



Victoria Vintage View

Newsletter of the Victoria Chapter

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I'll write this as the outgoing President, heading for the new year and for the tasks at hand for the new President. It will be a different year for me, a little more relaxing when it comes to meetings and responsibilities.

We're certainly at a threshold for the Chapter in one major event that affects our finances and could very well touch everything we do. That major event is our Swap Meet, our 50th Swap Meet in 2018. With a major push and a lot of co-operation going forth we can pursue this thing and perhaps even get into 2019. It would be a shame to miss out on our 50th anniversary for the swap meet. So we've got four members who have come forward to co-chair the Swap Meet. Eventually it will be up to all of our members to volunteer if they can for the many tasks that must be completed to make the meet a success. Stand by for this.

You can look forward to the 2018 VinTech to be held at Camosun College. It was just confirmed by Patrick Jones VinTech will again be hosted by Camosun College Motor Vehicle, Trades and Technology. Mark the date and **book your vehicle for Saturday April 7**. The previous VinTech at College was very popular so if you have an interest, and don't want to be disappointed, sign up with Paul Taylor.

Another item I want to put on the front page is our planned entertainment at the February meeting. It is called Age on Wheels and is to be performed by Victoria's Target Theatre. Member George Morfitt is very active with this group and he believes our Victoria VCCC members would very much enjoy a Target performance of "Age on Wheels", a 25-minute review - in song and skits - of senior driving issues. It is lighthearted and, at the same time, delivers important messages regarding senior driving. Plan to be at the meeting and the live performance on Tuesday 6.

So it goes another year, time does go fast as they say. I have the opportunity through the newsletter to reflect on many happenings with the car club. But the best memory to have is the friends we have here with a common appreciation for the vehicles and for each other.

Happy New Year.

Bill

2018 Executive and Committee

The new Executive and Committee members are in place following our Elections at the November General Meeting. Well almost in place with the exception of a President and the most important Refreshment people. As you know we have at the end of every meeting hot beverages and treats. This is important to the evening as it provides that opportunity for the social activity. Since September 2009 this responsibility has been looked after by Joan Huddleston, Rita Green and Lorna Steer. They will be taking a well deserved break. And lately the coffee machines and other necessary hardware has been kindly brought to the meetings by Harvey Sherman. We need replacements for these key people.

President ** VACANT **

Vice-President: Richard Johnson

Secretary: Liz Taylor

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Director (2016-18): Marc Brown

Director (2016-18): Harvey Sherman

Director (2017-19): Richard Maki, Heinz Mueller

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Past-President: Bill Bouchard

Membership: Jane Thomas

Runs & Special Events Coordinator: Paul Taylor

Annual Awards Banquet (2018): Jane Thomas

Chapter Newsletter: Bill Bouchard

National Correspondent: Don Stevens

Entertainment ** VACANT **

Swap Meet: John King, Jane Thomas, Joan Huddleston, Rudy Ewert, Bill Bouchard

Chapter Web Liaison & Facebook: Liz Taylor

Auctioneers: John King, Heinz Mueller, Reg Potts

Sunshine: Dolores Stevens

General Meeting Refreshments ** VACANT **



October Run

This run was called Meeting Places, as it followed a circuitous route of the locations where the club has held the General Meetings since we started in 1960. Put together by Bill Bouchard/Marc Brown, refined by Paul Taylor, joined in the test run by Richard Johnson and a run sheet designed by Liz Taylor. Truly, this was a team effort and the route that took 70 minutes and was enjoyed by the 35 participants, in 22 cars.

These are the places noted in the run, in order of driving past them, with the year that we held or commenced the meeting.

