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Remember to
Winterize

Calendar of Events

*Kamloops Chapter Events

***Nov 19th Executive meeting**

Nov 23rd Santa Claus Parade [If you can drive a club vehicle call Craig 250 579 5340 or John 250 320 6626]]

***Nov 26th General Meeting [Election of 2026 Executive]**

***Dec 6th Christmas Dinner [p5]**



PRESIDENT'S OCTOBER MESSAGE

By Ken Hoshowski

It is hard to believe we are now into our fall season. The days are getting shorter and the leaves are starting to change colour. It won't be long before we put our pride and joys away for the season, except for people like me, who now only have one vintage daily driver.

In reviewing our past summer we have had a busy schedule of driving events. Starting with our Easter parade and ending with the Tractor and Plowing event in Armstrong. We had 21 club sanctioned events and several other show and shines attended by our members.

Our Tuesday coffee gathering continue to get good attendance with up to 30 members in attendance. Come and join us at 10 am on a Tuesday Morning at the Aberdeen Mall food court.

Our October General Meeting is slated for 7:30 pm October 22nd at the Hal Rogers Activity Centre. We have an interesting program lined up. If you can think of anyone you know who might be interested please invite them as a guest to our meeting.

I would like to mention that our annual elections are coming up at our November meeting and we will be electing a new executive for 2026. It is always a good idea to welcome new members with new experiences and ideas to our executive. I would like you to think about joining the executive to add your expertise to our organization.

All executive positions are up for re-election except the four directors who have one year remaining on their term. I will be stepping down as your president so please think about who you would like to have as your new president.

Please wear your name tags. *Ken*



In 1837, a young blacksmith in Vermont was struggling. His business was failing, and he couldn't pay back the people he owed money to. Back then, if you couldn't pay your debts, you could be sent to debtors' prison—a harsh place where people were locked up just for owing money.

Not wanting that life for himself or his family, the blacksmith made a brave choice. He packed up and left Vermont, heading west to the growing American Midwest in search of a fresh start.

There, he began making plows out of steel. Unlike the cast iron plows that kept breaking in the tough Midwestern soil, his new steel plow could cut through the earth without trouble. The Farmers loved it.

His invention changed farming in the Midwest. The steel plow made it possible to farm large areas of land that had once been too hard to work.

By the 1850's, the same blacksmith who once faced jail for debt was now building more than 10,000 plows a year. Each one was known for its top quality.

Today, his name is still on every piece of equipment made by the company he started. That blacksmith's name? John Deere.

And now you know why they say, "Nothing runs like a Deere."

H/T "Paul Harvey" Credit goes to the rightful owner



"THE 2025 BRIGHT LIGHT AWARD"

This Award is presented each year to a person that gives greatly to the hobby. This year it was presented to Ron Popove for his work as president/ chairman of Kamloops Hot Night In The City. Ron has held this position for 25 of the 31 years the HNITC has been running.

Ron says he is going to retire from this position so we wish him all the best and wonder if he can actually do it.

When the presentation was made to Ron at HNITC closing ceremonies he was really caught off guard and surprised as he had no idea it was going to happen.

Congratulations Ron. *Editor*



At our general meetings president Ken has been asking various members of the Chapter to give us a short presentation about themselves and their relationship to their cars and the hobby.

Well for the September meeting it was Gerry Wallin's turn.



It was surprising how Gerry could remember each car he bought and for what reason.

He bought various cars & trucks from a 1947 Ford grain truck, a 1964 Mercury Meteor convertible, a 1911 Mclaughlin touring and a 1945 Chev fire truck at an auction

Of course there was a reason for each purchase.

Vicky does not want Gerry to go out to the farm in Saskatchewan anymore as every time he goes he brings some thing else home.

Vicky says they are running out of room.

Thanks for your presentation Gerry *Editor*



A man moved into a new house with his wife.

In the morning, while they were both having breakfast, the wife looked out the window and saw her neighbor's clothes drying in

the garden.

She said in surprise: "Look, our neighbor's washed clothes are not clean at all! She probably doesn't know how to wash clothes properly."

