

Crankshaft Journal

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Our Annual BBQ



Great Food, Conga Lines and Elvis

🇨🇦 Mt. Lehman Canada Day Celebrations 🇨🇦



Our Next Meeting

Wednesday, September 3 at 7pm
Legacy Building
32470 Haida Drive
(still at the fairgrounds)

The Crankshaft Journal

*The Crankshaft Journal is published towards the last week of each month from September to June with an added summer edition in August.
Contributions to the Crankshaft Journal are always welcome.*

*If you have an on-the-go project or finished vehicle and wish to share some photos and information about it, please contact the editor, Richard Heyman at: richard.heyman@ufv.ca.
The club would enjoy hearing about it.*

**Central Fraser Valley Chapter
2025 Executive and Committee Volunteers**

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Our Annual BBQ

Sunday, August 10, 2025

A Fine Day

Our 2025 annual club BBQ was, again, a super day to get together. Organized by a small army of volunteers, we had great entertainment, great food and great company. It was a day to remember. A very special thankyou, once again, goes out to Terry and Donna Johnson for the use of their estate.

And Elvis was in the Building

We had a great Elvis impersonator in the form of Steve Elliot, and he sang for the better part of the afternoon with a style and stamina that was Elvis personified. He finished off in a rousing finale with some impressive and classic Elvis dance moves. He had definitely *not* left the building.

Also in the building was Alyssa Nielsen who gave us a surprise performance with some splendid Patsy Kline.

Both Steve and Alyssa are members of our Central Fraser Valley Car Club. Of course Steve has a classic 1966 pink Cadillac.



The BBQ

What can one say? Our army of cooks and servers provided us with more BBQ fixins than we could possibly finish off. We had BBQ chicken, rolls, salads and freshly picked sweet local corn as well as a choice of ice cream for dessert.

Dancing and a Conga Line

At one point, people got up to dance to the tunes, and at another point an impromptu Conga Line was formed (guys only), where they danced around the tables.

Let's not forget the cars

OK. Check out the pics below







Upcoming Events

Sunday, August 17	Horsepower for Hospice – Abbotsford Ken Hall
Monday, September 1	Falcon, Fairlane, Comet Club Picnic (Kwantlen) Ken Grahame
Saturday, September 6	Langley Cruise-In, Aldergrove Al Ganske
Sunday, September 14	Pharoah's Fort Langley Steve Williams
September 16-19	Fall Tour – Sunshine Coast Joyce Holmes
Sunday, September 21	Model A & T Swap David Graham
October 2-5	Mahogany and Merlot (Lake Chelan) If planning on camping – book now – hotels should be available anytime
2026 May Tour May 8- 11, 2026	<p>2026 May Tour</p> <p>The 2026 May Tour will be held in beautiful Campbell River on Vancouver Island. Tour date is May 8-11, 2026. Pre-register with a \$50.00 deposit Once you pre-register, I will send you the hotel information. We ha had to cap the tour at 75 cars due to hotel space availability.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Contact Information</u> Laura Neufeld Phone 250-468-9572 (evenings and weekends) Email: Lkneufeld@shaw.ca</p>





July and August Birthdays

by Jean Clingwall



July

1 Tracy Lewis
 2 Dan Ramsay
 3 Ron Morris
 4 Alden Michaelchuk
 6 Moe Johnson
 11 Hazel Coupland
 13 John Decker
 13 Dennis Goosen
 13 Al Tuningley
 21 Cindy Ganske
 23 Sue Shull
 23 Dale Waddell
 23 Sally Reiter
 25 Rosemary Draper
 26 Rita Verhoef
 27 Perrie Horst
 27 Heather Baker
 28 Ed Gorman
 31 David Graham

August

1 Jody Shaw
 8 Bob Ferenczi
 8 Leroy Clingwall
 9 Jean Clingwall
 10 Gail Waddell
 12 Frank Nicolette
 13 Roy Shull
 16 Doreen Newby
 16 Gordon Taylor
 23 Kel Valburg
 24 Steve Ganske
 27 Peter Ouimet
 31 Gary Spicer

WISHING YOU ALL SAFE AND HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

...and if I have forgotten you, please make sure I have you in my book. Each birthday is very special!!



Mt. Lehman Canada Day 2025 Parade and Festivities

Tuesday, July 1, 2025





60th Annual Old Time Drags-Mission

Sunday, August 3, 2025

The Old Time Drags is an annual event that takes place at the popular Raceway Park in Mission. Organized by the Langley Loafers, this year marked its 60th anniversary. All events are bracket races with a couple of show pieces thrown in. This year it was two serious bikes (a Harley and a Kawasaki) that went well in excess of 200mph (the Harley went 214). Not a world record by any means, but great entertainment!

There are many racing categories at this event based on the amount of alterations that have been done to the vehicle. The "gasser" class requires a straight front axle. No independent suspension.

1930 is the earliest vehicle year that you can race, but that still means that one can enter their bone stock Model A and row it down the track.

A new class addition this year is a flathead category running an 1/8 mile course. It brought out 3 racers. They seriously want more contenders in this category.

As you can see below, the fastest flathead time in the eighth was #43 at 10.12 seconds.

Those exhaust pipes are flex tubing welded to the exhaust flanges and tied together with radiator clamps.

They sounded great!





Oops!

