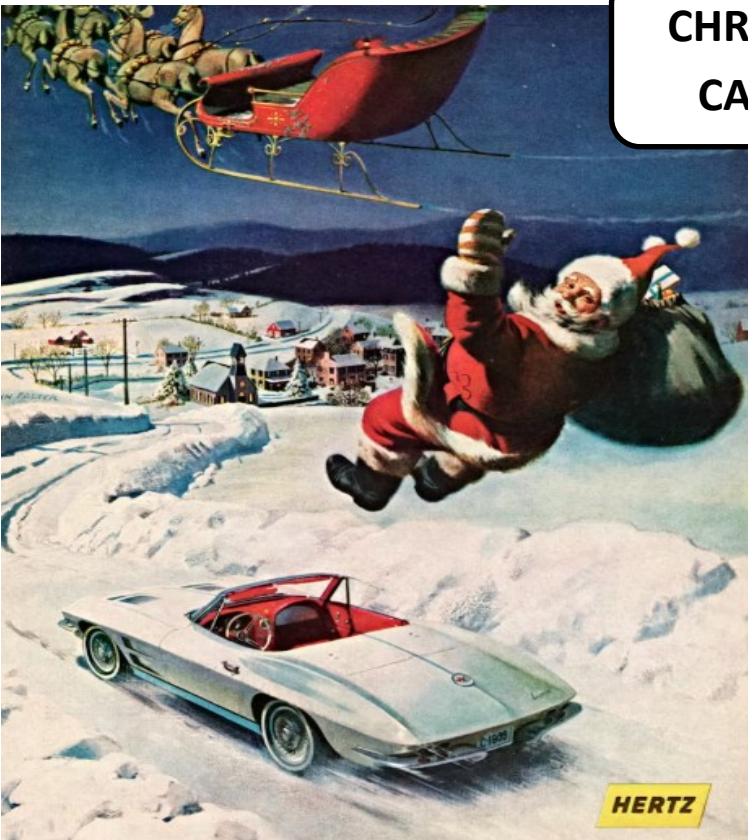
See your Overland dealer now and arrange with him for delivery early Christmas morning!

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CHRISTMAS CAR ADS



HERTZ



For Christmas '64, '65, '66, '67, '68, '69, '70, etc.

The only thing that beats a new Volkswagen for drama on, say, July 18, is a new one arriving on December 25. (5.20 a.m. Beep, beep, beep, beep, beep.) All the neighbours know about it. And after an hour or two of driving, so do you. The air-cooled engine starts immediately, and unlike a lot of Christmas drivers, you

won't get stuck on the side of the road waiting for a boiling radiator to cool down. The VW doesn't have a radiator. What it does have is a four-speed synchromesh gear box that experts often claim is the best in any car. Independent torsion bar suspension on all four wheels, so each wheel takes its own bump and the car keeps an even keel.

Big wheels, and an average 40 thousand miles from a set of tyres, depending on how you drive. And reliability no-one can match. So even if you don't get a Volkswagen for Christmas, keep it in mind. Because the day you do, everyone acts like it's Christmas, anyway.



# SANTA CLAUS PARADE



Like to thank all those that were involved from the vehicle drivers Rich & Barb Vandermey [Ambulance], Bruce Bawtree [Dodge], Bryan Vye [Fire truck] Craig Beddie [Wrecker] & John Bone as supervisor. Craig's call for help decorating went well as there was 17 showed up to help with decorate the vehicles.



Decorating had to be finished by 3:25 as that is the time Santa's float was leaving the mall for the parade.





In regards to the wrecker. 2013 Bob Gieselman was chapter president and there was not a lot of excitement about doing a float for Santa's parade so Bob connected with Downtown Business Association. A deal was made for our wrecker to pull their float in the

parade with a band on it leading Santa's float. With Bob driving and Michele as passenger the tradition was started. Although Bob passed away the tradition carries on.



The photos of the vehicles while they were in the parade were supplied by Rich & Barb Vandermey.



I have been hearing how nice the vehicles looked especially the Ambulance.

It is surprising what can be done when a group of club members get together.