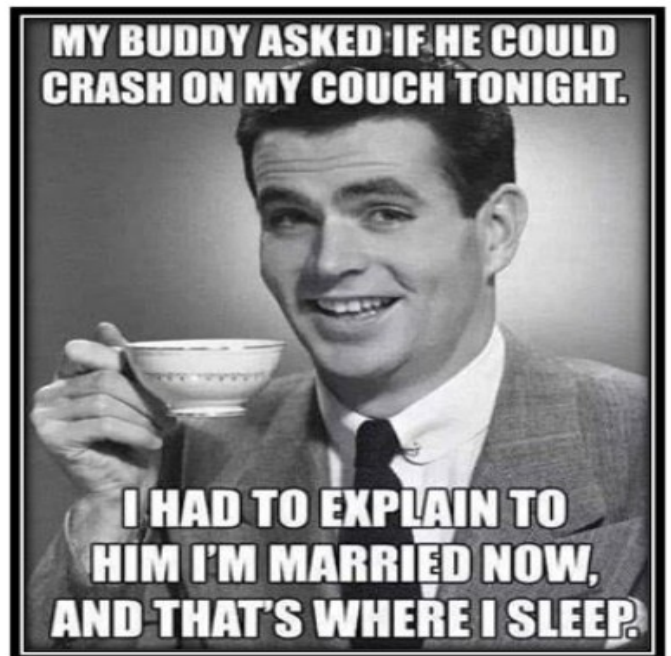
She repeated this comment every time the neighbor washed her clothes and hung them outside to dry. About a month passed, and one day the wife was surprised to see that the neighbor's washed clothes were shiny and spotless.

She said happily: "Finally, our neighbor has learned to wash clothes properly!"

The husband smiled and said: "No, this morning I cleaned the window through which you look outside!"

Then he said gently: "*We should clear our own eyes before we see the flaws in others, because most of the time the problem is in our own eyes, not in others.*"

Lesson: Correct your own mistakes first, then find faults in others.





MERRY CHRISTMAS

Our Annual Christmas Party

Saturday December 6th

Doors Open at Hal Rogers Center at 5 pm

Supper at 6 pm

\$30.00 per person

**Cash Donations will be accepted
for the Food Bank**



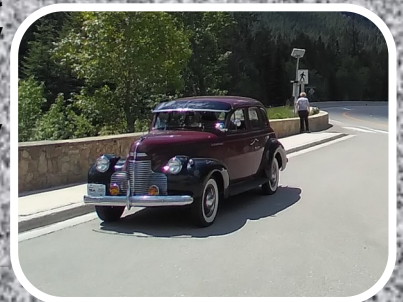
It is with regret to announce the passing of Jake Surline as of Thursday October 16th.

Jake has been a very active member of our Chapter since his joining in 1980.

Many times Jake has helped by driving one of the clubs vehicles in the Easter & Santa Claus parades.

He and his wife Janet have participate in many May Tours and Back Road Tours in their 1940 Chevrolet.

Jake was a people person and will be greatly missed

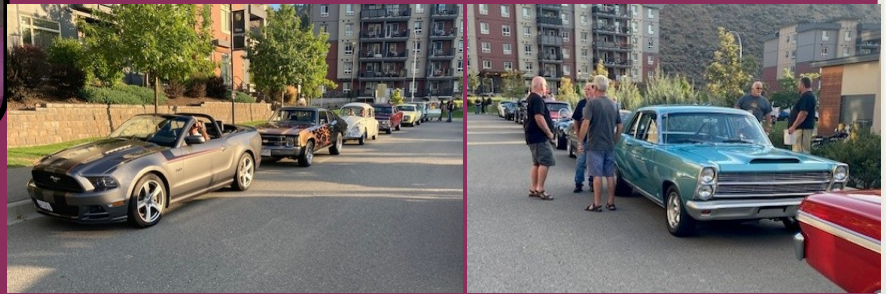




ROLLING SENIORS TOUR 2025

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 17th | 6pm

Approximately 60 cars lined up in front of The Residence for a 6 pm start before heading to the 4 other Senior resident facilities.



