

September 2011

Crankshaft Journal

The News Letter of the Central Fraser Valley Chapter
of the Vintage Car Club of Canada



Delta Fire Dept as seen at the Royal City Show & Shine

July 2011

Minutes of the Sept. 7, 2011 meeting of the
Central Fraser Valley Chapter of the VCCC

Meeting called to order at 7:35 P.M. by President Gordon Taylor with approximately 68 members present.

There were several guests in attendance, some were introduced (Mr. Norman Eyben, brother of Neil and Ron) and all were welcomed.

New vehicles: Millie Warren announced that her and Mike have purchased a Mercedes which they spotted at this years Fathers Day in the Park event. Doug Taylor has acquired a 55 Chev convertible.

Millie Warren gave the Treasurer's report.

Correspondence: included Hagerty Insurance brochures and A&W coupons as well as a letter of thanks from the management of Mission Springs Brewing Co. commending member Ken Pasaluko for his efforts in facilitating the parking for their successful Tara's Benefit Car Show. Well done Ken!!!

Membership: Rick Unger reported that we have 2 new members (Mel and Helen Loewen) which bring our total membership to 83. Millie Warren's ticket was drawn for the Name tag draw but she had forgotten her name tag so the prize next month will be \$20.

25 year bars were presented to Margaret and Bill Mattson!!

Governor's Report: Ray Lamb indicated that a number of new initiatives including advertising will be on the agenda for the next Governor's meeting later this fall.

Reno Hot August Nights Tour: Ray Lamb gave a brief summary of this very successful event; Ron Morris has a CD with pictures of the trip which will be shown at the Oct meeting. It was announced that Willie Wright proposed to Diane Hanson while they were in Reno. Congratulations!!!!!!

50/50 draw was won by Glenn Irwin; amount was \$82.50.

Gordon Taylor announced that the next Directors/Executive meeting will be on Sept 28th, 7:30 at his residence. He also reminded members that 2012 will be the Chapter's 30 anniversary, so to give some thought to special event(s) or initiatives which could be held in celebration.

Ron Eyben reported that despite the damp weather, over 850 vehicles attended the Fathers Day in the Park event, earning the club \$1300.00. He thanked all those member who could help.

Happy Birthday! was sung to active member Dave Gmur (although a year number was not divulged).

Frank Nicolette entertained with several humorous stories/jokes and also provided information on the Sept 18th Sunday Drive, garage tours and Hot Dog roast. Please contact Frank and Kathy to confirm attendance.

Jack Woolard was commended for all his efforts both as Chapter correspondent as well as National Feature Car writer for the Vintage Car magazine. Jack indicated he is always looking for stories for future issues, including the upcoming Sept. 20th deadline.

Rick Unger clarified the KMS Tools Club discount numbers (Chapter vs. National) and requested that members continue to give their telephone numbers when making a KMS Tools purchase, which will credit our Chapter with Group reward points which we can redeem for prizes for club events. He also reported some discrepancies in member's names missing from the KMS list which he will work to correct.

Linda Lamb reminded that the Ladies Breakfast will be held Wed morning Sept 21st at the ABC Restaurant (Marshall Rd.) ; Men's coffee at Leroy Clingwall's same date.

It was reported that there had been a reunion of the 2010 Cross Canada Tour participants this past summer in Nakusp and that the group is working to keep in contact and continue friendships.

Chapter webmaster Richard Heyman reported that the club website has now been redesigned and updated. I have since checked it out and it looks great! Many thanks for your efforts Richard on this long overdue task!

Members were reminded of a number of upcoming events, such as the Langley Cruise-In, Van Dusen Gardens Show, Downtown Abbotsford Car Show and Mt. Lehman Country Fair (Sept 17th).

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by, Rick Unger on behalf of Leroy Clingwall.

Good and Welfare

Tools or Expertise you would be willing to share with other club members.

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Name	Phone	Tools or Expertise
Leroy Clingwall	604-859-4537	Adjustable Reemers 3/8 to 1inch, engine stand, engine hoist, various pullers
BobFerenci	604-615-1908	Rear Calliper Retractor Kit
Ron Eyben	604-850-3726	Commercial Sewing Machine Glass Expertise
Rick Unger	604-854-3584	Coil Spring Compressor
Earl Smith	604-864-9849	Hollander Interchange Book 1954 to 1966
		Slide hammer

Ladies Breakfast

Ladies breakfast meeting will be held on Sept. 21st at the ABC Restaurant on Marshall road at 9:30 am. Any Questions call Linda Lamb at 604-857-5018. All club ladies welcome.

