



The March Kamshaft 2025



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The Kamloops Chapter of the
Vintage Car Club of Canada

Come join us!

Easter Drive & Car Show

of Vintage Vehicles

Sunday April 20, 2025

Calendar of Events

** Kamloops Chapter Events*

*Apr 16th Executive Meeting

*Apr 20th Easter Parade/Drive

*Apr ??? The day & date of the April Meeting will be decided at the March General Meeting



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE for March

By Ken Hoshowski

Our meeting this Sunday is the last meeting of our three month trial to see if attendance will improve by eliminating having to drive at night. A decision will have to be made this meeting on staying with Sunday meeting or reverting to our traditional Wednesday night meetings. If you have a preference please attend this meeting and voice your opinion.

I would like to thank everyone who donated to the auction last meeting. It's always a fun night with lots of laughs and kibitzing. A total of \$500.00 was raised which will help offset our annual operating expenses.

We are only weeks away from our annual Easter drive and Show and Shine at Riverside Park. Due to the City of Kamloops starting construction on the new outdoor skating rink we will be parking at the east end of Riverside park this year. We want to thank chairman Rich Vandermey for his superb organizational skills in dealing with setting up this event. Easter is later this year (April 20) so we expect more cars to be out and we hope for warmer weather. Starting our season with all our beautiful vintage cars on display always brings a feeling of pride and joy. This is also our opportunity to publicly showcase the Kamloops Vintage Car Club. We plan on having a membership table display set up to explain the advantages of membership in the club.

I am working on our events calendar and cruise nights schedule. If you have any ideas or suggestions on places to visit please let me know.

See you on Sunday the 23rd. **Ken**

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

If you had to choose between drinking wine everyday or being skinny.

Would you choose red or white?

**EDITOR'S
EDITORIAL**



Hi Folks as I will not be here for the Easter Drive/Parade. I would appreciate it if someone would let me know that they will take some pictures and do an article on this event for the Kamshaft

Coffee Tuesday March 4th. WOW, it was nice to have Dave Costain, &



Bryan Vye join us making it 20 guys and 10 ladies for our weekly coffee. It was our biggest turn out to date.

Yes there is still room if you would care to join us for a coffee at 10 am on a Tuesday morning at the Aberdeen Mall Food Court.



April's Kamshaft may be a little late reaching you as I do not get home from my cruise until April 22nd.

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 Don Potts a Get Well card

"PRECIOUS PHOTO'S"



Picture here is our 8 year old grandson Colt. First time sitting in the front seat of Grandpa's 1965 Chevrolet Impala convertible. Colt gives it a thumbs up of approval.

Maurice Gravelle

Doesn't pay to honk your horn!

I know I shouldn't have done this, but I'm 83 years old and this morning, while I was in the McDonald's drive-through, the young lady behind me honked her horn and started mouthing something because



I was taking too long to order.

So, when I got to the first window, I paid for her order along with mine.

The cashier must have mentioned what I did because as we moved up, she leaned out her window, waved at me, and mouthed "Thank you," clearly embarrassed that I responded to her rudeness with kindness.

When I reached the second window, I showed them both receipts and took her food too.

Now she has to go back to the end of the line and start all over again.

So, a little tip: Don't honk at older folks; we've been around a while! *Author Unknown*



It is with regret to announce the passing of Jack Winkelaar.
Jack was a member of the Kamloops Chapter from 1985 to 2012
Jack had this 1957 T-Bird & a 1967 Austin Healey



2025 Annual Auction

At our February General Meeting we held our annual club auction



Jim Carroll was auctioneer with Terry Davidson and Al Barden assisting as his runners.

Lots of stuff however I noticed that each year we hold our auction there is less car related items. Maybe the parts that are needed can be bought new or else members are not restoring cars.



President Ken is announcing that the auction is about to begin. I think most people enjoyed themselves and Peter (Treasurer) stated that it was a successful event.



EASTER Drive/Parade Sunday April 20th.

Craig called and thanked the members and stated that they do have enough drivers for the club vehicles.

A reminder that cookies are needed to go with the coffee. Please package or wrap in groups of 2 or 4.

Rich is still looking for members to help with line up at the start at McArthur Island and parking at Riverside Park .

As part of Riverside Park is under construction extra help will be required to help with the parking.. Please contact Rich mr.frontenac@shaw.ca if you can help.



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Easter Drive & Car Show

of Vintage Vehicles

Sunday April 20, 2025

10 am - Vehicles will stage at McArthur Island near ice arena.

11:45 am - Depart McArthur Island. Non-members welcome but only in vintage stock vehicles.

1-4 pm - Vehicles arrive at Riverside Park, and will be on display until 4pm. Coffee and cookies will be available by \$\$ donation at Mac Island as well as Riverside Park.