The tour was to end at the North Shore A & W.



*** PEOPLE YOU "AUTO" KNOW # 21 ***

Vicky Wallin

BY: - Geoff Gibbard



Vicky, 1 of 13 children, was born on March 17 in Lucky Lake Saskatchewan. Her mom said it was a beautiful sunny day with the snow melting and the water running. Vicky thinks the roads must have been atrocious. Her dad drove her mom to the hospital in a Model A. The bumpers from that car are now decorative pieces in the Wallin's front lawn. Vicky's parents farmed in the small neighbouring community of Beechy which was where she grew up. Her grandfather was part of the group that oversaw the building of the one room school house where she and her siblings got their primary grades schooling. That school closed in the early 50's and the children were bussed to Beechy.

On one of their visits back to Beechy, Vicky was showing Jerry where she went to school and they found an unusual item on the ground amongst the trees. It is a copper plaque that hung in that school house recognizing the Dominion of Canada's 60th anniversary. Every school had one. Pretty cool!



After graduating from high school, Vicky wanted to work at Burger King but it didn't take long for her to realize it was not the career for her. She moved in with her sister in Saskatoon and went to Business School which she really enjoyed. Vicky says there was a dress code and the students could work at their own pace which suited her down to the ground. Her dad was paying 90 dollars a month for tuition which motivated Vicky to work hard. She finished that course in 9 months which was her way of paying her dad back. Before she attended a job interview, Vicky had to meet with the school's president/principal who ensured she was appropriately dressed (including white gloves) and instructed her on how to sit and stand properly. Things have certainly changed!

The interview was successful and she landed a job in the payroll department of Canada's Apparel factory in Moose Jaw. That factory employed 300 people and made men's pants. It had a good run, closing in 2017. After a few years in Moose Jaw, Vicky quit her job which disappointed her dad who thought she "gave up a good job with good pay". After spending some time at home, she moved back to Saskatoon and went to work for Boychuk Construction in the estimating and housing cost department and later in the payroll department.

A young married man with 3 kids was hired for that estimating job for more money than Vicky was making which did not sit well with her. She moved on to the Saskatoon School Board and worked in the purchasing and accounts payable department. In the meantime, Vicky had purchased her first car, a white Chevy II from her sister. Vicky was not a "car person" but she really liked that little car.

A co-worker at the school board was dating Jerry's brother and Vicky eventually went on a blind date with Jerry. Not long after that, Jerry moved to Penticton to work construction with his brother and Vicky moved to Vancouver with her sister in the late 60's and worked in the teacher payroll department for the Vancouver School Board. She and Jerry kept in touch, Jerry would visit her in Vancouver and she would visit him in Penticton all the while making wedding plans.

They got married in Saskatoon in 1970 and soon after moved to Penticton where Jerry continued working in construction and Vicky worked for a hotel/motel supply company. There wasn't much construction going on in Penticton in 1970-71 so Jerry got a construction job in Kamloops and commuted back to Penticton on weekends. It wasn't long before they made the move to Kamloops.

Vicky worked for Kamloops Lumber in the accounting department and then moved to the School Board's accounting department. From there Vicky went to Brocklehurst Junior Secondary as a secretary and from there to Westsyde Secondary. In her words, "The best was yet to come – Westsyde Elementary had an opening for a school secretary. My supervisor called and asked if I would take it. I always worked with others in an office. With this job I was on my own." She says it was the best decision she made (apart from marrying Jerry). She loved the job, the kids, the families and is still in contact with some of the "kids" that went to Westsyde Elementary who are now retiring. It has been good to see that school re-opened.

