

# Crankshaft Journal

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**Central Fraser Valley Chapter Newsletter**

*Vintage Car Club of Canada*

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**October 2019**

*Our next meeting: November 6*

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## Congratulations to our CFVC Members Joe and Neva Ledlin, and Dave Wilson inducted into the Greater Vancouver Motorsport Pioneers Society 2019



*Dave Wilson (in front) and Joe and Neva Ledlin (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> from the left) holding their GVMPS Inductee Awards*

The Greater Vancouver Motorsport Pioneers Society (GVMPS) is a group of motorsport enthusiasts from various motorsport activities. Our goal is to recognize and record the contributions of those who were pioneers of motorsport in this region.

Pioneers are generally considered to have contributed, or have begun their contribution, at least forty years prior to

induction and have had a strong connection to Vancouver, British Columbia and its surrounding communities. Inductees fall into one of many motorsport disciplines: Hot Rod, Custom Car and Drag Racing, Sports Car and Road Racing, Oval Racing, Motorcycling, Power Boat Racing, Supporter, and Others.

For more information, go to: <https://www.gvmgs.org>



## DAVE WILSON

Pioneer-Motorcycles

Inducted 2019

By Brian Pratt (via Dave Wilson)

Nominated by Jim Greenwood

Check out some great photos of Dave and Lois and his bikes at: <https://www.gvmps.org/inductee/dave-wilson/>

By age fourteen, North Vancouver's Dave Wilson had his first motorized bicycle, a Pixie (with a two-cycle engine attached). He quickly graduated, in 1955, to a four-stroke single Panther and a 500 cc Norton and then a new 650 cc BSA Road Rocket bought at Fred Deeley's. Dave Wilson has raced, organized, supported and encouraged motorcycling in the Greater Vancouver area for over 60 years. He became a member of the Greater Vancouver Motorcycle Club (GVMC) in 1955, and was recognized in 2015, for his lifetime service with the club. He is also a life member of the Mount Baker Motorcycle Club (MBMC), which is based out of Hannegan Speedway in Bellingham. He has also been a member of the Earth Angels motorcycle Club, the B.C. Old Timers motocross club, the American Motorcycle Association (life member), Harley Owners Group (life member), Canadian Motorcycle Association, as well as many others.

He has raced in various types of motorcycle events: scrambles (he organized the events held at the Second Narrows Bridge in the late 1950s), mud races, marathons, grass track races, hill climbs, road races (at Abbotsford Airport), enduros, off-road enduros and cross-country races, beach races (at White Rock), drag races (with both his 650 BSA and a 1953 custom Olds 98), field meets, motocross, ice racing, trials, indoor flat track and short and long outdoor flat track races. Those events that he participated in were local, (some of which he helped organize) and he officiated at, and in other provinces and U.S. states (including events at the Astrodome in Houston, Texas, and at Sturgis, North Dakota). With the Canadian Motorcycle Association, as vice-President, Dave organized a series of races going up and down the west coast as far as Oregon. "I am proud to say I have been involved in almost all motorcycle activities – and lived to tell about it!" says Dave. His achievements aren't limited to two wheels. Dave earned a journeyman ticket in carpentry, a millwright ticket, and graduated with a Bachelor of Education at UBC, and followed that up with a Masters degree.

Over the years he has been president of the GVMC and held various club and race officiating positions. He and his wife Lois organize the annual Snow to Sea motorcycle run for the MBMC. A move to the Abbotsford area about forty years ago saw Dave and Lois create a 40-acre motorcycle playground for family and friends.

A couple years ago, due to health reasons, Dave and his wife of nearly fifty years, Lois, were compelled to stop riding. But, "we still have all the racing bikes, play bikes and our Harleys, and are active with our clubs." The generations continue to enjoy the sport with the assistance and pleasure of Dave Wilson.



