



# KAMLOOPS KAMSHAFT MARCH 2026

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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 5, 2026

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 250-320-7458

## Calendar of Events

\*Kamloops Chapter Events |

- \*Mar 25th     General Meeting
- \*Apr 5th     Easter Drive [p 6]
- May 8-11th  May Tour [Campbell River]
- \*June 5-7th  Back Road Tour

## VICE - PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Bruce Bawtree



As the Vice President I have been asked to fill in for Ken for a bit as he recovers so I will do my best.

The season is changing, although the weather is fickle, at least we can look forward to doing less driving in the dark. I hope this makes attending meetings easier for everyone. The Next meeting is March 25th . There will be a guest speaker for some entertainment and education for us all.

It is also time to make sure your vintage car is ready to go for the season. I have a bit of a mountain to climb in this area but hopefully it will be ready for Easter.

The Easter Drive on April 5th which is less than a month away and is one of the clubs most well-known annual events. It is incentive to get your car ready for the season and is the kick-off for the years events. It takes a crew of people to pull it off so please help out if you are able. Rich was still looking for help at both Macarthur Island and Riverside Park last I heard.

Hope to see you at the next meeting,

*Bruce*

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----- Next Issue Deadline for Classifieds & News April 10th -----

----- May Issue Deadline for Classifieds & News May 15th -----

## EDITOR'S EDITORIAL



As I stated in the February Kamshaft his year when I am taking pictures I am going to focus more on the members doing things rather than the vehicles as they do not change

and I believe I have most of them on file somewhere on my computer.

Like all Editors I would still would like to hear from you with short stories or photos of past club events that you would like to share.

I have just been informed that Micro Soft is cancelling Publisher which is the program I use for doing the Kamshafts. So that means I will have to go back to the drawing board in learning how to once again put together a newsletter. If I manage to put one together. Bare with me if you think things are different and do not appear to be quite right.

## AS THE WOOD STOVE BURNS

by Terry Davidson

Reaching way back thru the smoke and embers  
I got to thinking about the state of our members  
Some seem distressed with the numbers we've got  
And it seemed in conclusion we don't have a lot



So I grabbed the white book as I stomped on the clutch

With 25 chapters we were not off by much

Our standing was fourth in the scheme overall.

But our numbers were dwindling and starting to fall

Vancouver is first with Central close behind.

Then came Kelowna pounding up the grind.

Oh, look here comes Kamloops, her foot on the floor.

Then it came to my attention, do we really need more

When push comes to shove,

Do the numbers really matter?

When the object of the exercise is to have lots of chatter.

## ***Senior Vintage Moment***

I got a 2026 members roster recently and noted a '55 Pontiac Laurentian 4 door on page 4. I do like the 55's. I had one awhile back myself which I bought from J Walsh Plumbing's son. It was a fun rider, lower mileage. It was powered by an in line 6 cyl. 3 on the tree. No power steering.

Because being the Chieftain model it had a big colorful Indian head in full regalia (headband & eagle feathers) in center of steering wheel. Talk about colorful, this car was painted pumpkin orange.

Still to this day I have plenty of spare parts eg: trim etc. laying around stripped of another one locally in a field.

Apparently in past times the spare '55 was from a Kamloops Classic Cab. That was a past Kamloops Classic Cab service company that operated.

### ***Here comes my Kamloops Senior Vintage moment.***

Mine was the Pontiac Chieftain 4 door Canadian built which had shorter length 4 doors than the American built '55 Pontiac. I found this out the hard way when I wrenched off 4 doors from a nice 55 Pontiac in a field locally. It used to be a Kamloops Classic Cab back in the day. After all that work and lugging the 4 heavy doors out of that field, I learned these exact same looking 4 doors were longer horizontally - absolutely would not fit.

That sweat equity and time did not pay off.

Turned out to be another live and learn seniors moment.

I'll bet many of our fellow dedicated and vintage auto owners can relate.

Member: Lester Evens & Judi Mutcher





Well our Annual auction came and went at our regular meeting in February.

Not sure how much the club made however it was still a fun night. Jim Carroll acted as auctioneer and Gerry Gerow helped as his runner. Marg McNaughton stepped up to the cashiers table and gave our treasurer Peter Sanderson a hand to keep track who bought what and how much they owed.