St. Martin's in The Field Church 1975. G.R. Pearkes Arena March 1990. Morrison Motors 1965 (now Jim Pattison Lexus Toyota). Safeway parking lot on Quadra August 1960. Royal Athletic Park April 1971. Morrison Motors (now Market on Yates) December 1961. Dominion Hotel, start of Chapter June 28, 1960 (now Dominion Rocket). Classic Car Museum June 1971 (now Brown's Social House). Tallest Totem July 1960. James Bay School January 1965. Bapco Paint March 1962 (now Laurel Point Inn). Paul's Motor Inn October 1971. Holland House June 1985. Playland Curling Club (behind Bartle and Gibson) June 1979. St. Luke's Church Hall September since 1992.



The run was a little bit longer than the average Sunday drive but participants seemed to enjoy it. The refreshment stop was McRae's Bistro and Paul Taylor nicely described the scene. McRae's was ready for us, their parking lot had many open spaces and there were sufficient servers looking after us. In spite of the fact that the cooks were out in the parking lot looking at the cars, the food came fairly quickly!

Thanks to everybody who made this run successful, including those who followed the run sheet! Thanks also to Richard Johnson for the pictures.

New Years Day Run

We meet at same time, same place, and leave at the same time, for our first run of year. And we end up at the same place after our run which touches town and the waterfront before ending on the Peninsula. Then we will all gather for refreshments and hospitality. See you there.

VinTech is coming again.

It was just confirmed by Patrick Jones and coming again next year, VinTech will again be hosted by Camosun College Motor Vehicle, Trades and Technology. Mark the date and **book your vehicle for Saturday April 7.**

This is a popular event and will be limited to about 20 cars so if you are interested book now. Patrick is looking forward to working this VinTech along with three other staff, Mike Bocsik, Andy Bullen, and Jim Cough. They will be assisted by a few students who will be receiving additional exposure to the older vehicles.

I know that those who were there for the April 2017 VinTech thoroughly appreciated their vehicle being checked over and if there was work to be done perhaps they would want to return for a follow up.

Stay tuned for additional information as I am sure that even if you are not wanting your vehicle inspected you can observe the activity and tour the facilities. Also, if it is similar to last year's VinTech we will have the catering on hand.



Age on Wheels—Target Theatre Production

Club member George Morfitt kindly offered the theatre company in which he is an active member, Target Theatre, to entertain us at a future meeting. As George said, “This will be a Target performance of “Age on Wheels”, a 25-minute review in song and skits of senior driving issues. It is light-hearted and, at the same time, delivers important messages regarding senior driving.”

We have agreed that our meeting of February 6 would be good for this presentation of a 25-minute review in song and skits of senior driving issues. It is lighthearted and, at the same time, delivers important messages.

So be sure to mark this on your calendar for Tuesday February 6.

Sunday Run to Airport

Richard Johnson sent the following report of his run, Sunday November 19.

Hi Bill. Here is some info on my run. Check with Paul for pictures as I did not have time to take any. I had 40 people preregister.

On a dark and wet Sunday afternoon. There were three vintage cars and 16 modern cars. Because the destination of today's run was out on the Saanich Peninsula a number of folks decided to just meet us at the British Columbia Aviation Museum. Folks who hadn't been there in awhile noticed quite a change—lots of displays have been added, as the volunteers continue their dedicated restoration work.

I had arranged for a separate section at Mary's Blue Moon Café, but due to a mix-up, some folks were turned away and found their own refreshment stop, some at The Roost. But sixteen members and guests enjoyed the hospitality at the café.

Richard

Pictures courtesy of Paul Taylor



Vintage For Sale

There's quite an interesting choice of vintage vehicles in this list, sent by Gilbert. (Even if you have no need or want for an old car this list is worth a look)

1928 Franklin Limousine : 25,000\$

1929 Auburn 7 pass. : 15,000\$ (SOLD)

1930 Reo Berline : 15,000\$ REDUCED TO \$12,000

1926 Studebaker 7 pass. : 15,000\$ REDUCED TO \$12,000

1929 Hupmobile Coupé de Luxe : 15,000\$

1928 Essex 2 door sedan : 15,000\$ REDUCED TO \$12,000

1930 Oakland V8 Berline : 12,000\$

1926 Graham Brothers pick-up truck : 12,000\$

1931 Pierce-Arrow 7 pass. Limo. : 45,000\$

1923 Stearns-Knight 7 pass. : 35,000\$

1956 Plymouth 4 door : 18,000\$ (restoration A-1)

1956 Meteor 4 door : 25,000\$ (restoration A-1)

1924 Stanley-Steamer convertible : 50,000\$

US\$. or best offers. Cars are described as functional and are located in Quebec, close to Montreal.