**JOE AND NEVA LEDLIN**  
 Pioneer-Hot Rods and Custom Cars  
 Inducted 2019

By Alyn Edwards (more information from Neva Ledlin)  
 Nominated by Alyn Edwards

Check out some great photos of Joe and Neva, and their cars at: <https://www.gvmps.org/inductee/joe-and-neva-ledlin/>

Joe and Neva Ledlin have been passionately involved in the car hobby for 40 of their 50 years of marriage. Joe's family had a riding stable in south Burnaby across from Wasney Auto Wreckers where Joe discovered his interest in old cars.

He also discovered an interest in Neva and their first dates were attending the demolition derbies at Callister Park and the stock car races at Langley Speedway. Before he got a driver's license, Joe hung out at a shop near the riding stable that had a fully customized 1951 Mercury, from which they extracted the running gear to install in a 1946 Ford coupe. He was hooked on flathead Ford engines from then on.

Once married, the Ledlins worked together to restore a 1950 Ford Woody and then a series of cars including a 1946 Ford coach. That car was torched by a neighbourhood kid, which led to its eventual complete restoration. These events led to Joe and Neva joining the Early Ford V8 Club, Vancouver chapter 120. Joe and Neva have volunteered at all 36 of the All-Ford Picnic events put on in Hougden Park, Abbotsford. They have also volunteered at the Old Car Sunday in the Park event in Mission for the past 25 years while being there to provide assistance to all.

They have developed strong friendships with Early Ford V8 Club members in California and Australia. Joe retired from the City of Port Coquitlam and Neva from her teaching position in the Coquitlam School District. Neva is the award-winning editor of the Lion's Gate V8 newsletter for the Ford V8 club. As well, Neva is secretary and newsletter editor for the Specialty Vehicle Association of BC.

Joe, initially not a joiner of clubs, now belongs to seven clubs: Early Ford V8 RG #120 (36 years, serving as president, vice-president, photographer and other roles); EFV8 National; Golden Ears Chapter of the Vintage Car Club of Canada (26 years, serving as vice-president); Mission Klassics (over 30 years); Central Fraser Valley Vintage Car Club, American Auto Restorers Club of Bellingham; and the B.C. Hot Rod Association. Their credo is working together to preserve the car hobby: "Join a group and you'll get the help you need." Their prize cars include the 1946 Ford Super Deluxe, a 1951 Mercury sport sedan and a fully customized 1950 Chevrolet fastback.

## CAM HUTCHINS

2018 Sandy Lovelace Award

“For his outstanding contribution to the preservation of the history of motorsports in the province of British Columbia”  
Check out some great photos of Cam at: <https://www.gvmps.org/sandy-lovelace-award/2018-winner-cam-hutchins/>

There are few people who have done more to further Canada’s west coast special interest car hobby than Cam Hutchins, with his camera always at the ready to capture the action at race tracks, car shows and private garages. His collage show cards are everywhere as car show displays, and his weekly column in the Vancouver Sun provides guidance for enthusiasts to find out what’s coming up on the car show scene.

Cam never had a chance to be anything other than a ‘carnut’. His physician father was a carnut and often took young Hutchins to the unveiling of the new British cars at Vancouver’s Bayshore Inn. It was there he got to sit in a John Player Special race car and meet the famous race car driver. Although too young to remember, that set the hook. What he does remember is going for rides all over the Lower Mainland in his Father’s beloved 1966 Austin Healey. Dr. John Donald Hutchins was on call and carried a pager. Young Hutchins thought his Dad must have diplomatic immunity to speeding when rushing to Royal Columbian Hospital. Family vacations included visits to the Harrah’s Collection outside of Reno and the Briggs Cunningham Collection in Orange County as well as the “Cars of the Stars” museum near Disneyland. Numerous trips to car dealerships and looking in bookstores left their mark on Hutchins. After buying a 35mm camera in 1979, he made many trips to Westwood Mountain High Raceway in Coquitlam to photograph race cars.