For further information call

Rich V. at 250-828-2318 or Ken H. at 250-320-7548



Monthly Mystery Car #70

Presented by
Art Harms



February Mystery Car



February 2025 Car is a 1951 Meteor Custom Deluxe Victoria. Meteor automobiles were produced in Canada, exclusively for the Canadian market. This provided a lower priced vehicle, to be sold through the Mercury/ Lincoln Canadian network. Basically, an upscale Ford car with design and emblem changes.

Note – This is the first true two – door hardtop available in the Ford model lineup. Previous vehicles were built by modifying convertible bodies. Meteor automobiles were indemnified by the four - point star emblem. New features included items such as a key start (a first for Ford), Magic heater, radio, chrome trim on the windows, a new instrument panel c/w all gauges, sun visors, and armrests. Two – tone paint jobs were another popular option item.



The engine that powered these cars was the tried, and true Ford flathead V8. This 239 cubic inch engine was standard c/w with a two-barrel carburetor, 6.8 to 1 compression ratio, and an output of 100 horsepower. Transmission options were a three-speed manual transmission with optional overdrive, and the new first year option, a three-speed automatic transmission, known as the Ford-o-Matic. Cars that were equipped with the automatic transmission, were supplied with a larger cooling system as part of the package. A six-volt electrical system was the standard at the time.



These vehicles were built on a 114" wheel base. A new front suspension was used on these cars. Ford had been using the cross-spring system from the early days. Now a coil spring "A" arm system was used on the front, with parallel leaf spring on the rear. "The braking system utilized 10" drums both front and rear. 16" steel wheels were standard equipment.

There were only 23,138 Meteors built in 1951. *Art Harms*





COOK'S CORNER # 15

by: - Lila Foley



SMASH BURGER TACOS

Smash Burger Tacos are a delightful fusion of two classic foods made with flour tortillas topped with ground beef patties, cheese, onions, pickles, shredded lettuce and homemade copycat Big Mac sauce.

INGREDIENTS: -

Burger sauce/ Big Mac Sauce

- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 4 tablespoons pickle relish
- 2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1/2 tablespoon white vinegar
- 1 11/4 teaspoon paprika
- 1 teaspoon onion powder
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder

TACOS: -

- 4 Flour tortillas, 6 inches in size
- Salt & pepper, both to taste
- 1 tablespoon neutral oil (vegetable, canola or avocado)
- 4 slices American Cheese (or your preferred cheese)
- 1 small onion diced
- Dill pickle chips

INSTRUCTIONS: -

1. Begin by portioning the ground beef into 4 equal amounts.
2. Place a tortilla on your work surface and evenly spread one portion of ground beef over its entire surface, ensuring coverage.
3. Season the upper side of the ground beef with a good amount of salt and pepper to suit your taste.
4. Heat a skillet or griddle to medium-high heat and lightly coat the cooking surface with oil.
5. Gently lay the tortilla with the meat side-side down onto the heated surface, applying slight pressure with a spatula for a brief moment to form a thin patty.
6. Allow the patty to cook for approximately 1–3 minutes, until a delightful golden-brown crust forms. At this point, flip the patty and crown it with a slice of cheese.
7. Continue the cooking process for an additional 1–3 minutes, depending on your desired level of tortilla crispness. Exercise caution to avoid any charring.
8. Remove the smash taco burger from the heat.
9. Repeat the cooking process for each taco.
10. Assemble the smash taco burgers adding the burger sauce, lettuce, onions & pickles.
11. Serve and enjoy **[See next page for more notes]*

NOTES: -

- The sauce can be made the day ahead. I do recommend making the sauce at least 30—60 minutes before service. It tastes better when the ingredients have had time to meld together after mixing.
- This recipe uses the fajita size tortillas that are 6 inches in size. You can make smaller tacos by using street tacos size tortillas
- The burger sauced can be replaced with your favorite burger condiments such as ketchup, mustard, mayo, etc.
- This recipe works best with a griddle so you make the tacos all at once. Depending on the size of you pan, you may only be able to cook 1—2 tacos at a time.
- Any leftovers sauce should be stored in the refrigerator for 5 days.
- The recipe for the sauce makes a lot, but feel free to cut in half in not using it for all the burgers.
- This recipe uses American cheese, but fell free to use your favorite kind of cheese in place of it.

Ogopogo Squares - from Janice and Karen

INGREDIENT'S: - -

- 1 pkg butterscotch Chipits
- 1/4 cup butter
- 1/2 cup peanut butter
- 2 cups miniature marshmallows



INSTRUCTIONS: -

- Melt Chipits butter and peanut butter carefully in microwave.
- Cool slightly and add marshmallows.
- Pour in greased 8 x 8 pan and refrigerate.
- Cut in squares.



