# Early Ford V8 Club #109







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# Rumbles

## January 2019



This is what happens when Lew Williams goes Christmas shopping!

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## Contributions always appreciated

The next regular club meeting will be held on February 12, 2019 at the Victorian. 7:30 PM.

See you there.

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# The Executive Crew 2019

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## 2019 CLUB AGENDA & EVENTS

### ACTIVITY AGENDA – January through December

REGULAR CLUB MEETING 7:30 AT THE VICTORIAN	
CHRISTMAS PARTY SHAS Schoolhouse. 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM.	
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DATE OPEN FOR CLUB TOUR. DETAILS 2B FINALIZED	
REGULAR CLUB MEETING – 7:30 AT THE VICTORIAN	
ROCK & ROLL FOR LITTLE SOULS	
REGULAR CLUB MEETING – 7:30 AT THE VICTORIAN	
CLUB ROAD TRIP TO SALTSPRING. DETAILS 2B CONFIRMED	
FORDS & FRIENDS SHOW – HERITAGE ACRES	
NW DEUCE DAYS – VICTORIA	
ANNUAL CLUB BBQ. DETAILS 2B DETERMINED.	
HOLD DATE FOR SHOP TOUR DETAILS 2B CONFIRMED	
REGULAR CLUB MEETING – 7:30 AT THE VICTORIAN	
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NO REGULAR CLUB MEETING.	

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#### MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2019

#### A VAILABLE TO MEMBERS ONLY.





The Fords & Friends organizing committee for the 2019 show will hold its first set up meeting at 10:00 AM on February  $5^{th}$ . Meeting will be held at the Victorian in the private dining room, with coffee service provided. If you served on the 2018 F&F committee or if you wish to join in you are encouraged to jump in! Confirmation details will follow shortly. If you have any questions, please call Bruce Somers at 250 478 9951 or Reinhart Peterson at 250383 4816. See you there!

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The 109 club will join in with the 120 club in Vancouver to order a supply of "Service Pins" for all members with five years service and beyond. The club specific pins as shown above will have VICTORIA instead of Vancouver on them in blue and raised silver metal colouring. The R.G. 120 will be replaced with R.G. 109.

Please contact Jim Banks at <a href="mailto:banksjim16@gmail.com">banksjim16@gmail.com</a> and provide you details to order. The pins will be free of charge to all 109 members in good standing.

The 2019 "heavily edited" issue of the 109-club roster is now available. Digital edition has been sent to members email address. Should you wish to have a hardcopy print please contact Chris Chown at your convenience.

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Lew Williams has recently purchased a beautiful almost brand new 24 bolt flathead that is headed for his 38 coupe. The new flatty has loads of jewelry and looks fantastic. Install is to begin on January 11 with a little help from Keith Smith and John, along with anyone else in the neighbourhood. This will be a wonderful upgrade to the 38 and Lew is looking forward to some touring this summer.

In addition Lew is working on upgrades and corrections to his 50 shoebox. Presently the 50 is in Lee Grant's shop getting new carpet, door panels and some upgrade refitting for seats and rear deck. Paint and a little more body work is not far behind. Dee Jay is ready for the drag strip as soon as this is finished! Good luck to both Lew and Dee Jay.

See you at the luncheon on Saturday the  $19^{th}$ . Please don't forget about the RE Gifting and have lots of fun. Any questions call Chris or Jim Jennings.



Post Christmas Hot Luncheon & Re-Gifting Extravaganza.

SATURDAY

January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 11:00 to 3:00 Heritage Acres School House Admission \$15.00 per person

Please

RSVP no later than Jan 1st, 2019

Tickets/details available from:

Jim Jennings 250 818 0049



or 250 477 5594



Chris Chown 250 595 0312

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#### A letter of thanks from the Saanich Historical Artifacts Society.



#### **HERITAGE ACRES**

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Mr. Chris Chown, President Early Ford V8 Club, RG 109 PO Box 53517, Broadmead RPO Victoria, BC V8X5K2

Dear Chris,

On behalf of the Saanich Historical Artifacts Society, I would like to thank both your executive and membership for the very kind donation of the Letters and Numerals to be used on our Highway sign. Wow, not only did you present us with the letters but the special pole that is used to safely install them from the ground! This was a tremendous and timely donation and is very much appreciated. We cannot thank your Club enough as we did not get very many letters when we salvaged the sign from Marigold Nurseries. We are now "Good to Go".