His mother arranged a family vacation to the 10th running of the Monterey Historic Automobile Race at Laguna Seca in Monterey California. Cam used his home darkroom to develop all his black and white and colour prints. Shooting vintage racing at Westwood and Seattle International Raceway was pure joy. Interestingly, on the Sunday of the last Historic races at Westwood before it closed, he was driving the Austin Healey to the race Cam Hutchins and it turned 40,000 miles half way up the hill. Starting the website [www.carnut.ca](http://www.carnut.ca) in 2001 to share his images of racing and create an online list of car events was his way to entice families to bring kids to car shows and races. A story he wrote about riding in Dad’s Healey was published in The Vancouver Sun Driving section under a “Reader’s Ride” type contest which led to a weekly column informing all the readers about car events in BC.

Hutchins became a regular at many car shows every weekend and in 2012 purchased a new work truck - a 1966 Chevy C10 long box pickup. Now sometimes entering car shows as well as shooting them, he talks to many owners and learns about their stories. In 2003, Hutchins met Terry Denomme of Canadian Hot Rod magazine and got to go to the next level of photographing and writing about feature cars. He also provides coverage for Performance Plus and RPM along with some American car magazines.

**DON'T FORGET:  
ELECTIONS FOR 2020 EXECUTIVE POSITIONS AT OUR NOVEMBER MEETING**

## CFVC General Meeting Minutes October 2, 2019

**President Frank Nicolette** began the meeting with an introduction to our guest speaker:

**Alyn Edwards** has been a car enthusiast for as long as he can remember. His passion led to restoring dozens of classics, focusing on American Convertibles. He is an auto journalist currently writing for the Driving section of the Vancouver Sun. Alyn entertained us with a slide show of some of the vehicles he has owned and restored and narrated with his amazing gift of story telling.

Frank called the meeting to order at 8:16 pm. Welcomed all members and called for any guest and “New” old vehicles acquired this month – **Fraser Field** has a 37 Packard to add to his collections, **Rod and Lea Ann Fadden** – a 67 VW Bug, and **Rick Unger** is still in the process of restoring his 49 ford pick up.

**Reading and adoptions of the minutes: Regan Lewis** moved for adoption of the minutes of September 4, 2019 as published in the Crankshaft Journal, seconded, **Joe Wright**... *CARRIED*

**Treasurer’s Report: Hazel Coupland** gave a report with current bank balance. Frank submitted a bill received from **Rhonda Payne** for completed Biographies. Rhonda is currently working on bio’s for **Ron Piegl** and would welcome input from any/all members to round out this history. **Roy Shull** volunteered that he did not remember Ron as a president but that he was instrumental in securing the Collector Plate, and very active with May Tour in 1991 *Motion to adopt as reported by Al Ganske, seconded, Jeanette Wright ... CARRIED*

### Correspondence:

- Email from members **Steve Williams** – he is working with **360 Fabrications** promoting their business and has an event coming up on October 9<sup>th</sup> at their locations – he is looking for hot rods – closed fender, early 30’, deuce coupes for a min show for an overseas group -offered to arrange transport if required. Contact Steve direct at 604-240-9610
- Steve is also offering to host a garage tour at 360 for the club. By show of hands there is definite interest in this, Frank to follow up with a possible date probably a weekday evening.
- Information and agenda about the **Golden Ears Chapter May tour** – May 29-31, 2020. Frank encouraged members to attend as this is an event that is looked forward to every year. Information and registration forms available on the website.

**Membership Report: Pat & Ron Morris.** There are 96 paid up members and 3 prepaid for next year. He advised that it is never too early to register for next year. See him or Pat anytime to renew.

Name Tag Draw was won by **Keith Jackman** – \$20.00. Not present – will be \$25.00 for November

**Re & Re Draw: Cindy and Al Ganske.** \$ 71.00 was won by **Dave Gmur**

### 2019 Country Car Show Report:

**Regan Lewis** reported that the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting was well attended. Most of the committee from last year has agreed to stay on for 2020. He appreciates the support and acknowledged that it made his decision to chair the show easier with the enthusiastic response and commitment from the committee and member volunteers.

He is looking for someone to head the Prize Committee – anyone interested please give him a call

Date: Sunday, April 26, 2020. Aldergrove Secondary School.

