



VCCC - Preserving Vintage Cars Since 1958

Victoria Vintage View

Newsletter of the VCCC – Victoria Chapter.

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Popping The Hood On 1934 Packard. Ken Showers And Friends.

WELCOME

Welcome to the continuation of the Vintage View, the periodic newsletter of the Victoria Chapter of the Vintage Car Club of Canada. We wish to pay tribute to Bill Bouchard (RIP) for his service in many roles in the club, including editing this newsletter. Bill issued the last Vintage View in Winter 2020 and he passed away on January 7, 2021. Thank you Bill! RIP.

Norm Tatlow will take over as editor of the newsletter with help from Murray Firth, Rudy Ewert and others that are willing to contribute to develop a strong and excellent newsletter for our chapter. We are working hard at learning the software and technical skills to present good reporting and entertaining packaging of text and pictures. All help and contributions from Victoria members will be appreciated and essential. We have chosen a very basic newsletter “retro” format to start with and we hope to become more sophisticated over time with graphics, color and fun stuff.



VCCC – Victoria. Chapter Meeting At The New Location. 279 Island Highway.

OBITUARIES:

We are deeply saddened to report the recent passing on 2 long term and well loved members of the Victoria Chapter:

Most recently, **Jane Thomas** passed on November 7, 2023. Jane was a long term, energetic and extremely pleasant member who contributed in many, many club roles over many years. Thank you Jane, we will miss you! Our sincere condolences go out to Gordie and Jane's family.

Albion (Al) Kent passed on October 5, 2023. Al was a VCCC Victoria member for over 54 years! Al made many contributions in several club roles over the years. He was a lifelong vintage car and train enthusiast. Most recently with his 1930 Ford Model A and a 1963 Chevrolet Nova. Al was predeceased by his wife Barbara and they were honored in a joint Celebration of Life on November 11, 2023.

VCCC - Victoria Chapter

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Chapter General Meeting - 1st Tue. of the month: 7:30 PM View Royal Community Hall. 279 Island Hwy

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

General Meeting - November 7, 2023

Sunday Run - November 19, 2023

Christmas Party and Awards Banquet - December 3, 2023 Horticulture Centre of the Pacific. 1 - 4 PM.

Annual New Years Day Run - Jan. 1, 2024

General Meeting - Jan 2, 2023 (TBA)

Sunday Run - Jan. 14, 2024

General Meeting – Tue. Feb. 6, 2024. 7:30 PM

Sunday Run – Sunday, Feb. 18, 2024

General Meeting – Tue. March 5, 2024

Sunday Run – Sunday March 17, 2024

Annual Swap Meet – June ____, 2024

Section Ideas To De Developed By Members:



FOR SALE/ Classifieds - Coming Soon



These are just some random thought generators for you! And no, Rudy is not for sale as far as we know.

Volunteers Required For These Subjects and More – Please

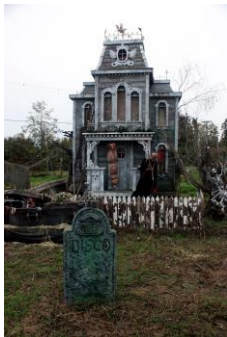
- Rudy's Corner - Technical and other items. (Volunteer found!)
- Sunshine Report
- Obituaries
- Classified Ads
- Mystery Vehicle Photos
- Old Photo Corner
- Automotive Trivia
- Cooking Corner ?
- Special and Unique Topics

More!

HALLOWEEN FUN AT GALEY FARMS !



Sunday Run Oct. 15 to Galey Farms & Spo-ooky Stuff



ANNUAL CORN ROAST



OUR ANNUAL CORN ROAST IN SEPTEMBER IS AN APPRECIATION EVENT FOR THE VICTORIA CHAPTER AS A THANK YOU FOR THE SWAP MEET HELD IN JUNE AND ALL VOLUNTEERS WHO WORK SO HARD TO MAKE IT HAPPEN. IT IS OUR MAJOR FUND RAISING EVENT AND IT MAKES A HUGE CONTRIBUTION TO THE RUNNING OF OUR CHAPTER. THANK YOU!