It has been Heritage Acres very great pleasure to have the Fords & Friends Car Show at our venue, your Clubs hard work and promotion has created what has to be one of the premiere Car Shows on Vancouver Island. Your group is so well organized, and truly a joy to work with.

Heritage Acres looks forward to working with the Early Ford V8 Club in the future, and contributing however we can to make your Event a continuing success.

Sincerely yours,

John Yardley President

# TECH TALK

If you have any technical issues you would like to share, please submit to the Rumbles editor. Thank you.

#### Gold Crown Valve Stem Caps by STANDARD OIL.



#### Flashback to the 1950's

It is the little details that will jog our memory and take us back in time to our youth and the good memories associated with growing up carefree. Gold Crown Valve Stem Caps are one of those things. They were free at the local Standard Oil Station as part of your driveway full service.

Hardly anyone today, remembers full service where they pumped your gasoline, washed your windshield, checked your oil, and the air in your tires. If you needed air they added it at no charge and put a set of these valve stem caps on to let the world know that you bought gasoline at the local Standard Oil Station.



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https://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/lacey-v-murrow-memorial-bridgesinks-to-the-bottom-of-lake-washington

# Henry Ford said:

When everything seems to be going against you, remember that the airplane takes off against the wind, not with it.

# Ernie Schellenberg said:

If all else fails, follow the instructions!

## Buy & Sell.

#### NORRIE SPENCER - ITEMS FOR SALE.

New 68 6049B and 6050B 1936 heads. Remanufactured by Ford in 1948

New 40 6049B and 6050B 33/34 heads. Remanufactured by Ford in 1948

3 1/16" Pistons 21 Stud engines NOS

1 set .040 Flat top & Rings

1 set .0825 Domed top - 4 ring Rings

Rods & Shells for above

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1936 V-8 Crankshaft and Bearings

1937-8 Blocks, Pans, Manifolds, etcetera

Cam Shafts 2 bearings

32 – 34 4-cylinder blocks, pans, pistons & rods, cranks, transmissions, gears, etcetera.

32 – 34 Brakes, drums, backing plates, etc.

Please call Norrie Spencer 250 652 1862 or rosenorrie@shaw.ca

WANTED: Richard Green is searching for a good C4 tranny that he can hook up to his flathead. If you can help or have possible options, please call Richard at 250 590 3029.

FOR SALE: Lew Williams has a few complete flatheads that he is looking to sell or trade. Existing engine out of his 38 tops the list. Runs well but needs a little TLC to make it perfect. If you are interested, please call Lew at 250 479 5385 or 250 661 2092.

FOR DISCOVERY: Jim Banks has a contact for a large collection of Cast motorcycles. The collection is to be sold as complete and includes a cabinet. If you wish to have more information, please call Jim Banks at 778 433 4021 or <a href="mailto:banksjim16@gmail.com">banksjim16@gmail.com</a>.

WANTED: If you have a stainless trim for a 1936 spare tire cover please call Dave Wallace at 250 479 2793 anytime. He might let you touch his new toque if you have a good one!

WANTED: Chris Chown has interest in purchasing Eldelbrock or Auburn heads for his 8RT flathead. If you have a good set, please call 250 595 0312.

WANTED: Vertical milling machine. British, American or Taiwanese manufacture. 220V single phase, with a 42" table. Please call Fraser Kaye at 250 514 8529 or 778 529 0014 in Nelson B.C. or if you prefer, email at <a href="mailto:ifraserk@shaw.ca">ifraserk@shaw.ca</a>



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## 2019 Committees:

#### **ALWAYS GLAD TO HAVE YOUR HELP!!**



Name Name	Lead Hands	Supporting members	Date Formed.
Fords & Friends 2019	Bruce Somers and Reinert Peterson	2018 committee plus.	ANNUAL
High School Shop Awards	Lew Williams	Norrie Spencer, Bruce Somers, Jim Jennings, Tony Cond	Jan 2017
Newsletter	Chris Chown	Al Wills, all members	2014
Tours	Gary Clarke	All welcome	2016
Phone Committee	Norrie Spencer, Dave Wallace, Bob Mortimer	As needed	Jurassic period
Website development	Al Wills	Chris Chown	2017
Membership	Jim Jennings	Lew Williams	2016
50/50 Refreshments	Mike Mortimer	Bob Mortimer	2017
Community Liaison	Lew Williams	As needed.	2018

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# JUST FOR FUN

#### JULIE ANDREWS.



It wouldn't be funny if it wasn't so true... Julie Andrews turned 80 -

To commemorate her 80th birthday on October 1, actress/vocalist, Julie Andrews made a special appearance at Manhattan's Radio City Music Hall for the benefit of the AARP. One of the musical numbers she performed was "My Favorite Things" from the legendary movie "Sound Of Music."

