



Victoria Vintage View

Newsletter of the Victoria Chapter

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This was our second year that our Chapter membership was invited to Camosun College, Trades and Technology, for Vin Tech and their first-class facilities they have for training in Automotive Service. Our member Patrick Jones, is an instructor and program leader. The article inside by Jamie Cox gives an excellent account of everything they do with some of our classic vehicles on the rack for 2-3 hours.

Just in case you were wondering when this newsletter was coming out, well at least one person enquired! The truth is and it may surprise you but “I need your assistance”. As I have previously asked, please forward material or ideas for material.

I was impressed with the sign that was produced for VinTech by Leya, who I would call a very active person. She has a business of renting her always growing fleet of Airstream trailers while operating a sign shop. It wasn't just the sign, it was the entire event. Yes, even down to hot dogs, chips, cookies, and soft drinks. But the inspection process itself was very impressive. There wasn't a part of the car overlooked. Following VinTech there's either a little or a lot of work to bring the member's car up to what they expect.

Were you one of the lucky ones that attended our meeting in February and enjoyed the Target Theatre's production of “Age on Wheels”? It was an absolute perfect fit for our audience demographics, with a couple of exceptions to the younger members. You had to be there to see George Morfitt.

There should be lots of good story's coming out of this year's May Tour. The jam packed agenda will guarantee good fun, camaraderie, new friendships and those stories. Oh yes, the car tours over the North Island!

Bill Bouchard

President



Target Theatre

Members who turned out for our meeting of February 6 and the feature production of Target Theatre's "Age On Wheels" certainly experienced a huge treat. There was a larger attendance than normal and members who took in the show certainly received the full enjoyment for this evening.

Member George Morfitt, a member of Target Theatre, suggested that we host this production and your Executive snapped up the opportunity. It would seem that a show titled "Age On Wheels" would entertain perfectly with the demographics of our club members and it certainly did.



Sunday Runs-February, March, April

Sunday runs or as we refer to the date, "the second Sunday after the first Tuesday". (At least most of the months). My participation over these past months of February, March, and April has been a dismal one out of three, but in baseball that's a .333 decent batting average.

I was on the February 18 run, hosted by Paul Taylor. It was the Spring Prelude with the Butchart Gardens or if flowers weren't the flavor for you there was the Sassy's Family Restaurant. The run featured Royal Oak, Cordova Bay, Saanichton, and on to Butchart's. For the Sassy's people there was the additional East Saanich, Dean Park, Veyaness, and Keating X Road before the restaurant.



Then there was the March 18 tour sponsored by John King. A thorough drive of the Peninsula, of about 90 minutes, and ending at Canoe Cove Joe's. It was reported as being dry all the way and about 30-plus miles of delightful driving. As the name of the restaurant states, it is at Canoe Cove Marina and 28 members enjoyed themselves there for either a snack or an early dinner. Pictures from Paul, Liz, Richard.



Sunday runs - March on to April

This is the second of three runs I missed so I'm repeating the facts out of Paul's statistical report of the run. Reg Potts and Bill Nicolson had arranged a rain free event, always a prime interest in any outing for the vintage vehicles. There were 15 vintage and 5 modern on this one hour April tour that took in a couple of hill locations in Mt. Tolmie and Mt. Douglas and ended on The Ridge. Thirty-six members enjoyed the afternoon. This was the unveiling of Harvey's newly restored 1956 Mercury, as seen below in one of the pictures submitted by Richard Johnson.



Happenings

May 1, Tuesday. Monthly Meeting

May 11-14. The communities of the North Island are hosting the 60th Anniversary of the Vintage Car Club of Canada with the Diamond Tour based in Campbell River.

May 20, Sunday. Note the change in date for the monthly Sunday run, due to a conflict with the Diamond Tour. Yes, it is the long weekend.

June 5, Tuesday. Monthly Meeting

June 16, Saturday. This will be second Summer Soulstice for our participation. If interested in bringing your car to Royal Oak Burial Park, contact Paul Taylor.

June 17, Sunday and Father's Day. Model T Barney Oldfield event, at the hall on Sparton Road. Breakfast is served and it's Father's Day.

June 24, 50th Anniversary Swap Meet. It's never too late to volunteer.

July 3, Tuesday. Ice Cream drive and feast. No meeting, just the drive and ice cream!

July 13, Friday. Collector Car Appreciation Day.