Once again the people buying got some great deals on the items they bought however they quite often had to fight with others to get their prize.

Members can be seen here checking out on the items they may want to bid on.



Now we can save up our items for next years auction.



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and dishes.



## EASTER Sunday April 5th

Rich needs the following: -



1. We do have 4 drivers for the club vehicles..
2. I still need 1 more person to assist with car staging , 10am at Mac. Island \* in doing so , you will still be able to participate in the Easter Drive and the car show portion at Riverside Park as i will have your car staged early in the parking area when you arrive .
3. i need at least 1 more person to assist with Parking 12:30 at Riverside Park , if you want to bring a car for the afternoon show

we can discuss the map layout ahead of time . i would still like to have the Club vehicles in front of the bandshell area , so we need to save some room .

4. Coffee / cookies table ; thank you for those that already put your name forward , i will have a table at Mac Island as well as Riverside Park so i will contact you to see which location you prefer.

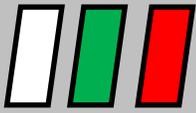
On the day of , if you just want to show up and give someone else a 15 minute break , that would be much appreciated .

Please continue in your cookie making endeavors + place 2 or 3 in little baggies .  
much thanks everyone .

**If you have not yet volunteered for one of these positions please contact Rich immediately at 250 828 2318 or [mr.frontenac@shaw.ca](mailto:mr.frontenac@shaw.ca).**

He can not run the Easter Drive by himself and remember it is a club event. Editor





## Monthly Mystery Car #79

Presented by

Art Harms



## February Mystery Car



The February Mystery Car is a 1957 Oldsmobile Fiesta Golden Rocket station wagon.

These vehicles were the result of creative designers, given the freedom to design unique automobiles. The 1957 Oldsmobile station wagon was not a typical family vehicle, but a combination of the four-door hardtop style, and a custom luxury station wagon. The bodies were built by the Mitchell-Bentley Corporation, located in Iona, Michigan.



This design features sweeping sculptured body panels c/w chrome highlights.

Chrome was used extensively in the automobiles manufactured in this era. Chrome was used for the side strips, the roof accents, around the windows (windshield, back window, side windows), tail lights, as well as the front and rear bumpers, the grille and emblems.



Like luxury automobiles produced during this period, the more power accessories the better. In this case, power steering, power brakes, power seats, and power antenna. Creature comfort included air conditioning, a Wonder Bar radio, an automatic headlight dimmer, tinted windows, and an electric clock.

Two-tone vinyl upholstery was used for the seats, the door panels, and for the padded dash. Carpet was used on the floors, the fold-down rear seats backs, and spare tire compartment cover. Please note, the speakers in cargo area were installed by the owner, and are not original equipment.



Two engines were available in these vehicles, both being 371 cubic inch Oldsmobile V8s. The standard engine produced 277 horsepower, and 400 foot-pounds of torque. This engine known as the T-400, features a four-barrel carburetor, and a compression ratio of 9.5 to 1. The J-2 engine option is the one installed in our feature vehicle.

The J-2 engine produces 300 horsepower, and 415 foot-pounds of torque. This engine has a compression ratio of 10 to 1, and is equipped with a tri-power intake system. The center two-barrel carburetor is controlled by the gas pedal, while the front and rear two-barrel carburetors are vacuum controlled when you floor the gas pedal. Power from the engine goes to a Hydramatic four speed automatic transmission, and onto the rear drive.

These 4,500-LB vehicles were built on a 122" wheelbase, and rode on 8.50-14" tires.

The 1975 production of these special station wagons was 8,981 units, due mainly to the styling and the luxurious interior.

*Art Harms*





## GLIMPSE OF THE PAST

This was copied from the March 2017 Kamshaft



### NAME TAG DRAW: -

Last year a draw was set up to encourage members to wear their club name tags for the benefit for both old and new members.

It consisted of a bottle of wine and for each meeting if there was not a winner \$5 was added to the pot. A couple of times we

had members present but unfortunately they were not wearing their name tags.

The executive decided that the wine was aging too much and the pot was getting too large as it was now over \$50.00 so at the last meeting names were drawn until we had a winner which turned out to a long time member Audrey Bouwmeester.

In case you can't read her t-shirt it says

*Wine, Friends & Car...The older the better.*



### The Greatest Stories Ever Told by :- Richard Strachan

Ron Howard, with his 1970 Volkswagen Bug.