Here are the actual lyrics she used:

Maalox and nose drops and needles for knitting, Walkers and handrails and new dental fittings, Bundles of magazines tied up in string, These are a few of my favorite things.

Cadillacs and cataracts, and hearing aids and glasses, Polident and Fixodent and false teeth in glasses, Pacemakers, golf carts and porches with swings, These are a few of my favorite things.

When the pipes leak, When the bones creak, When the knees go bad, I simply remember my favorite things, And then I don't feel so bad.

Hot tea and crumpets and corn pads for bunions, No spicy hot food or food cooked with onions, Bathrobes and heating pads and hot meals they bring, These are a few of my favorite things.

Back pains, confused brains, and no need for sinnin', Thin bones and fractures and hair that is thinnin', And we won't mention our short, shrunken frames, When we remember our favorite things.

When the joints ache, When the hips break, When the eyes grow dim, Then I remember the great life I've had, And then I don't feel so bad.

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(Ms. Andrews received a standing ovation from the crowd that lasted over four minutes and repeated encores.) Please share Ms. Andrews' clever wit and humor with others who would appreciate it.

Golf A pastor, a doctor, and an engineer were waiting one morning for a particularly slow group of golfers. The mechanic fumed, "What's with these guys? We must have been waiting for fifteen minutes!" The doctor chimed in, "I don't know, but I've never seen such ineptitude!" The pastor said, "Hey, here comes the greens keeper. Let's have a word with him." "Hi George. Say, what's with that group ahead of us? They're rather slow, aren't they?" The greens keeper replied, "Oh yes, that's a group of blind firefighters. They lost their sight saving our clubhouse from a fire last year, so we always let them play for free anytime." The group was silent for a moment. The pastor said, "That's so sad. I think I will say a special prayer for them tonight." The doctor said, "Good idea. And I'm going to contact my ophthalmologist buddy and see if there's anything he can do for them." The mechanic said, "Why can't these guys play at night?"



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# History 101



The automobile as we know it today was not invented in a single day by a single inventor. Rather, the history of the automobile reflects an evolution that took place worldwide, a result of more than 100,000 patents from several inventors.

And there were many firsts that occurred along the way, starting with the first theoretical plans for a motor vehicle that had been drawn up by both Leonardo da Vinci and Isaac Newton. However, it's important to bear in mind that the earliest practical vehicles were powered by steam.

#### **Nicolas Joseph Cugnot's Steam Vehicles**

In 1769, the very first self-propelled road vehicle was a military tractor invented by French engineer and mechanic, Nicolas Joseph Cugnot. He used a steam engine to power his vehicle, which was built under his instructions at the Paris Arsenal. The steam engine and boiler were separate from the rest of the vehicle and placed in the front.

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It was used by the French Army to haul artillery at a whopping speed of 2 and 1/2 mph on only three wheels. The vehicle even had to stop every ten to fifteen minutes to build up steam power. The following year, Cugnot built a steam-powered tricycle that carried four passengers.

In 1771, Cugnot drove one of his road vehicles into a stone wall, giving the inventor the distinct honor of being the first person to get into a motor vehicle accident. Unfortunately, this was just the beginning of his bad luck. After one of Cugnot's patrons died and the other was exiled, funding for Cugnot's road vehicle experiments dried up.

During the early history of self-propelled vehicles, both road and railroad vehicles were being developed with steam engines. For instance, Cugnot also designed two steam locomotives with engines that never worked well. These early systems powered cars by burning fuel that heated water in a boiler, creating steam that expanded and pushed pistons that turned the crankshaft, which then turned the wheels.

However, the problem was that <u>steam engines</u> added so much weight to a vehicle that they proved a poor design for road vehicles. Still, steam engines were successfully <u>used in locomotives</u>. And historians, who accept that early steam-powered road vehicles were technically automobiles often consider Nicolas Cugnot to be <u>the inventor of the first automobile</u>.