Let's hope you can join us when it do again next year.



**EDITOR**





## Monthly Mystery Car #76

Presented by  
Art Harms



## November Mystery Car



The November 2025 Mystery Car is a 1931 Greater Eight Hudson automobile. These cars were built to take advantage of the Hudson popularity, for reliable and durable cars. Hudson had reached up to number three in U.S. sales in the late Twenties. These automobiles were Hudson's entry into the luxury market, featuring both quality and performance. The body designs were in the semi-custom category.



Bodies were built by Murray Corporation, with designer Ray Dietrich, in collaboration with the Hudson.

Frank S. Springer joined Hudson as the chief of design and engineering (joined Hudson in 1931 and retired in 1954, with the Nash takeover).



These cars were manufactured on three different wheelbases, 119", 126" and 132". For a low production car, there were an astounding number of body designs, something like 17 in total. The 119" wheelbase cars were available as standard sedan coach, a rumble seat coupe, a two-passenger coupe, a boat-tail roadster, and a special coupe. 126" wheelbase models were the suburban, and the convertible coupe. 132" wheelbase automobiles were available as a Brougham, a seven passenger Touring sedan, a seven-passenger club sedan, and a seven passenger Phaeton. A few other body designs were also available that I have not listed.

Standard equipment on the 1931 Hudson included a new grille, full instrumentation, adjustable front and rear seats, an adjustable steering column (able to raise and lower it to the driver's preference), and wood wheels. Other standard items included new lighting controls, cowl lights, cowl vent, rear view mirror, rear signals, windshield cleaner, sun visors, tire cover, and high and low beam headlights. Like all automobiles, the option list is very long, depending on the buyer's personal wish list.



A straight eight flathead engine of Hudson's own design, was the powerplant in these cars. Engine had a displacement of 233.7 cubic inches, and produced 87 H.P. This engine was very smooth, and featured a cylinder bore of 2 7/8" and a stroke of 4 1/2", the result being a lot of usable torque.

The engine block was a single casting, but there were a pair of cylinder heads, which created the appearance of two four—cylinder heads being installed on this engine. Power was transmitted through an oil bath clutch (cork inserts in the clutch), and onto the three-speed, sliding gear transmission. A solid beam type rear axle was standard. A beam type front axle was used. 12” mechanical brakes were standard on both the front and rear. Suspension consisted of semi-elliptic springs, both front and rear. 18” X 4” wheels were on all models.

The individual car weights varied between 2,675 pounds, to 3,235 pounds, depending on the body style and wheelbase ordered.

There were 22,250 Hudson Greater Eight’s produced in 1931. As a side note, looking back at history, it was really bad timing to introduce a luxury automobile during this time.

These cars were built in 1930, 31, and 32.

By that time the market had dried up. *Art*



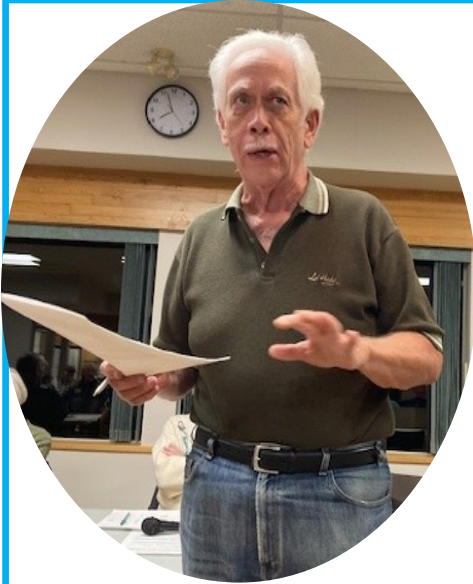
*The* **ROADSTER**  
 This practical open car meets the needs of the two-car family. The driving seat is simply wide for three while the rumble seat is wider than ordinary for two people. Tight curtains effectually shut out the elements.  
 110-inch Chassis

**5 PASSENGER PHAETON**  
 For many who prefer an open car the five-passenger Phaeton has unusual appeal. It has all the appearance of the sport car combined with true practicality. Top and windshield can be lowered to add to sports appeal.  
 110-inch Chassis

**7 PASSENGER PHAETON**  
 This open car for the large family is on the longer wheelbase. The two folding chairs are unusually comfortable, seat cushions and backs being leather upholstered.  
 126-inch Chassis

**The GREATER HUDSON**

# MEMBERS MEMORIES



Steve Bell was our speaker at the November meeting. He did not talk about one of his cars but told us some of what he has been going through over the years with the government in trying to register the bus in the Chapter's name.