Men's Coffee

Coffee will be held at Leroy & Jean's house on Sept. 21st with a 9:30 am start....2048 Orchard Drive, Abbotsford

Lost Equipment Letter

Over the years the club has purchased a variety of items like signs, canopies, coffee making equipment and many other things. We, the present executive do not know what we own or where it is located. This would save us from making duplicate purchases and also, if anyone wanted to borrow something we would know who to talk to. I will attempt to create an equipment list and publish it monthly in the Crankshaft Journal so everyone knows what we own and how to access it. This will take a while to establish and I cannot do it without every one's help. I will start the list and hopefully you can let me know if you have anything that belongs to the club.

You can contact me at earlsmith@telus.net or 604-864-9849

Gord Taylor	Fold up canopies, projector
Ken Pasaluko	Coffee making equipment
Frank Nicolette	PA System
Lois Wilson	Scrapbooks
Terry Johnson	Photo albums
Ron Eyben	Approx. 30 pink traffic vests, 14 traffic cones, 2 tent canopies, a 4'x4' coroplast with Vintage Car Club emblem, 12 sets magnetic chapter door signs, Road signs for Old Car Sunday, materials for lining park for Old Car Sunday.
Stu Campbell	Valve cover race track
Rick Unger	Club Banners

Needs and Leads

Name	Phone	Item	For Sale	Wanted
John Jackman	604-996-5646	1950 GMC Hood	X	
Jim Johston	604-851-5290	4 only 678/15 WW Tires..80 % tread	x	
Dave Penner	604-854-6393	1989 GMC PU customized	x	
Willie Wright	604- 881-6074	1949 Ford PU front fenders & hood	x	
Joe Wright	604-534-1138	1949 – 50 Chevy Doors, hood, rims, front bumper	x	
Linda Mills	604-870-9094	1966 Chevy Nova 2 dr	x	
Earl Smith	604-864-9849	8 in Ford Rear End approx 1968 Cougar or Mustang	Free	
Leroy Clingwall	604-859-4537	McLaughlin Cutter	x	
Cindy Ouimet	604-856-8427	old - fishing rods, skis, snowshoes, wooden sled		x
Irv Jansen	604- 823-7270	1:18 Die cast Cars & trucks old /used		x
Tom Wiebe	604-856-0919	1969 – 72 GMC Pickup doors	x	
Lou Lavigue	604-882-3777	94 Crown Vic 053200 original Kms	x	
Karl Horst	853-5447	230 Amp Stick welder	x	
George Coupland	850-6928	Metal frame for car fabric storage garage	x	
Noel Cleveland	604-341-4935	Model "A" Accessories		x
Hub Motors	604-853-2352	1947 Chev Business Coupe Brown & Sand \$10.000	x	



RENO HOT AUGUST NIGHTS TOUR 2011

We all made it and did not go broke in the process! Our August 10 to 16th trip was a great one with the Central Fraser Valley Vintage Car Club. We were joined by 10 VCC members from Salmon Arm, 14 from our Abbotsford Chapter, and 11 others from various clubs (Kamloops, Mission, South Okanagan, Vancouver and Victoria) and guests too.

We boarded the bus at the Pacific Inn on the King George Highway at 8 a.m. on August 10 and we were off to Halsey, Oregon for our first night's stay. Our driver Bruce from International Coach Tours was excellent in every respect, pointing out various highlights as we proceeded and answering all of our questions. We played Bingo and ran Horse Races down the aisle and back. Some were fortunate and won small jackpots and others cashed in on Bingo prizes.

Not long after we crossed the U.S. border, Ray explained that we would no longer be calling the bus a "bus" in our conversations, but we must call it a "coach". The penalty for saying the word "bus" would be to make a \$.25 donation to our money tin, the monies collected would be donated to the Canadian Cancer Society. Well, our money tin kept a-jingling throughout the tour, with many of us making many accidental slips and getting bus-ted for them. We had lots of laughs as people, while turning in someone else, made the same mistake themselves.