The Montparnasse Derailment

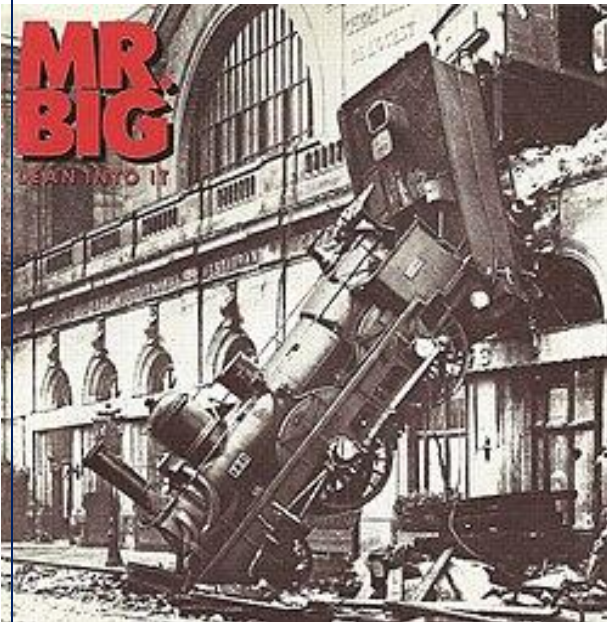
-a train story

A little while ago, Fraser Field gifted me this framed photo (right) of a train accident that occurred in downtown Paris over a century ago. It twiggged a thought in me because I was sure I had seen this picture in one of my train books. And sure enough, there it was. I hadn't given the image much more thought until Fraser gave me the photo. So I checked up on it using the ol' internet...and there it was.

Below is the story behind this headline photo as brought to you by wikipedia...EnjoyRH



The Montparnasse Derailment



On 22 October 1895, the Granville to Paris express, operated by Chemins de fer de l'Ouest, was made up of steam locomotive No. 721 (a type 2-4-0, French notation 120) hauling three luggage vans, a post van, and six passenger coaches.

The train had left Granville on time at 08:45, but was several minutes late as it approached its Montparnasse terminus with 131 passengers on board. In an effort to make up lost time, the train approached the station faster than usual, at a speed of 40–60 km/h (25–37 mph), and when the driver attempted to apply the Westinghouse air brake, it was faulty or ineffective. The locomotive brakes alone were insufficient to stop the train, the momentum carried it into the buffers, and the locomotive crossed the almost 30-metre (98 ft) wide station concourse, crashing through a 60-centimetre (24 in) thick wall, before falling onto the Place de Rennes 10 metres (33 ft) below, where it stood on its nose.

A woman in the street below, Marie-Augustine Aguiard was killed by falling masonry. She had been standing in for her husband, a newspaper vendor, while he went to collect the evening newspapers. Two

passengers, a fireman, two guards, and a passerby in the street sustained injuries.

Aftermath

The locomotive driver was sentenced to two months in prison and fined 50 francs for approaching the station too fast. One of the guards was fined 25 francs as he had been preoccupied with paperwork and failed to apply the handbrake.

The railway company settled with the family of the deceased woman, and arranged for the education of her two young children, as well as proposing future employment for them.

The passenger carriages were undamaged and were easily removed. It took 48 hours before the legal process and investigation allowed the railway to start removing the locomotive and tender. An attempt was made to move the locomotive with 14 horses, but this failed. A 250 tonne winch, with 10 men, first lowered the locomotive to the ground and then lifted the tender back into the station. When the locomotive reached the railway workshops it was found to have suffered little damage.

Legacy

The wreckage remained outside the station for several days and a number of photographs were taken, such as those attributed to Studio Lévy and Sons, L. Mercier, and Henri Roger-Viollet. The Lévy and Sons photograph that you see here has become one of the most famous in transportation history.

Want Ads

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327 motor
\$12000.00 obo
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car could be started, Also a
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panels in epoxy . Package
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Lilah Warren
604-217-2154
warrenlilah6@gmail.ca

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Chev Van Seats

Bench back seat and back, plus
middle seat unit for a 60s or 70s
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Back seat is 5' long and 11/2'
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Middle seat is 3'7" long and 11/2'
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Black upholstery in good
condition
Lois Wilson 604-807-3520

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Quite clean
good fan
non-pressurized system only
guaranteed or money back
\$50.00 obo
Richard Heyman

350 Chev engine

Needs camshaft
Uses no oil
Gord 604.230.7833

Hood for 1950 Ford

Like new. No rust
Gord 604.230.7833

WANTED

1951-1954 Chev Oil bath air cleaner

Original style for 235 6-cylinder
engine
Good original condition preferred,
but any condition considered.
Must be complete. For fully
restored car
aarondecker@hotmail.ca 778-
808-8192

Military Vehicles

Ian N. 604.618.2537

WANTED

Small Car/cab Heater

6volt
Richard Heyman
604.826.6946 or
richard.heyman@ufv.ca

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Still trading or buying B.C. 1 to 100
license plates. Gary at 604 313 7937
VintageSpice@gmail.com

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Roy Shull
604.512.0225

1991 Dodge Dakota pickup hubcap



6 inch diameter
After a flat tire, ended up with only the
internal wire retaining part
Jack Woolard 604-820-4784

1951 Can. Pontiac Sport Coupe- 6cyl

Ian Newby
604.618.2537

66 Chevelle 283 Exhaust Manifolds



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604.854.0380