He has found out some very interesting tales of the bus that

relates to the history of BC. As it was built by Hayes-Anderson in Vancouver and how it spent its time travelling the interior roads of BC.

At the time we received the bus there was talk of the chapter restoring it. However between our members aging and covid it probably will not happen.

With having register it will make it easier to sell it. Steve is hopeful that if it is sold it will remain in BC because of its history.

Steve is sending his complete story to Jim McDonald Editor of the Vintage Car so you will be able to read to complete story there.

Thanks Steve on behalf of the club for all the time and effort you have put into this on behalf of the Chapter and we look forward to reading the Vintage Car when it comes out.

*Editor*





## COOK'S CORNER # 23

by: - Lila Foley



### **Bacon and Cheese Quiche with Hashbrown Crust**

Could be nice on Christmas morning.

3 cups frozen shredded hashbrowns - thawed

1/4 c melted butter

1 c shredded cheddar cheese

6 slices bacon cooked and crumbled

4 lg eggs

1 c half and half

1/4 t salt

1/4 t pepper

1/4 t garlic powder

1/4 t onion powder

Heat oven to 400 degrees.

Combine hash browns and butter.

Press into bottom and sides of 9 inch pie plate to form a crust.

Bake for 20 min till edges are brown and crispy.

Meanwhile whisk eggs and rest of ingredients.

Sprinkle cheese and bacon on baked crust.

Pour egg mixture over all .

Reduce oven temp to 350 degrees and

bake 30 - 35 min. until set.

Allow to cool slightly before slicing.

Could be served with a fresh fruit plate.

# CHRISTMAS DINNER

Would like to start off with thanking Lila for organizing such a great dinner on Saturday December 6th as this takes a lot of work. Besides her was hubby John and our chief cook Steve Bell. I know there was others but not sure so will not to name them.

President Ken was the MC for the evening, The tables were beautifully decorated. Lila had put a word game on the place mats so when I tried to get some photos it seemed someone at the table was looking down so I did not get the candor photos that I wanted!



Geoff supplied us with music whereas Al & Brenda Barton lead us in songs that were listed on the place mats.

When the food was ready Steve had Ken call out table numbers so we could enjoy our Ham & Turkey dinner. We were served by Lila, Susan, Marlene & Steve.



After dinner Lila & Ken handed out door prizes & raffles items. The members were most generous when it comes to donating money for our local Food Bank.

Thank you again to all that were involved in a most successful evening. *Editor*

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**



## \*\*\* PEOPLE YOU "AUTO" KNOW # 23\*\*\*

### Bob Chambers

**BY: - Geoff Gibbard**



Bob was born in Exeter, Ontario and grew up in London, Ontario with two older brothers and a younger sister. His dad was a motor mechanic who worked for the John Labatt brewery in London and kept the whole operation running. During World War II, he was an instructor at the army trade school that was located at the brewery. (Yes, the brewery kept brewing beer throughout the effort. It's lucky essential workers received two boxes of beer a week.) Bob's dad taught his students how to fix all the mechanized machinery that the army possessed. Bob grew up knowing his dad worked hard and was always learning about the latest developments in the mechanical world. He wanted to pursue a similar career and

graduated from a tech school in London at the age of 16.

