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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Ken Hoshowski

I would like to start this month's President's message with a big welcome to our new members. We hope you will enjoy and participate in our summer events.

Our Thursday night cruise nights start on June 18 and run to the end of August. We meet every Thursday night at 5:00 pm usually at Riverside park for a brown bag dinner and then proceed at 6:00 for a drive, a visit to an interesting point of interest or a tour of a local business. We generally end up with an ice cream stop at the nearest Dairy Queen. We hope you will be able to join us.



Our next major event is our annual Back Road Tour which will be leaving Kamloops Friday morning June 5 for a three day driving tour seeking to back roads as much as possible for a visit to interesting stops and points of interest in the Hope area. Steve Bell and Susan Blair have done a remarkable job in scheduling interesting stops on this tour. Call Steve if you would like to join this tour or would like more information (250 828-0620).

I am looking forward to the many driving events we have scheduled this season, unfortunately without our Cadillac Eldorado which was written off by ICBC after our intersection collision in February, but that's another story.

Hope to see you at the General Meeting on May 27.

Ken Hoshowski



Hi Folks, as I told you Microsoft is canceling the program that I have been using to do the Kamshas so I must learn a new program and this Kamsha is my first try.

It reminds me a lot of the first Kamshas I produced 16 years ago. Things may look a little different each time as I learn the new program as they did in the past for awhile.



Not sure about the rest of you however I find as I age it is getting harder to learn and accept some of the changes that are happening in our world.

This was sent in by Les Evans: - **Minnesota Bill Would Add Weekday Use Restrictions to Classic Car Rules** : -

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It is with great sorrow to announce the passing of Keith Galbraith on Saturday April 18th.

Keith has been a member of the Kamloops Chapter since 2004.

He served as a director on the executive and spent many hours working on the restoration team when doing

Keith always brought his big teddy bear with him when he drove in the Easter Parades

He will be greatly missed as Keith always had a smile and had time to talk to you.

By Keith's request there will be no service.



*** PEOPLE YOU "AUTO" KNOW #28 ***

DIANNE HARGROVES

BY: - GEOFF GIBBARD



Dianne was born on February 25, 1954, in New Westminster. She grew up with two younger brothers in Coquitlam and says it was a great place to grow up. Dianne enjoyed school, did well and graduated from Centennial Senior Secondary School in 1972. After graduation, she took legal and accounting programs and worked for two legal firms as a paralegal conveyancer from 1974

to 1980.

On one Saturday night, Dianne and a friend went to a dance hall in Surrey. Sitting at the bar in that dance hall was a good looking fellow named Larry. That was it. He asked Dianne out and on their first date drove a "big car with big fins" to Cache Creek for coffee. Yes, Larry liked big old cars and he liked to drive them. Dianne loves to travel, and after a couple of dates with Larry, she and a friend went to Europe for three weeks. When she was due to return, Larry showed up at her parents' house where Dianne lived and told her dad he wanted to pick her up at the airport. Her dad thought "oh! oh!" and was not the least bit surprised when Dianne and Larry announced their engagement and were married six months later. They bought a house in the Oliver District of Aldergrove where they lived for twenty-five years.

Dianne and Larry had one daughter, KrisEne, born in 1980 who sadly passed away in 2010. Larry had three children from a previous marriage leaving Dianne with three stepchildren, fifteen grandchildren and currently three great grandchildren. Dianne's dad was the production manager of Molson's brewery located at the south end of Burrard Bridge. ***(My buddies and I drove by that brewery on our way to university for five years and thought it would be a wonderful place to work.)*** Dianne remembers roaring around the warehouse as a kid with her brothers amongst all that beer when her dad was working on Saturdays. Her dad redesigned the brewery's entire production facility and saw a need for that in other bottling plants. Being the entrepreneurial sort, he left Molson's and started his own company, Bevco Sales International, in 1981. His company built conveyor and bottling systems for companies all over the world. Dianne went to work for him first as the Office Manager and Accountant then later as the CFO. She handled administration, finance, the computer network, sales and marketing. It was a big job as the company had fifty employees and accounts the world over. Dianne worked there for twenty-five years until 2005 when she retired for the first time.

When Dianne met Larry, he was an automotive mechanic at the OIJer-Co-op station in Aldergrove. He moved on to Lavigne's Engine Rebuilders and later three years when he and Dianne opened a small automotive repair business in Aldergrove. They moved on from there to lease and operate three different Mohawk Service stations in the Fraser Valley until 2005. Larry operated the stations and Dianne made sure the books were in order while working for her dad. *(I'm thinking there was not a lot of spare time to be had for either one of them.)*



In 2003 Dianne and Larry moved to a ten acre property at 48th Street and 1st Avenue in Aldergrove.

They had always wanted to live in the Interior of BC and made the move in 2005 purchasing a thirty- three acre property at 150 Mile House along with a couple of four plex rental units in Williams Lake. They both loved dogs and Larry loved animals of all shapes and sizes. They had a few Hereford cows and about sixty sheep. Larry couldn't resist and took in goats, alpacas, llamas, horses and an old reared animal that no one else wanted. The property



was fenced but there were occasions when a few of the animals would make a break for it.