Care Home Visits—June 13, Wednesday Gorge Road Hospital. June 20, Wednesday Luther Court. June 26, Tuesday Sidney All Care. September 19, Wednesday The Priory. There could be more to come.

VinTech 2018

Patrick Jones summed it up when he said "It was a super fun day, we all enjoyed ourselves a lot. I was particularly happy to have had the opportunity to crank start and drive Pat Meehan's Model T through the shop and do a inspection of it!" Jamie Cox said, "All in all, an excellent morning, very worthwhile to 'follow' these red seal mechanics going over all parts of our car.

This was our second year at Camosun, following the success and professionalism of last year. Pat Jones suggested another this year, just like he did last year and we were quick to take the opportunity. Saturday April 7 there were 12 members with their cars and four other members who were "just shopping".

The Camosun Automotive Department staff vehicle inspectors were Mike Bocsik, Jim Gough, Andy Bulleen & Pat Jones, the two third year apprentices inspecting were Kevin Welsford (who works at Royal Oak Automotive) and Ethan Nichol (who works at James Bay Service). The signage and the trailer were provided by Leya Costa. A picture of the sign that she produced through her sign company is on the front page and one of her four rental Airstream trailers was on site.

A special shout out goes to Pat Jones for offering this first class facility and the services that he and the volunteers offered this day. Also, to Paul Taylor and Liz Taylor for the catering services they supplied.

For those who were not at Camosun this day, Jamie Cox has kindly written a report on the activity and professional services that he received. This report follows on the next pages.

These pictures of Kurt Hansen, Rudy Ewart, Tom Fisher and Heinz Mueller are from by Don Stevens.



VinTech—A member's report. Article from Jamie Cox.

Today as happens once per year in April, the Vintage Car Club of Victoria held their “Vin Tech” at Camosun College Automotive shop. As this Club is a major long time supporter of the Automotive program at Camosun over the years, the Camosun Instructors ‘give back’ by volunteering their time free to do vintage car safety inspections as per the BC vehicle inspection program. This is a major focused job and can easily take 2.5 to 3 hours work of one Auto red seal instructor per car.

Our 1963 Oldsmobile Starfire Convertible was done by Mike Bocsik, one time owner of a local garage, now Instructor Automotive Trades & Technology. He spent over 2.5 hours on the car, doing a very thorough job. We assisted him by not getting in his way but being by his side as he showed us various item faults and techniques to prove out the validity of the car inspection items as to good or needs work / replacement. We had many surprises as this was the second time the car was inspected in such a manner, first time being when we moved to BC 10 years ago. On that one, we paid the bill; this one, however was free !

Items he fixed for us: Windshield washer passenger squirter ; He has a small needle cleaner of the squirter unit / hole by the windshield area and then ‘blew’ out the line from the wiper squirter nozzle back to the electrical unit, the small hole often has tiny ‘debris’ in it and thus can plug up easily. It now works 100% with a squirt pattern to the roof of the car where previously it only ‘wet’ the wiper area. The driver side was already working fine so now we have both working per the original specifications of 1963.