Next meeting Friday, October 25 at the Aldergrove A&W. Invites anyone interested to attend

### Newsletter/Website/Communications Report:

**Richard Heyman** confirmed all going well – he appreciates any pictures sent his way and encourages us all to visit the website for the publication of the Minutes, Crankshaft and all information available there:

[www.fraservalley.vccc.com](http://www.fraservalley.vccc.com)

Frank noted that Richard has added several pictures of Flathead Fords, Richard advised that he also added a classified page where he will post the ads received from members.

**Governor's Report: Bob Ferenczi:**

**Bob absent:** Frank reported on his behalf that Bob attended the Annual General Meeting, Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> and that a committee has been formed to address the ongoing discussion of modifieds and will report back with recommendations for a membership vote.

**Fraser Field** has volunteered to fill the position of Regalia, as Morgan Borrowman is resigning.

**There are other positions open** at the National Level and Frank encouraged members to seriously consider getting involved. You can contact the current incumbent or the president, Jim Carpenter to answer any questions you may have. There is lots of training and help available – just ask.

Positions open:

- Chief Judge: John Carlson – resigning
- Treasurer: Morgan Borrowman – resigning
- Data Master: Peter Findlay – resigning

Bob has fulfilled his 2-year commitment as Governor and will not be seeking a seconded term.

**Old Business:**

None at this time

**New Business:****Elections – November Meeting:**

○ Office	Incumbent	Term	Open for nominees
○ <b>President</b>	Frank Nicolette	1 year	Yes
○ <b>Vice President</b>	Gord Taylor	1 year	Yes
○ <b>Secretary:</b>	Kathy Nicolette	1 year	Yes
○ <b>Treasurer:</b>	Hazel Coupland	1 year	Yes
○ <b>Governor:</b>	Bob Ferenczi	2 year	Yes

**Directors – (2-year terms)** With 1 year remaining on their term **Mike McVay, Regan Lewis, Tracy Lewis, Glenn Irwin, Ken Hall**

**Directors – (2-year terms)** Have fulfilled there second year **Leroy Clingwall, Sue Shull, Ron Morris (Registration), Terry Johnson, Al Ganske (50/50)**

**Volunteer Positions: Sunshine: Jean Clingwall, Web Master: Richard Heyman, Birthdays: Jeanette Wright.**

**Christmas Party: Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> – Bradner Hall**

Children's Breakfast with Santa – Children \$7.50 – Adults \$ 12.50 – Jeanette Wright

Adult's dinner and dance – Member \$ 15.00 – Non-member \$ 25.00 – Cindy Ouimet

**Events/Activities:**

- **Ron Morris** – Reported that the (Early Ford V8) Hougen Park Show and Shine was again a huge success. They had over 300 cars and had to turn people away. The corn was a hit again
- **Al Ganske** – Reported that the Langley Good Time Cruise In (Vancouver Chapter) was also a huge success. Perfect weather, event was full and also had to turn cars away. Unofficial count of 1300. All around good show but is having growing pains.
- **Frank** – reported that we had received and circulated an invitation to the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual ARA (Automotive Retailers Association) Show and Shine held Sept 20<sup>th</sup> at Spirit Ridge Resort in Osoyoos. None of our members attended that we know of, but perhaps we could keep our eye on it for next year and work it in with a circle tour.

**Future Events/Activities:**

- Dec 14**                      **CFVC – Christmas Party –**  
 ○ Children’s Party – Contact Jeanette Wright  
 ○ Adult Party - Contact
- Dec 26**                      **Boxing Day Run – Contact Leroy Clingwall**
- April 26, 2020**              **Country Car Show – Regan Lewis**
- May 29 – 31, 2020**        **May Tour – Canadian Graffiti Tour - Golden Ears Chapter – vccc.com**
- Ladies Breakfast:** Ricky’s Restaurant–32080 Marshall Road, Abbotsford at 9:30 am Oct 16  
**Men’s coffee:** Leroy’s – 2048 Orchard Dr. Abbotsford at 9:30 on Oct 16

**Birthdays: Jeanette Wright**

Wished Happy Birthday to all the October “babies”. I think I counted 12 this month. Congratulations to all of you.