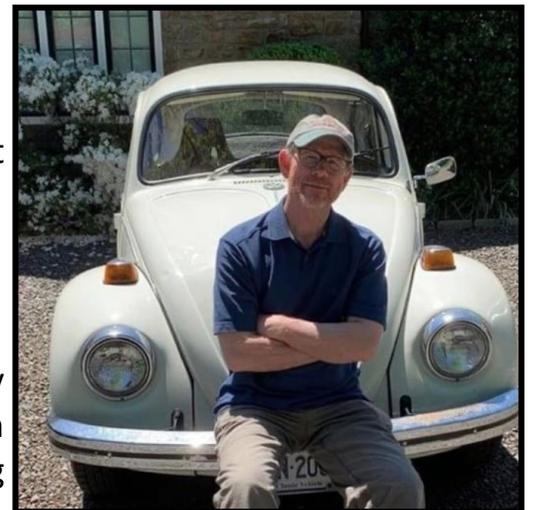
Howard purchased the car new in 1970 at age 16---it was his first car. He drove the VW until (around) 1976 when he got rid of it.

A few years ago, Howard's brother-in-law found it in Redding, California--where Howard has a lot of relatives.

The person that had it was using it to deliver eggs--and it still had Ron Howard's college sticker on it.

Howard's brother-in-law repurchased it for him. He replaced the engine and shipped it back to Howard.

Today Howard drives it regularly and says it is the only car he has ever loved. He credits his father for giving him the common sense as a teenager with money-- and buying a Volkswagen as opposed to something like a Corvette.





## COOK'S CORNER #26

by: - Lila Foley

Easter is almost here again and everyone is searching for a recipe to make cookies to sell at the park during the car show. Your favourite is usually a good choice.

Here is one of my oldest favourites. *Lila*

### Easter Hot Cross Muffins

Here is how to get all the spices you love in hot cross buns without messing with yeast dough.

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|--|----------------------|
| 1/2 c raisins                              |                      |
| 1/2 c candied fruit or peel                |                      |
| 2 tbsp orange juice                        |                      |
| 1/2 c chopped dried apricots or more fruit |                      |
| 1 3/4 c flour                              |                      |
| 2/3 c sugar                                | 1 egg                |
| 1 tbsp baking powder                       | 1 cup milk           |
| 1 tsp cinnamon                             | 1/4 c vegetable oil  |
| 1 tsp allspice                             | 2 tbsp butter melted |
| 3/4 tsp mace                               | 1 tsp vanilla        |
| 1/4 tsp cloves                             | 1/2 tsp salt         |



Heat raisins in orange juice in microwave for 1 minute then let cool.

Stir all dry ingredients in bowl.

Stir in raisin mixture and fruits.

In another bowl mix milk, egg, butter and vanilla.

Stir wet into dry just until mixed.

Fill 12 muffin cups and bake for 20 to 25 minutes.

If you want a cross, mix 1 1/4 cup icing sugar with 4 tbsp orange juice and drizzle on top

**CLASSIFIEDS WANTED**



**CLASSIFIEDS For Sale**

**TRIVIA** I am looking for someone that likes trivia questions that will supply me with one for each month of the Kamshafts.

The questions (12) could be given to me all at once and I would use one each month.

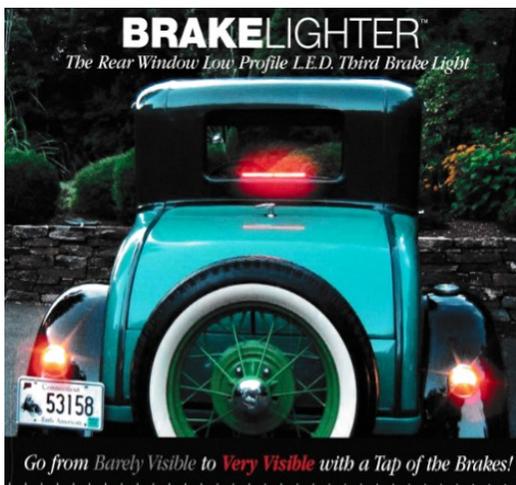
Please send them to

***kamshafteditor@gmail.com***

Thanks Kamshaft Editor

**CLASSIFIEDS For Sale**

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**TERRY DAVIDSON**

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

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

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