For further information: gbureau@videotron.ca

If you're looking for somewhere closer to home give a call to Reg Potts, Bill Nicolson or a John Kinahan 250-727-8500, who have some beautiful cars for sale.

Christmas-Awards Banquet

This year's Christmas and Awards Banquet was once again held at the Gorge Vale Golf Course. This year the function was held on Sunday December 3. And again it was put together and hosted by Jane Thomas. It was a bright day and a great time to enjoy the friendship of other members who attended, ate a great meal, enjoyed the happenings and drive home in the late afternoon daylight. One of our members, Jim Schoffstall, "enjoyed" his drive home catching the 4 pm ferry from Swartz Bay and arriving home in Portland at 1215 midnight. Jim never misses a banquet and it is always good to see him. Pictured here are



Jim and Cec, Tom Fisher and daughter-in-law Susan, Reg and Helen Potts.

Before the meal we heard from Tom Fisher for the blessing of the food and the gathering of friends, a tradition of the awards and Christmas banquet. It's a good way to start. The food was great and after our coffee and desert we started the awards part of the afternoon. Jane Thomas had everything arranged and Brent Morrison was the m/c for the afternoon.

We started by recognizing tour participants and Paul Taylor had everything ready for presenting the tour badges. The badges were presented to those members who participated in 6 or more of the eleven runs. These included the Sunday runs, New Years Day and Ice Cream run.

We went on to celebrate the 40th anniversary of Victoria Vinettes, started on December 13, 1977. They started with 10 Founding Members and this soon grew to 36 members. They were formed to support our Chapter and to get to know each other better. The first objective was to support the 1979 May Tour, known as the Tartan Tour. Ask any of the Vinettes of that favorite little character they built and outfitted, "Rusty MacNutt". *Picture on the left is at Eyrie Resort Dec. 10 and on the right is an "earlier" year.*



Other activities soon followed, including but not limited to numerous bazaars, raffles, bake sales, and the sale of their very own Cook Book. A favourite seasonal event at this time of the year was the children's Christmas Party, for 19 years. All of this and more was celebrated at the Christmas Banquet with 8 of the 12 current members at the banquet to watch the DVD production, receive certificates and a pink carnation that represented the Pink Lady.

Paul Taylor then presented the tour badges for attendance at the Chapter scheduled runs, most of them are simply named "Sunday Runs".

- For participation in 6 runs we had John King, Lorna Steer, Tom & Ann Tams, Norm & Patricia Tatlow.
- At 7 runs Kurt & Darlene Hansen, Michael May, Reg & Helen Potts, Gordie & Jane Thomas, Les & Rose Vivian.
- For 8 runs Rita Green, David & Karen Hilder, Brent & Martha Morrison, Harvey & Sue Sherman.
- Completing 9 runs Rudy Ewart & Norma Jee, Murray & Carol Firth, Bill Nicolson, Don & Dolores Stevens.
- For 10 runs Richard Johnson, Richard Maki & Diane Kemp, Pat & Margaret Meehan.
- Perfect attendance and sharing the trophy, congratulations to Heinz & Mary Mueller, Paul & Liz Taylor

Service Pins Awards

Jane Thomas again entertained us again with the information from members who were being presented with their service pins. These are the pins that start at five years and go in 5 year increments, to the lofty 45 years this time. That would be Don and Dolores Stevens who have been with the Victoria Chapter for 45 years. Here then is Jane's presentation from the banquet when the pins were presented.