#### A Brief Timeline of Steam-Powered Cars

After Cugnot, several other inventors designed steam-powered road vehicles. They include fellow Frenchman Onesiphore Pecqueur, who also invented the first differential gear. Here's a brief timeline of those who contributed to the ongoing evolution of the automobile:

- In 1789, the first U.S. patent for a steam-powered land vehicle was granted to Oliver Evans.
- In 1801, Richard Trevithick built a road carriage powered by steam -- the first in Great Britain.
- In Britain, from 1820 to 1840, steam-powered stagecoaches were in regular service. These were later banned from public roads and Britain's railroad system developed as a result.
- Steam-driven road tractors (built by Charles Deitz) pulled passenger carriages around Paris and Bordeaux up to 1850.
- In the United States, numerous steam coaches were built from 1860 to 1880. Inventors included Harrison Dyer, Joseph Dixon, Rufus Porter and William T. James.
- Amedee Bollee Sr. built advanced steam cars from 1873 to 1883. The "La Mancelle" built in 1878, had a front-mounted engine, shaft drive to the differential, chain drive to the rear wheels, steering wheel on a vertical shaft and driver's seat behind the engine. The boiler was carried behind the passenger compartment.
- In 1871, Dr. J. W. Carhart, professor of physics at Wisconsin State University, and the J. I. Case Company built a working steam car that won a 200-mile race.

#### **Arrival of Electric Cars**

Steam engines were not the only engines used in early automobiles as vehicles with electrical engines also gained traction around the same time. Sometime between 1832 and 1839, Robert Anderson of Scotland invented the first electric carriage. They relied on rechargeable batteries that powered a small electric motor. The vehicles were heavy, slow, expensive and needed to be

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recharged frequently. Electricity was more practical and efficient when used to power tramways and streetcars, where a constant supply of electricity was possible.

Yet around 1900, electric land vehicles in America came to outsell all other types of cars. Then in the several years following 1900, sales of electric vehicles took a nosedive as a <u>new type of vehicle</u> powered by gasoline came to dominate the consumer market.

#### Buesenberg. Bon't pou wish?



The celebrities of today covet the likes of Bugatti](https://www.autoclassics.com/posts?make=bugatti) and [Lamborghini](https://www.autoclassics.com/posts?make=lamborghini) as status symbols, but back in the roaring '20s and early 1930s, the marque to be associated with was [Duesenberg. These luxury cars brought innovative and high-performance motoring to the upper echelons of society.

Today, Duesenbergs are exceptionally rare, with many sporting unique features with their coach-built bodywork. This Duesenberg Model J is particularly unique, as it's the only on with Torpedo Berline coachwork built by Rollston.

Heading to auction with Mecum at its 2019 Phoenix event, this rare Duesenberg Model J was one of the grandest vehicles on the road when new. Fred Duesenberg was challenged to build "the world's finest motor car" by company owner Errett Lobban Cord, who wanted to set a new benchmark in motoring.

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The Model J, with its 420ci (265bhp) straight-eight engine, was actually the fastest and most powerful American-made car of its era. Duesenberg was no stranger to innovation, credited with being amongst the first to develop eight-cylinder engines and hydraulic brakes — this model being the first to use the new braking method. The Model J features all of the latest features of its day, including the ability to change the oil at the touch of a button.

As mentioned, this Model J is one of a kind with Rollston coachwork stretching over its great length, as it was once commonplace for buyers to order a chassis and engine from a manufacturer and then have their favoured coachbuilder create the body to sit on top. This beautiful silver car shrouds its four-foot long engine with a lengthy hood and shelters occupants in an enlarged glasshouse. The Torpedo Berline shape strikes a fine balance in being both purposeful and elegant.

This 1930s car comes with documentation leading back to when it was bought new by Shirley M. Burden — great-great grandson of Cornelius Vanderbilt — in New York. The detailed pages of this car's history follows it from owner to owner through The Great Depression and back out the other side. Come 1955, it was sold for just \$650!

It was modified in various ways over the decades, but in the 1990s it was restored when it joined the Imperial Palace Collection. Sadly, the collection was broken up in 1998 and chassis J546 found its way into the John O'Quinn Collection, where it stayed until 2007\. In 2010, it was added to the Academy of Art University Collection, where it resides today.

Duesenberg Model Js tend to command high prices amongst collectors, but with no official estimate on this one-off car, we'll be following its progress with keen interest come March 14-16.



This newsletter is provided free of charge to members and associates of the Early Ford V8 Club R.G. 109.

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