Our annual Corn Roast was held on Sept. 10 at Mark and Sue Fisher's acreage and incredible and spacious shop(s) in Metchosin. 30 attendees viewed the great shop complete with several Model As, 1956 Chevs - Convertible, 2 Dr HT, and more. Also many vintage toy cars, dirt bikes, memorabilia galore! and more. We munched on hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, corn, ice cream, etc. This was a departure from our traditional venue at Heritage Acres. Thank you to all who set up, cooked, arranged, cleaned up and attended with their cool rides!





1913 CADILLAC JUST COMPLETED!

JAMES AND BARB KITCHENER. DEBUT AT OUR SUNDAY RUN NOV. 19.

JAMES HAS DONE AN AMAZING JOB OF RESTORING HIS 1913 CADILLAC CONVERTIBLE. JAMES SAYS IT TOOK APPROXIMATELY 3 YEARS AND HE DID ALL OR MOST OF THE EXTENSIVE RESTORATION WORK HIMSELF.

WHAT A BEAUTY!!



Ted Trotter's 1931 Model A



Q. How many people have owned the same car for 65 years? A. Ted Trotter has.

Ted bought his 1931 Model A coupe in Ontario in 1958 when he was just 15 years old. He saw this car while riding home on the school bus. It was sitting in a field and being used by a local farmer to pull a hay rake. In fact, it even had a hitch mounted where the rumble seat was suppose to be.

Ted used all his savings from cutting lawns and paid \$35 for the Model A. It was in pretty rough shape. The refurbishment took Ted 16 years to finish. He completed the painstaking work as time, money and spare parts became available and transformed the car from a standard model to the deluxe configuration. When it was all done, this magnificent car was completely rebuilt, sported a new soft top, sparkling green original paint job and even a beautifully padded rumble seat where the hitch once stood. When Ted brought the car out to Victoria from Ontario in 1973 when he moved out west. He towed it on a trailer behind his truck across Canada. That same year, Ted also joined the Victoria Vintage Car Club. In 1974, Ted married his wonderful wife Janet. While they were inside the church exchanging their vows, the Model A was parked outside. After the ceremony, Ted and Janet toured Victoria in style. When Ted's youngest sister Terry was married in 1978, Ted kindly drove the young bride and groom around Victoria on a reception tour. Crowds at every intersection waved at the classic car adorned with wedding decorations, a well dressed chauffeur, and the newly weds hugging in the rumble seat. Some 28 years later, Terry's daughter Ashley accepted the offer to drive around town in the same decorated, rumble seat equipped coupe, same chauffeur and predictably received very similar cheers of well wishes from sidewalk strangers. In 2022, Ted and Janet's son Tyrone got married to Em and yes, they too were treated to a Model A ride as well. It's a bit of a family thing now.

Ted continues to tinker with his Model A, and just recently replaced the engine. Of course the new motor is an original Model A unit, but with some improvements. This new engine boosts the power available from 25 to a whopping 30 horsepower.

Ted has been a member of the Model A Ford Club of America for 47 years, and a member of the Victoria Vintage Car Club for 50 years. He has served on the restoration committee, as Co-chair of swap meet, and attended hundreds of shows and local parades.

Congratulations Ted Trotter. (story and pictures sent by Grant Smith, Ted's brother in law).

THAT'S A WRAP !

Thanks for having a look at this very rough inaugural re boot of the Victoria Chapter Newsletter.

I am a bit tapped out for expertise, ideas and material for now. I think it is best to get this version out to you members and get your feedback and ideas to go forward. My plan will be to issue this newsletter approx. 4 times/ yr. To be determined based on interest and material submitted.

- My apologies for any errors and omissions in this inaugural edition and re boot!
 - It will get better and more polished with time, more color and design.
 - Please help me by suggesting ideas, writing articles, sending pictures, etc.
 - Let me know what you would like reported here
 - And help me report it!
 - If you have any skills in setting up a publication like this and making it more fun, please help!
 - I realize this is quite incomplete, but it is a start.
 - more to come.

THANK YOU,

Norm Tatlow