Dianne says there were times when she came home to an animal welcoming committee on the back deck of her house. That was a beautiful five thousand square foot house that they operated as *Woodcutter Bed, Bale and Breakfast*. Yes, ~~Bale and Breakfast~~. People with horses would come and stay overnight for a

day or two and the horses would be stabled and fed almost as well as their owners were.

Dianne found she was getting bored so she started managing the independent local service station. In 2008 she and Larry bought the 150 Mile Centre and Mall which included that service station. They partnered with Husky and installed canopies and upgraded the pumps. The mall included four independent stores, a grocery store and there was a rental mobile home on the property as well. Dianne and Larry installed a café in the Husky station. Dianne managed it, Larry was the breakfast cook and filled in on shifts when needed. Dianne actually spent twelve hours a day managing everything, the mall, the service station, the café, the rental mobile home as well as the Bed, Bale and Breakfast.

In 2014, they reEred for a second Eme, sold everything and moved to Bridge Lake. They had a friend who had a cabin there, liked the area and bought a log home on two acres. Their collecEon of animals was down to three dogs. Dianne currently has Zoe who is an internaEonal frequent flyer. Larry spent the summers helping a friend on his ranch and Dianne did the books for the Interlake's Volunteer Fire Department, the Interlake's Snowmobile Club and the Log Cabin Quilters group. Dianne and Larry spent four or five months away in the winter. Their first two years were in Puerto Penasco, Mexico. The last nine years were spent in Cabarete in the Dominican Republic where they purchased a condo in 2017.



When they were sEll working, Dianne and Larry always spent a two week holiday at their Eme share in Mexico which they have had since 1989. Dianne and Larry enjoyed living in Bridge Lake but found it rather restricEve. They loved dancing and



belonged to several square dance clubs over the years. Dianne is currently dancing with the Thompson Valley Stars in Kamloops. Dancing opportuniEes in Bridge Lake were limited and closing up the house for the winter was a real project. They wanted to downsize and in 2021, made the decision to move to Kamloops. Rivershore Estates was the perfect choice. The house is on one floor, the neighbourhood is quiet and the weather is wonderful. Being on the fourth fairway, stray golf balls do appear in the backyard regularly which makes things interesEng. (Dianne thinks the women shoot straighter than the men.) Sadly, Larry passed away in

December of 2022. Dianne and Larry loved to travel and Dianne carrying on that tradiEon. She sold her condo in Cabarete this March but sEll plans to travel there. She plans to do more inter-



naEonal travel and to spend more Eme in Mexico. In fact, when I phoned her to suggest I write a lilJle bio of her, she was basking in the Mexican sun when she answered the phone. She spent two weeks in Greece this past September and is booked for Australia, New Zealand and Fiji in March of 2027. Ireland and Canada's MariEmes are future desEnaEons.

Dianne and Larry loved cars and boats. They spent many years cruising BC Coast. In boats of all shapes and sizes. They started out with Larry's fourteen footer that he built and after several upgrades ended up with a fortytwo foot Super cra. They bought that boat from Dianne's dad who had acquired it when he purchased the Secret Cove Resort and Marina on the Sechelt Peninsula after he returned. 150 Mile has no ocean so that boat was sold. However, they did buy a pontoon boat which they kept at their cabin on Quesnel Lake. Dianne loved that boat but it was sold with their cabin. Dianne's father was a member of the Totem Classic Thunderbird Club in Burnaby for many years and owned five different



Thunderbirds which he and Larry worked on.



They actually built Dianne a Mercedes-Benz SSK Gazelle replica. How cool is that? That car was eventually sold and Dianne and Larry bought a 1964 Pontiac

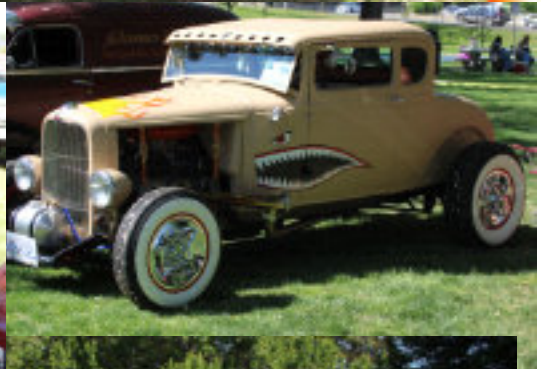
Parisienne Custom Sport convertible. They bought this from Larry's friend Dave who had purchased it new and used it as his family car. It had a 409 cid V8 but it arrived with a 327



The car repainted and the upholstery and carpet redone. In 2007 he rebuilt the engine. He and Dianne were members of the 100 Mile Cruisers when they lived in Bridge Lake and went on many cruises and car shows with that group. They went to Riverside Park to see our club's cars on Easter Sunday shortly after their move here. Jim Carroll introduced himself and they joined our club that day. **(Way to go Jim!).** Dianne has been our three season secretary for three years and drives her Pontiac with the club on our outings. She hopes to keep driving it for many more years with the club. Dianne says everyone in the club has been very supportive to her as she navigates this next chapter of her life. Thank you for your email and for writing



-up, Dianne. I wish you safe and happy travels. *Geoff*



MONTHLY Mystery Car #81

Presented by
Art Harms



April Mystery Car



The April 2026 Mystery Car is a 1954 Monarch Lucerne Sun Valley. These automobiles were all two doorhardtops, with the main feature being the tinted plexiglass, see through roof insert over the front seats.