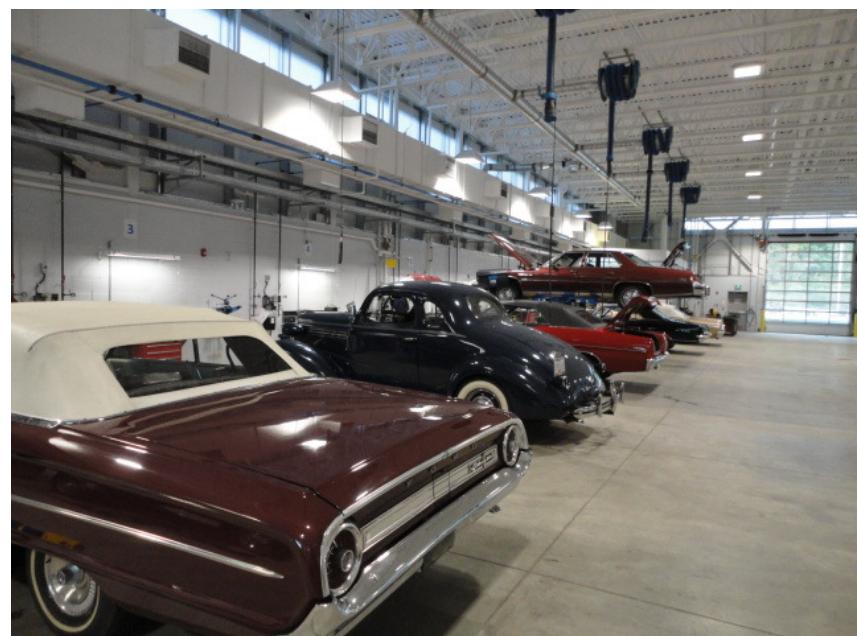
VinTech Jamie Cox continued

1. Brake shoes---especially the rear shoes with little life left in them, We have purchased new sets for all 4 tires and will get them replaced shortly. We do understand that the rear brake life normally lasts twice as long as the front shoes.
 2. Repack front bearings and new seals need to be done, will do this with the new brake shoe install
 3. Transmission fluid was DOWN about a pint
 4. Power Steering Pressure Hose: one is leaking by the crimp section so needs to be replaced, the fittings are all super tight so that is not the cause, A new hose needs to be made and can be done locally, if we take it off and send it to the people in Victoria to redo one.
 5. Tires: front tire is worn badly on the side ---alignment issue---down to the wear bar, No Date on the tires so we do not know how old they are, but likely need to replace them all very soon, then get a wheel alignment. thread depth: 4/32 , 6 /32, 3 / 32 and 0 /32. We did replace 2 tires with New Ones several years ago when we had the Hunter Load Force balance done. We have done a lot of miles each year on these tires ---10 to 12,000, perhaps. BC Inspection reports wants tire thread depth to be greater than 7 /32.
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6. One Rear Driveshaft Clip is out of place, needs to be moved into proper position
 7. Both exhaust / resonators are touching the bottom of the rear fender of the car and should be moved over about 1/4 inch to help keep that area from rusting and from any exhaust noise transmission into the car interior. (Can be done when new brakes are installed).
 8. One muffler hanger has a lot of scuff wear on each side, needs to be replaced.
 9. All top and bottom radiator hoses had to be tightened up on the clamps, one was leaking very minor but visual. All clamps needed tightening !!
 10. Wheel Drums: all where measured as per: 10.980, 11.060, 11.020, 11.040 and the shop manual states that the drum diameter should be a Max. of 11.060 even after turning it out (if ever needed), He recommends to get New Drums for front and rear, if we can find them: that may be a challenge.
 11. Small oil leak: minor and not a major concern, at rear part of engine
 12. Small dampness by transmission rear seal, not a major concern for the moment. it was replaced new when we did the positrac unit. Some dampness around the transmission pan but just needs to be checked, all bolts are tight.
 13. Anti Freeze tested good to Minus 28 Deg F so OK
 14. ONE Spark plug pulled—very clean and dry, gap looked OK but not measured
 15. Battery tested under load: all OK
 - 16, All lights, horn & signals tested: all OK
 17. Front end bushings, ball joints tested: all OK and tight
 18. Brake Fluid levels, Power Steering: All OK Air Cleaner all OK

Mileage on Car == 113,575 miles

We need to start with the new brakes and front wheel bearings as the next major event is the MAY Tour (11 to 14) with the Vintage Car Club at Campbell River, North part of the Island. We will also check into the spare tire we have in our shed to see how 'good' it is, may swap it for the one tire that is 0 /32 thread at the side.

Plan to talk to Jetstream on Monday to schedule in the car depending on how busy he is, for brake work, exhaust, front bearings.



Here is a list of members and their cars that were inspected at Vintech:

Kurt Hansen	1976 Buick LeSabre
Jamie & Sherrill Cox	1963 Oldsmobile Starfire Convertible
Paul Taylor	1968 Oldsmobile Cutlass S Convertible
John King	1964 Chevrolet Impala SS Convertible
Heinz Mueller	1954 Chevrolet
Murray Firth	1963 Buick Riviera
Reg Potts	1938 Chevrolet Coupe
Jamie McIntyre	1964 Ford Galaxy 500 Convertible
Pat Meehan	1912 Ford Model T
Tom Fisher	1968 Ford Torino Convertible
Rudy Ewert	1962 Cadillac
Richard Maki	1979 Lincoln Mark V

Other members attended, but did not have their cars inspected, including:

Gordie & Jane Thomas

Harvey Sherman

Don Stevens

Bill Bouchard

Thanks Paul, for co-ordinating our Chapter's participation and sending the list for this newsletter.