5 YEARS

Chris Bauer: Found out about the club from his mom. She works with Bruce Hopkins through the military. Chris came to the corn roast in 2012 and joined that September.

Chris has his own restoration business which he started in 2015 called Reborn Relics. It is located in Duncan. Chris is hoping to expand his business by doing wood work for the old cars. He is currently working on a 1975 Westfalia camper van and 1979 Panel van.

Chris' first car was a 1949 Hudson which is not running right now. He also has a 1937 Hudson 8 Sedan with the corresponding paper work.

Chris currently owns 13 cars, mostly Hudson's and Volkswagen but has owned many others which he has bought and sold over the years.

Bob Hollingshead

Bob heard about the club through Rita Green but came to the first meeting on his own. Bob currently owns a 1947 Dodge Special Deluxe which he has owned for 45 years. He brought it out from Edmonton when he moved here 35 years ago.

The first car he owned was a 1941 Plymouth which he bought before he had a driver's licence. Bob said he has always been a Mopar person because his dad was into hot rods.

10 YEARS

Jamie & Sherrill Cox

Before moving from Calgary, Jamie checked out car clubs in Victoria, and he then contacted Paul Taylor who gave him the information.

Jamie's first car was a 1950 Hillman which he bought when he was 14. He had a 1952 Studebaker which he paid \$90, a 1956 Ford, 1961 Buick, 1965 Valiant, 1953 Pontiac which he drove to Montreal for Expo.

Now Jamie is an Oldsmobile man. He has two Oldsmobiles; 1961 Oldsmobile Starfire convertibles. Jamie and Sherrill drove to Albuquerque, New Mexico, this summer with their 16- year old granddaughter in their 1963 Starfire. The article is in the October/November Vintage Car magazine.

Chuck Thomas

He is a member we do not see. He and his wife live on Pender Island. He knew about the club so decided to join to get our newsletter and information about events.

He currently owns a 1927 Chevrolet Touring which he restored. There is a 1928 1Ton Chevrolet truck that his son now has in Enderby.

Chuck's first car was a 1923 Buick touring that was made into a pickup and then a 1928 Chevrolet Pickup.

Chuck said all his five brothers were car nuts and now his two sons are. One son lives in Florida, and has a 1930 Buick Roadster that he restored.

15 Years

Gordie & Maggie Dougan

Gordie was introduced to the club by Warren Johnstone, who was a member at the same time. Warren was into stock cars.

A 1939 Plymouth was the first car Gordie owned. After he sold the car, it was in an accident. Somehow the car was still in Gordie's name so the insurance company came after Gordie.

Gordie has a 1937 Lincoln Zephyr 4-door sedan V12, he has owned for 17 years.

He also has a 1940 and 1947 Lincoln Zephyr, 1947 Monarch and 1971 Volkswagen Beetle.

Gordie belongs to the Lincoln Zephyr club in California and has been down there several times for events. Lincoln Zephyrs were started in 1936 until 1948 when they became just Lincoln. Zephyr was the name of a steam train.

Rob & Josie Hill

They were introduced to the club by Ken Showers. Rob and Josie live in a 105-year old farm house in East Sooke. It was built by Rev. Reginald Walker in 1912, who came from England. It was visited by the Duke of Windsor in 1927. Currently, Rob's wife, Josie runs a farmers' market and bakery.

Rob's first car was a 1947 Studebaker. In 1962 he got this car from his sister. Rob's current cars are a 1962 Studebaker Lark, two 1963 Studebaker GT Hawks. He did have a 1933 Packard but it has just been sold.

James & Barb Kitchener

James has been involved in the club since a little boy because of his father, Denise Kitchener. He would come to the meetings with his dad.

James' first car was a Datsun 510, but he learned to drive on a Model T when he was 15 years old. He is a mechanic by trade but most of his talent is self-taught.