**Sunshine: Jean Clingwall** – Nothing to report this month

**Cam’s Cackle: Cam Hutchins:** 20 questions on Terry Johnson

**Good for the Organization:**

- **Greater Vancouver Motorsport Pioneers Society** held their 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Induction Ceremony on September 21<sup>st</sup>. This year’s winners included
  - **Joe & Neva Ledlin – Hot Rods and Custom Cars**
  - **Dave Wilson – Motorcycles**
  - **Vancouver Chapter VCCC – Club Recognition**
  - **Alyn Edwards – Sandy Lovelace Memorial Award**
- Congratulations to all of you

**Gary Spicer** spoke about the accolades of this event; it is well worth attending if you have an opportunity to do so next year. All are welcome and if you have a chance visit their website [www.gvmps.org](http://www.gvmps.org)

**Next Meeting:** November 6, 2019

**Adjourn:** *Motion to adjourn at 9:03 pm made by Regan Lewis, seconded Al Ganske .....CARRIED*

## Upcoming Events

Wednesday, October 16 9:30ish	<b>Lady's Breakfast:</b> Ricky’s Restaurant-32080 Marshall Road, Abbotsford <b>Men’s Coffee:</b> Leroy and Jean’s-2048 Orchard Dr. Abbotsford
Saturday, December 14	<b>CFVC Christmas Parties</b> Children’s Party-contact Jeanette Wright Adult Party-contact Cindy Ouimet
Thursday, December 26	<b>Boxing Day Run</b> -contact Leroy Clingwall
Sunday, April 26, 2020	<b>Country Car Show</b> -contact Regan Lewis
May 29-31, 2020	<b>May Tour</b> -contact Golden Ears Chapter

## Classified Ads

\*denotes new ad\*

### Rules for Classified Ads

1. Ads will run for 3 issues and then must be resubmitted.
2. A Non-Member Ad for the Crankshaft Journal requires the ad/item to qualify as a collector item and the listing identifies a member or non-member in the ad with contact numbers.

### FOR SALE

#### \*8 stanchions\*

-from Vancouver Airport  
-\$8.00 each  
Fraser Field  
604-826-6826

#### \*6 volt Alternator\*

-Near new  
-from Antique Auto Parts, Kansas  
\$100.00  
Fraser Field  
604-826-6826

#### \*1969 Ford F100 Deluxe Pick Up\*



-300 six  
-3speed Automatic rebld. 2018  
-147,000 miles  
-frame off restoration 20yr ago  
-many photos  
-originally BC Govt. Dept. of Forests  
-asking \$14,800.00  
Richard Heyman for Bill Henderson  
at 604.826.5792

### WANTED

#### \*Blue Plastic Barrels\*

-for car show  
-with lids  
-for recycling  
Fraser Field  
604-826-6826

#### \*White or Black Plastic Barrels\*

-for car show  
-for garbage  
Fraser Field  
604-826-6826

#### \*Ford Flathead Engine\*

59A, 69A, or 79A  
Cliff Haller 604 940 0997, 604 813 8077 or  
email [cliffhaller3531@gmail.com](mailto:cliffhaller3531@gmail.com)

#### Old Style hot rod

-flathead powered  
-not too fancy (I can't afford it!)  
-prefer flathead running gear

Richard Heyman  
604.826.6946  
[richard.heyman@ufv.ca](mailto:richard.heyman@ufv.ca)

### PARTS FOR SALE

#### \*1957 Ford Ret. Rack\*

Gordon Stebanuk  
604.230.7833

#### \*1963 Pontiac Tempest Convertible\*

Gordon Stebanuk  
604.230.7833

#### \*1938 Olds 6 Front End Sheet Metal\*

Les Shaw  
604.341.3433



*Just one of the odd vehicles that Frank and Kathy came across on their Northern Tour. Even had tiller steering. This one was seen in Stuart.*