Our journey took us through Seattle, Tacoma, Vancouver (Washington), Portland and to Halsey overnight. The next day it was on to Reno. Our coffee and lunch stops along the way were quick and convenient and we arrived in Reno at about 5:00. After Bruce got us our room keys, we quickly were able to get settled in the Circus Circus Hotel, head out to dinner and then to take our chances in the casino or step outside to watch the Parade of Cars along Virginia Street. The lineup of cars in the parade seemed endless, starting at 7:00 pm and lasting until 10:00. each night. Some of us opted to take in one or more of the shows that were on: Sammy Davis, the Do-wap show, and the theatre production, Hair Spray, to name a few.

On Friday morning, we headed to the Swap Meet in the Reno Livestock Events Centre, then took in the Silver Car Auction at the Reno/Sparks Convention Centre. Many cars did not come up to the Reserve Bid so quite a few cars remained unsold. Also at the Swap Meet there were many nice old cars for sale but most of these were of lesser quality than at the car auction. Then it was back to the hotel for some and for others a stop at Harrah's National Automobile Museum in downtown Reno. In the evening, people chose to take in a show or watch the car parade, enjoying the cooler night temperature. After the parade, there were fireworks, a great display from the hotel rooftops to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Hot August Nights.

On Saturday morning, we went to Virginia City. We enjoyed walking around this old western town high in the dry hills out of Reno. Virginia City still looks like it did in 1876. We had time to look around but for many of us not long enough to explore the mining museum and other interests there. Roy, Susan, Ron and Pat took a bumpy stagecoach ride with Roy riding shotgun. At Sparks on our return to Reno, most of the men on the "coach" headed out to see various custom cars and rods while the ladies went shopping at the Craft Fair. Some checked out John Ascuaga's Nugget casino. Soon we were back to the hotel for before-dinner drinks and then off for dinner and more evening entertainment.

Sunday morning was the wrap-up of Hot August Nights with awards and then a final parade of vehicles at 10:00. Reno's weather seemed to get a little warmer each day and today was pretty hot. At 12:00 noon we boarded our "coach" again for a drive to Lake Tahoe. We enjoyed the beautiful lake view, the fabulous homes along the lake, and our stop for lunch, or exploring in Lake Tahoe. Some took in the casinos while others stopped for lunch or walked into California as the border between Nevada and California is a street in Lake Tahoe. After a good day of sightseeing, we returned to our hotel to have a good dinner, pack our bags and prepare for our homeward bound coach tour.

We boarded the bus at 8:00 Monday morning for the trip home. This time, after we left Susanville we headed west, taking a different route so we could enjoy views of Mount Shasta. On the bus, we had a quiz about automobile trivia. It turns out that some of us **should** be taking the bus, judging by what we don't know about cars. After a short coffee break and lunch stops, we had about an hour's stop in an Oregon Mall (no tax) for those last minute shoppers – there were still some with money leftover from Reno! We were back in Halsey in the evening at our same motel. After dinner we all got together for a parking lot party, socialized and had a special toast and card for Murray Snider on his 90 years young birthday.

The next morning, it was "on the road again". We got the brain cells working with an "Old Kids Test". There were no horse races today, too many of the jockeys and gamblers were sleeping. We stopped for lunch at the Tacoma Mall, then headed straight to the border after one last set of bingo games. We presented Bruce our driver with compliments on a wonderful trip, a card and a good tip. Then our passengers gave Ray and Linda a really nice card with a special "gratuity" too. We arrived at the border and luckily there was almost no line up so we were through the customs in good time. Five minutes later we were at the Pacific Inn. Most of us picked up our cars and headed for home, but some of the Salmon Arm folks stayed for another night before starting their trip home. Good thing too, because they needed to make a late delivery of a suitcase that had been left behind in the parking lot.

Thinking back on our trip, we had a memorable time with a great group of people and the actual Hot August Nights event proved to be even more special than we had imagined. Car buffs, if you haven't been there, put it on your "bucket list". We had cheerful folks to meet and become friends with, about 6000 cars to view (Yes!), and lots of fun entertainment. We made a good donation to the Canadian Cancer Society as many of us couldn't help being **bus**-ted time and time again. Thanks to everyone who joined our tour - you all made it lots of fun. Take care and happy motoring until we see you again. Ray and Linda Lamb

Upcoming Events

- Sept 17th Mt Lehman Country Fair
- Sept 17th Downtown Abbotsford Show
- Sept 18th Nicolette's Car Run and Hot Dog Contest

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The Club meets on the first Wednesday each month at 7:30 PM in the Gallery Room, Ag-Rec. Building, 32470 Haida Drive, Abbotsford, BC. No Formal meetings July & August.

Visitors are welcome