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*** PEOPLE YOU "AUTO" KNOW #15

Rick Pye

BY: - Geoff Gibbard



Rick was born and raised in Victoria. Victoria has the second most moderate climate in the world next to Kenya which means Rick never experienced zero degree weather in his life until he moved to the Interior. Even during the big snows of '48 and '68, the temps did not go below zero. Rick says he did not realize he lived on an island until he moved to Campbell River for work. I'm thinking he had better things to do than attend geography class.

Rick's dad was a bus driver in Victoria and his mom worked at home until Rick and his two siblings could happily fend for themselves. His family's first home was a wartime duplex. His parents were good savers and after a few years moved the family into a house in downtown Victoria which would be worth a small fortune now.

After graduating from high school Rick worked for a parking lot close to Hertz Rent-a Car. Part of his job entailed washing the rental cars and ferrying them back to the Hertz lot. In 1963, Hertz hired him to work weekends which involved picking up and dropping off customers. He was a busy guy working two jobs and saving his money. One weekend in 1964, Rick picked up three clients all wearing overcoats and gloves. One guy promptly pulled out a gun, stuck it into Rick's ear and told him they were going to rob a bank. He was marched into the bank with that gun on him. One of the robbers stood at the door, another accosted the manager and the fellow with the gun on Rick approached a teller. The three of them took off with the bank's money and Rick's rental car. Thankfully, there were no physical injuries. After several days, the gunman was arrested at the Strathcona Hotel which was a hundred yards from where Rick worked. That gave him some anxious cause for reflection as Rick was the key witness who identified that guy as the gun armed robber in court.

1964 was a memorable year for Rick. He met the lovely Doris and took her to a lacrosse game in Victoria on their first date. His father was the colour commentator for the Victoria Shamrocks which meant they got to sit in the press box. As luck would have it, they sat beside Gordie Howe. That was quite a first date. (In 1994, Rick was invited by the Kamloops Blazers to meet Gordie and his son Mark at Riverside Coliseum.)



That same year, Rick bought a 1964 Chevy II 400 series which was the top of the line model. Needless to say, it got extra car washes at the parking lot. By then, Rick was the manager of the parking lot and was parking cars for the manager and accountant of the neighbouring CIBC branch. In 1965, he was hired by that accountant. He started on a Monday and by Friday of that week was on cash. He was responsible for balancing the day's transactions each night and was out only once and that was for the princely sum of ten cents.

In 1966, a customer whisked him away from the bank to sell life insurance. As Rick was making \$200 a month at the bank, the \$750 per month guarantee for six months was mighty attractive.

However, making cold calls was not Rick's cup of tea and the CIBC Campbell River branch was glad he returned to banking.



In 1966, Rick was bowling every Sunday with Doris and her parents and would make the three hour drive to Campbell River that night. A restaurant in Parksville would open for him specifically and have his dinner ready for him which made the drive more palatable. The manager of the Campbell River branch didn't think Rick should be driving such a fancy car and was really hacked off when he traded it on a '67 Firebird Sprint. He didn't have that car for very long as it was using oil and no one could figure out where the oil went. That bank manager had Rick work in three one person satellite offices where he would cash workers' cheques and those workers were making lots of money. It was the only job he had where he took a gun to work every day.

Doris and Rick got married in Campbell River December 21, 1968. The wedding was a small one as they had



eloped. It was officiated by a minister and there were six people in attendance. It cost \$2.50 plus the donation to the minister. They moved into the 10 x 52 mobile home Rick had just bought and bingo, he was transferred to Lillooet on December 28 as the Administrative Officer.

On his way to his new job on January 9, 1969 Rick arrived in Hope in the middle of a snowstorm. Remember, he had never experienced temps lower than zero degrees and he was driving a Firebird. He bought chains and mirror sunglasses (had to look cool at his new job) and eased up the

Fraser Canyon to Lytton. There were no tracks on Highway 12 so he spent the night in Lytton in a room over the pub. Sleep was minimal.

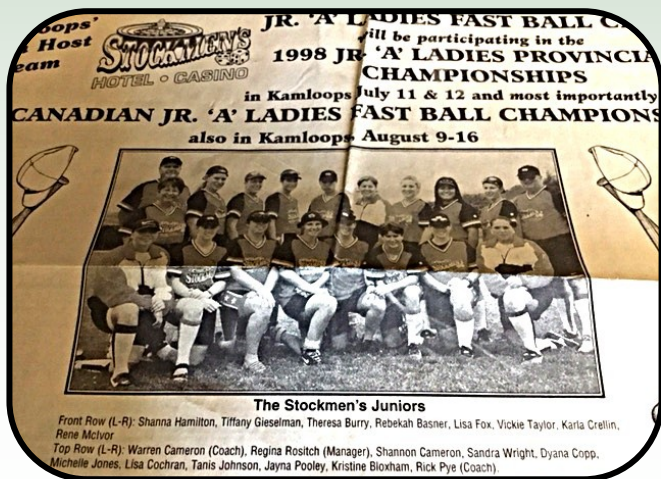
Rick had his mobile home moved to Lillooet and Doris joined him in February. April 1970 saw Rick sporting a '70 Malibu two door hardtop with a V8 engine. It was a good looking car but it did not handle the interior highways so he traded it on a '71 Firebird 400 with three hundred horsepower and a 308 rear end. That car is his pride and joy, it has 223 000 miles on it and the engine was refreshed about 20 000 miles ago. It was repainted last April.