Vicky is now the proud owner of this 1962 Mercury Monterey. Her dad bought that car at MacCam Motors in Moose Jaw on July 18, 1962 for \$3885. He always drove his truck on the farm which is why the Mercury only had 23001.7 miles on it when Vicky got it in 2011. Vicky's brother Virgil got the car when her dad passed. He didn't drive it but licensed it so Vicky could drive her mom in it when she came to visit. Vicky inherited it when Virgil passed. Her sister had a box of their dad's papers which he called his

credentials and amongst his treasures was the original bill of sale for the Mercury which Vicky now has. The following are her words about that car. "I think memories of Mom and Dad and my younger sisters and their stories of Dad and the car, that is what is special to me". Vicky's mom and dad used to take the kids out for ice cream cones in that car. She says that one day she and Jerry were sitting in it enjoying ice cream cones and she started to cry, thinking of past memories."

The '62 Mercury was Vicky and Jerry's wedding car. (The other car in that procession was Jerry's '66 Park-lane 4 door hardtop with a 429 cubic inch engine.)



John Bone worked on that car with Jerry. He replaced the fuel system and installed new brake cylinders. John figures he was the first person to actually look at the brakes. John checked out the motor and says it started up as if it was brand new. The tires were original, Vicky has the original Dunlop warranty slip, and the spare on it now is original. Blaine's Auto Body painted the body (not the roof) the original colour as the paint on the hood was starting to peel.

Vicky's parents' original farm consisted of 9 quarter sections. Her three brothers have expanded that farm over the years and now have 27 quarter sections.

Vicky and Jerry live on a beautiful half acre lot in Westsyde overlooking the North Thompson River. They have 7 vehicles and a big shop. Vicky says that when the stars, moon and sun align, she would like to downsize.



"Thank you Vicky, for writing out your story and taking the time to chat with me about it."

I had a good time. *Geoff*

Unit No. *MR198* **MACCAM MOTORS** N^o 1454
LIMITED

MERCURY -- METEOR -- COMET
MERCURY TRUCKS -- FORD BRITISH PRODUCTS

MOOSE JAW, SASK. *JULY 18 1962*

Purchaser *Edward FRITZ*
Address *Beachy SASK.* Occupation *FARMER*

Make *Merc* Year *1962* Color _____ Wheel Base *120*
(Used - Not Guaranteed)

Model No. *154A62L* Serial No. *781569-15462L*

Purchase Price *3292.60* Make of Trade-in *NO TRADE*
Freight and Pre-Delivery *190.00* Year _____
Factory Options *24.10* Model _____

<i>Radio</i>	<i>32.50</i>	Serial No. <i>Lucene transfer</i>
<i>Joan W. Wires</i>	<i>32.50</i>	<i>Maccam Motors Ltd</i>
<i>Coarlesy filter</i>	<i>15.70</i>	<i>32.00</i>
<i>Top End Wash</i>	<i>21.70</i>	<i>1115.00</i>
<i>Elect. Washers</i>	<i>20.60</i>	<i>513.00</i>
<i>Dupl. R. Autom.</i>	<i>27.20</i>	<i>3700.00</i>
<i>Backup Lites</i>	<i>10.80</i>	<i>183.00</i>
<i>Added Door</i>	<i>20.80</i>	<i>3885.00</i>
<i>Black Hauler</i>	<i>7.60</i>	
<i>Wiper Covers</i>	<i>8.00</i>	
<i>P. BRAKES</i>	<i>44.00</i>	
<i>P. STEERING</i>	<i>83.30</i>	
<i>H. D. SPRING</i>	<i>4.00</i>	
<i>H. D. BATTERY</i>	<i>16.00</i>	
<i>4785.00</i>		

E. & S. Tax _____
TOTAL *3995.00*

Amount of Trade _____
Special Allowance _____
Contracts _____
Cash *3385.00*
Fin. Co. Payout _____
TOTAL *3885.00*

This unit free of all encumbrances
Signed _____
Salesman *J. Bell*
Rate _____

All transactions subject to final management approval; this order will then be processed as an invoice.
Form 1089

Management Acceptance
Date *7/18/62*

Copy Of Original Sales Invoice

Kamloops Junction Heritage Park

THE HERITAGE PARK CONCEPT IS A MULTI FACETED FACILITY, THAT EDUCATES, DISPLAYS AND PRESERVES MANY ASPECTS OF THE CITY'S HISTORY AND COLLABORATES WITH KAMLOOPS MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES.