His first job was working for an electrical rewind company where he learned about the different cycles ranging from 25 to 60. These cycles were standardized to 60 in 1952. When he was 21, Bob decided to see more of the world and got a job in Calgary working for a motor repair company. Some 2 years later, he was working for Westinghouse installing water wheel generators. The first project was in Banff where 25 000 horsepower were developed. When I marveled at that number, he assured me that it was relatively small as the big water wheels in Niagara Falls generate 100 000 to 125 000 horsepower. The next project was for Ontario Hydro in on the Indian Reserve in Grassy Narrows which is north of Kenora in northwest Ontario. It was there that he met Jeanne who was from Fort William (now Thunder Bay) and was working for Ontario Hydro. They were married in Ottawa in 1958 and while in Ontario they lived in Toronto, Hamilton and Brantford. In Brantford, Bob worked for Bauer Brothers, a pulp and paper machinery manufacturer and became a specialist in digesters. This expertise took him all over Canada and the U.S. and as far away as New Zealand. It was during this time his daughters were born, Susan in 1961 and Catherine in 1963.

1972 found Bob working for Prince George Pulp and Paper. A gig with Domtar in Thunder Bay soon followed that job. Bob was working in a development mill where the company was trying to develop a rapid process for making pulp. It did not work out, however, as the chemist did not get his calculations quite right. Bob moved from Domtar to Great Lakes Paper in Thunder Bay. That was a CP company that was running 4 paper machines and one big pulp production unit.

In 1977, Bob got an offer he couldn't refuse from Weyerhaeuser and moved to its head office in Federal Way Washington. He enjoyed working there but the company's human resources department got him the wrong work permit and he was kicked out of the US after two years for which he is ever grateful. The company sent him to Kamloops in 1980 where he was to work until they built a brand new mill in Merritt. Needless to say, that never happened. Bob worked for Weyerhaeuser in Kamloops until he "retired" in 1993. He brought a '67 mustang with him from Washington which he ended up selling in Kamloops. Bob had first come to Kamloops in 1969 to supervise the construction of the new digester for Kamloops Pulp and Paper.

He moved to Indonesia in 1993 to help with the building of a brand new pulp mill in Northern Sumatra. He found it to be a challenge as there are 165 different groups in Indonesia and they don't always get along. He had to start from the beginning and teach the workers how to hold a crescent wrench. 1995 found him working for a different company in Thailand that was expanding its facility. He and Jeanne came home to Kamloops in 1997 for a 3 week break and it was then she discovered she had breast cancer. Fortunately, she received wonderful treatment in Vancouver and made a complete recovery.

In 1998, it was back to Indonesia for a year and a half. The billionaire that owned those Indonesian mills asked Bob to go to Brazil where he was building a state of the art mill with modern machinery built in Sweden and Finland. So, at the age of 75 Bob was off to Brazil. That mill processes eucalyptus wood and produces pure, clean pulp that is used to thicken ketchup and jams. Its food value is nil.

Who knew? In the late seventies, Bob commented to a friend that he was seeing a lot of vintage cars around Thunder Bay. That friend introduced Bob to his dad who had a '27 Chev and could connect Bob to the local vintage car enthusiasts. A few weeks later, Bob bought a 4 door coach Model A and joined the Model A Ford Club of America in Federal Way. It was a great club and he soon found the body of a Model A soft top coupe that had a rumble seat. He thought that was really cool so he sold the body of his Model A coach to a hotrodder and installed the coupe's body on the frame he already had. He had it running in 1981 and says it was a pleasure to drive. Bob drove it from Kamloops to London, Ontario in 1983 to visit with



friends and family. He drove it all the way back to Kamloops, too. One minor problem developed that he solved before it became a big problem. He heard a squeak that was getting progressively louder and discovered that the fan belt motor's rivets were coming loose. To make a long story short, he discovered a car guy in Minot North Dakota who had his guys fix the rivets while he and Bob talked old cars and trucks.

Bob and Jeanne became friends with Dave and Noella Dickinson and joined our club in 1981. He bought a '28 Overland from Noella, restored it and kept at the museum in Tappen along with the Model A.



*Noella's Barn Find Kindersley Sask.*



*Delivering car to Bob May 9th 1982*



Bob took the Overland to Expo 86 and got a second place at the car show. If the carpet in the back was the correct one, he would have won first place.

He sold both cars, the Overland went to Germany and the Model A went to Vancouver.