Rick was transferred to Williams Lake as the mortgage officer in August, 1970. Gibraltar Mines had started up and Rick was a busy man, he held the honour of being the highest dollar mortgage lender in BC for CIBC for eight months. In 1972, he was transferred to the North Hills branch as a loans officer. Four years later he was the mortgage officer at the downtown branch and financed most of what was Upper Sahali. In 1982 he returned to North Hills as the account manager and retired in September, 1999.

Rick and Doris have two daughters, Michelle and Lisa and five grandchildren. Michelle is a high school teacher in Deep Cove and is one of seven accredited international soccer referees in Canada accredited by FIFA and is now a FIFA referee instructor. She refereed the CSA Canadian University gold medal soccer game in October 2017 when it was twenty degrees below zero. She retired following that game to focus on her teaching and her kids' many activities. Michelle is in the Kamloops Sport Hall of Fame, the BC Soccer Hall of Fame and is a Women of Distinction for BC award winner. Lisa has her Masters Degree in Education and teaches full time at Kay Bingham. Doris was a legal secretary in town for twenty years and is happily retired.

Rick is a spin cast fisherman and has been a member of the fish and game club for ten years. The Family Fishing Day and the Blind Fishing Day are club events that are dear to his heart. Rick is an active guy who has contributed much to the sporting scene in Kamloops. He coached his daughters in softball for nine years starting in 1984. He coached broomball, was on the league's executive and co-hosted the Canadian Broomball National Championships held in Kamloops in 1985. He is a member of the BC Broomball Hall of Fame despite having never played the game. Rick was one of the four people who created the Kamloops Sports Hall of Fame. He organized and participated in a Tri-racquet-a-thon Tournament, was an assistant coach in the Canada Summer Games Junior Ladies Fastball National Championships, was a coach and treasurer for the Kamloops Senior Ladies Fastball League, was chairman of the BC Winter Games Table Tennis Tournament and is a past director of the Kamloops Golf and Country Club. He umpired for fifteen years and served as the



treasurer for the Kamloops Umpire Association. Rick stretches every day, plays table tennis and Senior Mixed Slow-pitch as a pitcher. Volleyball is one of his passions and he is an ardent supporter of the TRU Women's Volleyball Team. He won a bronze medal for table tennis in the '79 BC Winter Games, a gold medal in lawn bowling in the 2000 Summer Games, a silver in golf in 2007 and a bronze in 2010 in slow pitch.



2024 Gold Medal Winners
Greg Stewart & Ethan Katzberg
(See next page for more details)



Photo taken on my 81st birthday with my youngest daughter Lisa during a ballgame in which I was pitching.

Rick knows fellow member Art Harms through golf and joined our club in 2024 as he loves his car and wants to share it with like minded people.

Thanks for your time and the soup, Rick.

I had a good time chatting with you. **Geoff**

Paralympics

Canadian shot putter Greg Stewart repeats as Paralympic champion in Paris

7-foot-2 thrower from Kamloops, B.C., came out of retirement with goal to defend title

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Canada's Greg Stewart celebrates after winning gold in the men's shot put F46 final at the Paris Paralympics on Wednesday inside Stade de France in Saint-Denis, North of Paris. (Angela Burger/Canadian Paralympic Committee via The Canadian Press)

Canada's Katzberg wins gold in men's hammer throw

By Helen Reid

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[1/4] Paris 2024 Olympics - Athletics - Men's Hammer Throw Final - Stade de France, Saint-Denis, France - August 04, 2024. Gold medalist Ethan Katzberg of Canada celebrates after the final. REUTERS/Gonzalo Fuentes [Purchase Licensing Rights](#)



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ould you like to have your car feature in a movie or TV then please send me an email to



kamshafteditor@gmail.com listing what the vehicle is and how you can be contacted.

Please do this before the end of March as that is the cut off date. I plan on forwarding a group list of our members and their cars to Terri Harwin Film Commissioner] for the TNRD.

Terri mention to us when she was our guest speaker that she is putting together a list of vehicles in our area that possibly could be used for a film shot of some sort.

Some members have mentioned to me they are interested however I would like to receive the information in the form of an email so I have the correct information to pass on to Terri.

Editor