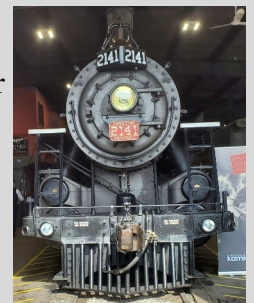
At the September General Meeting we had Jeff Lodge, Doug Peterson, Joe Leung attend and explain their project and asked for our support as we would be able to store our club vehicles and hold our monthly meetings there.

They brought a model with them giving us



some idea of their concept.

Now it is time for them to meet with the city and see what grants are available for such a project to help preserve the 2141 and it's assets. *Editor*



Dave you asked for photos of our summer activities. These are some of the cars I saw when I attended the Show & Shines at Armstrong, Cache Creek, Clearwater, Merritt & Sicamous. Terry



Farm & Food Festival

On Sunday September 28th a number of us drove over to Armstrong take in this Event.

The weather was great and the traffic was not heavy so it made for a nice drive on the back road to Armstrong.

There was the steam engines, antique tractors along with the horses' participating in ploughing. There was also other demonstrations taking place. Of course while this is taking place the vendors were displaying and selling of their items.

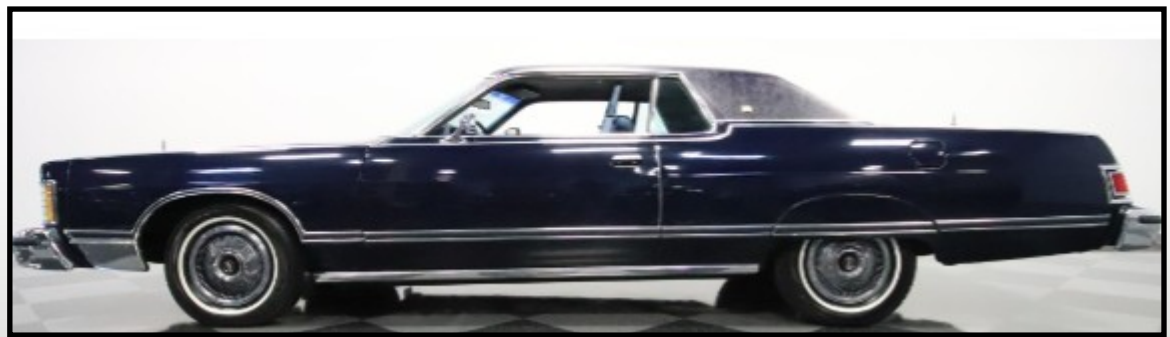
Some of us stayed a little longer than others and before leaving Sue and I had a lunch from one of the food vendors that were there. *Editor*





Thanks to Andy Cordonier for sending me this photo of the entire group that made this show possible.

Monthly Mystery Car #75
Presented by
Art Harms



October Mystery Car



The October 2025 Mystery Car is a 1961 Chrysler 300G convertible. Virgil Exner, the head of design at Chrysler, created these unique personal performance luxury automobiles. They were known as the “300 Letter” cars, starting in 1955, which resulted in the 1961 edition being a 300G. These luxury cars extra were extra ordinary, with endless options and standard features. P/S, P/B, power windows, Golden touch radio, power antenna, power mirrors, padded dash, clock, vent windows, and power door locks, were part of the list of features of this luxury automobile. The interior design was created with creature comfort in mind. These cars featured a full-length center console from front to the rear of the passenger compartment. Seating was provided by four bucket seats, the two rear seats were stationary, while the two front seats were power adjustable, swivel seats to allow easy entrance and exit. A heater and air conditioning system, an Astro-Dome instrument cluster c/w a 150 MPH speedometer, a tachometer, a pushbutton gear selector, and of course, the Tri-Colored 300G badging, were included in the package.