Being that the Monarch was a Canada only car brand, made them a very rare, with low production numbers. The tasteful exterior design was enhanced with the extensive use of chrome accents, the full-length chrome side stripe, the window moldings, the hubcaps, the front and rear bumpers, the grille and hood ornament.

The interior design was quite conservative for a luxury car of this class. Upholstery consisted of the use of vinyl, leather, and carpeting.





Similar to most North American cars, there is a lot of options available on the order sheet. The list includes power brakes, power steering, power windows, power seats, AM radio, rear window wiper (must be a first), fender skirts, automatic transmission, and a dealer installed Continental kit. The one big item missing on the option list was air-conditioning. On a hot summer day, the heat through the plexiglass roof was unbearable, let's just say it was not a pleasurable driving experience.

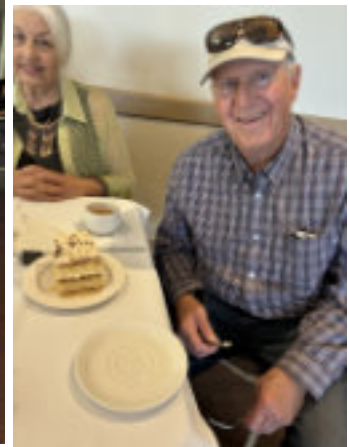


The engine, an all-new design overhead valve V8 was available in 1954, ending the flathead V8 era at Ford Motor Company, it offered a lot more efficiency and horsepower, a requirement needed with the larger and heavier automobiles in production during this period. This new 256 cubic inch engine produced 161 horsepower. It is commonly known as the "Y" block. Front suspension consists of coil springs, with the rear suspension being leaf springs. It is hard to find production numbers for this model automobile, with the knowledge available, approximately 200 1954 Monarch Lucerne Sun Valley cars were made.
Art Harms



Mother's Day

This year there was a vote taken at the April General MeeEng and the result was to enjoy the Mother's Day buffet at the Dune's Golf Course. Lot's to eat and fun for all. (Photos by Lila Foley)





Elaine Jones is our sunshine Lady

If you know a member that could use a ray of sunshine

contact Elaine 778 470 0369

Elaine sent Sympathy cards to

Doris Galbraith & Lorraine Finnigan



It is with immense sadness that we announce the passing of Ken Finnigan at Royal Inland Hospital on May 9th at the age of 93.

Ken has been a member of our Chapter since 1980 and served time on the Executive.

Because of his love for British cars Ken was a big help in doing the wiring of the club's Austin-Sheerline ambulance during it's restoration.





COOK'S CORNER # 28

by: - Lila Foley



RHUBARB RELISH [Tase Of Home Recipe]

SubmiJed to Lila from Heather Davidson

Total Time: - Prep 10 mins, Cook 30 mins.,

Use this relish to compliment lamb, ham—or just about any other meat.

Ingredients : -

- 2 cups finely chopped fresh or frozen rhubarb
 - 2 cups finely chopped onion
 - 2 1/2 cups packed brown sugar
 - 1 cup vinegar
 - 1 teaspoon salt
 - 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
 - 1/2 teaspoon ground allspice
 - 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
 - 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- *** Rasins can be added as well

Directions : -

- In a saucepan, combine all ingredients.
- Cook over medium heat for 30 minutes or unEl thickened.
- SErring occasionally
- Cool: store in the refrigerator
- Total Time



CLASSIFIEDS For Sale

PARTS,PARTS & MORE Parts

- Diffs. for '60 Ford PU, Ford Pinto, and '39 Buick **\$50 each**
- Engines for 1929, '30, '31, '37 and '41 Buick, '46 Buick Roadmaster, '74 Capri V6 and '58 36 hp VW.
- Rebuilt standard transmission for 1964 Ford **\$100**
- Wheel rims for '49 Ford pickup, Buick, Chev, Dodge, Pinto, Corvair, BMW, VW, etc. **\$5 each**
- 1928 Buick radiator **\$250** & headlight **\$50.**
- Engine stand **\$10**
- Chain Hoist **\$50**
- Doors for 1927, '28, '38 and '41 Buick sedans Offers
- Spotlights and driving lights
- Singer industrial sewing machine **\$250**
- Antique Eatonia treadle sewing machine **\$200**

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A Thought to Remember Until Next Time

Why do we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in our driveways and put our useless junk in the garage?