He currently owns a 1914 Model T touring and a 1923 Model T touring. He is currently building a replica AC Cobra. As a baby, James' parents drove him around in a Model T to get him to sleep. No wonder he likes T's.

20 YEARS

Ian Baird

Ian was introduced to the club by Bob Lawrence who worked at UVic with Ian. Ian's current car is a 1948 Dodge 4-door sedan which was his grandfather's. The car was purchased in October 1948 by his grandfather and was driven out to Victoria from Saskatchewan by his uncle and cousins. Ian is also interested in model trains.

Bill Bouchard

Bill and Lois were introduced to the club by Bonner Neeve and Len McIlwrick. Lois had the car, a 1955 Packard Constellation. The Packard was in their carport when Bonner saw the car and knocked on their door and said he heard the car was for sale. After finding out the car was not for sale, he invited Bill and Lois to the Corn Roast. Bill was so impressed with the \$3.00 price for two corn, two hot dogs, ice creams and drinks, that he thought they should join this great club! Bill met Paul Taylor and they joined. Jack Woolard was president at the time.

Over the years, Bill has held several executive positions, including president twice, and has also won the 'Most Valuable Member' award twice.

25 YEARS – No members

30 YEARS

David & Ingelise Pollock

David's participation has been somewhat distance because he and his wife live in Shawnigan Lake, but he has always attended the annual corn roast. His first involvement was as a guest of George Green and Paul Mitchell at SVI Rangers. At that time, he had a 1937 Plymouth sedan.

David's first car was a 1935 Plymouth and he has always favoured Chrysler products. He has been a long time member of the Walter P. Chrysler Club.

David considers the national VCC to be an important voice for the hobby and therefore insures his continued support.

40 YEARS - No members

45 YEARS

Don & Dolores Stevens

Don was introduced to the club by Bruce MacDonald who had a model T. Don at that time did not own an old car.

Don was at a meeting at the Cedar Hill Community Centre. In the parking lot was a black Model A pick-up which belonged to Tom Fisher. He also met Al Kent.

Don's first car he restored was a Model A sedan which he later drove across Canada. He has restored three Model A's. Don rebuilt a 1917 Buick McLaughlin which took 12 years. A man in Newfoundland found out about the car and, after many letters and phone calls, decided he wanted to buy the car. The car made its way to Mount Pearl, Newfoundland in the back of a reffer truck which had brought fish out here. It did make it back in one piece and is now in a museum. Don has always enjoyed old cars and has owned 43 cars in total. Right now he has a 1967 Mustang coup.

Robert Lawrence Memorial Award

Every year members vote by secret ballot at our October general meeting for the person or persons who best represents the principles of commitment and contribution to the Victoria Chapter. Brent Morrison received the ballots, counted (there were nine people who received votes) and kept the secret. He re-sented Karen and David Hilder with the award. Congratulations Karen and David. Thank you Brent.



Automotive Heritage Month

John Carlson, President and CEO of NAACC, has sent notice that July 13, 2018 in both Canada and the USA, is Collector Car Appreciation Day. It was also noted the Automotive Heritage Month is July.

Happenings

New Years Day run: Meet at Forestry Centre 1 pm for a 130 pm departure and complimentary donuts and beverages at the end of the run. Join in the fun time.

Tuesday January 2, General Meeting at St. Luke's Hall

Tuesday February 6, General Meeting and Entertainment of Age on Wheels (see page 4) A must see.



Jane proudly presented Dolores & Don Stevens with their 45 year pin. At the head table of the last general meeting there it was standing proudly, Rusty MacNutt, as decked out and there was a sampling of the tams created by the Vinettes for the 1979 Tartan Tour, a May Tour.



Eight of the twelve Vinettes were at the banquet to view the DVD that was produced for them, and they also received a commemorative diploma and flower. From the left back is Dolores Stevens, front Lorna Steer, Ruby Shea, Diane Kemp, Joan Huddleston. Rita Green, Joy Cassidy, Barb Kent.