The engine in this automobile is a 413 cubic inch Chrysler “RB+ series big block, producing 375 HP, and 495 foot/pounds torque. This engine featured a 4.18” bore X a 3.75” stroke, a 10 to 1 compression ratio, and a forged steel crankshaft. The unique feature with this engine was the cross-ram style intake manifold, which had 30” long intake runners. This type of manifold was designed to use the resonance principles, and their effect on the compression wave of the fuel/air charge. In other words, at cruising and passing RPM, along with the runner



length, creates a condition where the cylinders can fill with a fuel/air charge of 100% or more. (a type of tuning normally found on racing engines). Each end of the cross-ram manifold features a Carter four-barrel carburetor. When you view the picture of the engine, you will note the battery was removed for a better picture. Of course, everything has a price to pay when it comes to everyday maintenance, like do you repair a valve cover leak, and even more interesting, changing spark plugs. Gas mileage? Try 10 MPG per Imperial gallon, or 8.3 per American gallon.

Drum brakes were standard as was the torsion-bar front suspension, and leaf springs on the rear. These automobiles were produced with a 126" wheelbase, with an overall length of 220", and a width of 79.4". The average car weight was 4315 pounds. Only 337 Chrysler 300G convertibles were produced in 1961.

Art Harms



Chrysler 300 G

As a major player of Chrysler's infamous 'letter' dynasty, the 1961 300 G was one of the finest performance/luxury packages on the road during its day, something that endears it to car enthusiasts all over the world.

Produced by Chrysler Corporation, Auburn Hills, Michigan

NUMBER 83

VITAL STATISTICS

Top speed:	130 mph
0-60 mph:	8.4 sec.
Engine type:	V8
Displacement:	413 c.i.
Max power:	275 hp at 5,900 rpm
Max torque:	495 lb-ft at 2,800 rpm
Weight:	4,315 lbs.
Gas mileage:	12 mpg
Price:	\$5,841

BEHIND THE WHEEL "...Subtly deceptive."

"With swiveling front bucket seats, access to the cabin is almost effortless. From behind the wheel it becomes all too obvious why few cars can match the 300 G's charisma. Start the engine and just listen to the subtly deceptive sound of the cross-ram 413 V8. The unique push-button-operated TorqueFlite transmission is perfectly mated to the engine's torque curve. Despite its size, the 300 feels quite nimble through corners, helped by a finely tuned suspension."

A well-appointed interior and wide bucket seats make the G inviting.



KAMLOOPS CHAPTER
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2026
MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

Once again I will be putting the Chapters Annual Roster together. So if you would like to change the photo that is currently showing in the roster please send me the new one any time to kamshafteditor@gmail.com.

The cut-off date for any changes to the 2026 Kamloops Roster will be December 31st.

The information I plan on using will be taken from your 2026 membership renewal form that must be completed and returned by December 31st.

So please read it completely and make any necessary changes before signing it so I hopefully get everything correct.

PS: - Check the VCCC.com web page *Kamloops Chapter* down near the bottom and see if a photo of your car or cars appear there.

If not send a photo with details of the vehicle missing to kamshafteditor@gmail.com *Thanks Dave*



COOK'S CORNER # 22

by: - Lila Foley

Cheesesteak - Stuffed Garlic Bread

-Great for game day

1 large Italian bread loaf or individual buns
450 g thinly sliced beef
1 c thinly sliced mixed bell peppers
1 c sliced onions
2 c shredded provolone cheese
3 tbsp garlic butter
salt and pepper to taste
fresh parsley for garnish



Melt butter in skillet and sauté onions and peppers.
Add meat, salt and pepper and cook until browned.
Slice bread lengthwise and remove some of insides.
Fill bread with filling.
Top with cheese.
Bake at 350' for 20 min or until cheese is melted.
Cool slightly before slicing and Garnish with fresh parsley.

EDITOR'S EDITORIAL



A reminder that any emails coming from me to the group include **VC** in the subject line.

However I understand that as I send out so many emails at one time some of your computers receive and treat them as junk mail.

So from time to time check your Trash or Junk mail files so you don't miss any club news.

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

You can not train "stupidity" Gerry Gerow