A 1919 Model 490 Chev was another of Bob's restoration projects. That car is now in the LeMay museum in the Tacoma area. He rebuilt a 1913 Model T pickup which he had on a trailer. A fellow from Mexico bought the pickup and the trailer and took them to back to Mexico City.



Currently, Bob is the third owner of a '55 Pontiac.



The Nabata brothers who had the B/A service station at the corner of Comazetto Road and the highway frontage road...where the Burger King is now owned it for many years and had sold it to Glen Gallagher who sold it to Bob. He rebuilt the engine and the brake system and put radial tires on it. The tranny was overhauled by a shop in town and Bob had minor repairs made to the upholstery. It drives well at 65 mph and is **For Sale for \$16 000**. What a deal!

I asked Bob why he sold the cars he rebuilt. He said the joy was in the building, the learning and the pride he took in completing a finished product. Bob was our president for a year [1989] and our governor [1989-90]. Jeanne was the secretary and treasurer [2004 & 2007].

Bob was our representative on the HNITC committee for many years and 2011 he received the "Bright Light Award"



Bob has built 20 or 30 wooden models of cars and trucks and has donated them to the club and people in it. At one May Tour the club hosted, Jeanne's quilts and Bob's models brought in \$900 for the club. At our auction last year, a truck he donated went for \$75. Andy felt he got a bargain. Bob still enjoys woodworking and is proud of the work he does and his quality tools.



When they moved to Kamloops in 1980, Bob and Jeanne bought a house on Robson Drive. They kept that house all these years as Kamloops was their home base. Catherine and her husband own that house now. Jeanne resides at Gemstone and Bob lives in a lovely apartment at Ridgepoint. He visits Jeanne every day at 11 in the morning and goes to the Robson house in the afternoon and works in his shop. Sometimes he cooks dinner and sometimes Catherine cooks dinner.

Bob has enjoyed his association with the members of our club. He stresses that it is important for the members to support the various club activities and events in order for it to continue as a vibrant, social club. I asked Bob where he would choose to live after living all over the world. Without hesitating, he said Kamloops.

I enjoyed spending time with you Bob, and am looking forward to that glass of wine you promised.

 *Geoff*

**PADDY & MICK** walking through a grave yard on their way home ... in Ireland after a few drinks.

Paddy starts reading the gravestones.

Mick, he says, should look at this. A fella here who was 90 when he died.

Ah, who's that, says Mick.

Somebody called O'Toole from Kerry, he replies.

Mick says, ah, never mind him.

There's a fella here called Murphy. He was 99 when he died. from Castletown of all places.

Well, that's nothing, says Paddy. What about what's written on this fella's stone, here, right beside the gate? The stone says, 147.

147? That's amazing, says Mick. Who was he?

Well, according to the stone, it's someone called Miles from Dublin.



## Two old men are sitting in a bar.

One looks at the other and says:

*" You look familiar... where are you from? "*

The second one replies: *"Ireland."*

The first man is amazed: *" Come on, I'm from Ireland too! What a small world!"*

The second man then asks: *" From which city?"*

And the first one replies: *" Dublin."*

The second man, even more surprised:

*" I can't believe it, I'm from Dublin too! What a small world!"*

The first man continues: *" What school did you attend?"*

And the second one replies: *" Saint Mary's, Class of '89."*

The first one is speechless: *" NOOOO! Saint Mary's, class of '89 me too! What a small world!"*

At that point another man enters the bar and asks the bartender:

*" Hey, Joe! Anything interesting?"*

The bartender replies:

*" No big deal... but the Murphy twins are drunk again..."*



**1955 PONTIAC – \$16,000**



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 Ried Motors, here in Kamloops

**\*Bob Chambers 778 471 4678**

**1930 Ford Roadster \$19,000**

[Non- Member] Call 1 250 265 1026 Nakusp BC.



**Two things to make your day better:**



- Do not watch the news.
- Stay off the bathroom scales.



**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 Keith Galbraith a “Thinking of You” card

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

*If you don't have time to do it right....*

*What makes you think you have time to do it twice?*