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RUMBLES - THIS ISSUE

Welcome to the June 2026 edition of the Early Ford V8 Club 109 Rumbles Newsletter.

In this month's issue the countdown is on for Fords and Friends 2026. Our show is at a crucial point. The need for every member of the club to step up to help as volunteer at the show or join the committee is important.

On the front cover - One of several rides that passed through Lauri Steven's collection over the years.

The Members' Ride features Lauri Stevens takes a break this month.

A note of gratitude to Past President Chris Chown for his contributions to the past few RUMBLES. Chris provided some great pieces for this edition, as well.

We hope you continue to enjoy the Rumbles Newsletter.

The Rumbles Newsletter will only get better with your participation. If you come across a great article, tech tip, joke or video you think other members would like, please send them our way. Contributions are always welcome and sincerely appreciated.

Send submissions to Rumbles via email to don.landels@gmail.com

Cheers,
Don Landels



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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting Minutes - June 9th, 2026

Next regular meeting at Berwick House 7:00PM September 9th, 2026

Early Ford V-8 Club Regional Group 109 Vancouver Island
Minutes of Club Meeting June 9th, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 7PM by President Somers at Berwick House 4062 Shelbourne St. Victoria. As secretary Ralf was away Al Wills was pressed into Secretarial duties.

Opening Remarks: The President welcomed everyone including guest Robi Bada, former (and hopefully returning) member.

The May minutes were distributed in Rumbles and therefore, considered approved. No formal agenda was printed for the meeting with Bruce leading the meeting from his notes.

Business Arising:

- Tony Cond updated the members on the 109 presence in the Brentwood Bay Parade3.
- Bruce reported on the successful shop tour at Mark & Sue (& son Tom) Fisher's garages June 6th followed by a BarB Que and get-together at Bruce's place. Bruce also reported on the overdue presentation of a Life Member plaque to Jim Banks, which was done at the BarB Que.

Correspondence:

- Letter of thanks from Kevin Blesic who runs the Pathways Team at the Victoria School Board.
- Unsolicited email from Encore – a tracking system for cars. Bruce passed it to Don Landels for review.

Treasurer's Report:

June 2026 – In Bill Pritchard's absence, Bruce updated the account balances

Committee Reports:

•**Fords & Friends** – Dawson and Don reported on the following:

•About \$5K has been received with an expected total of about \$6.5K.

•Printing will be happening this week.

•The Gate envelope will contain the dash plaque and windshield registration card along with random prizes.

•250 Dash plaques were ordered along with 50 licence plates that will sell in the \$15-25 range

•**Victoria Swap Meet (28 June)** Dawson reported a few volunteers are still being requested in the food service area.

•**Membership Chair** – Heidi Baba, Bruce reported that Heidi is working on a new listing and contacting members who are not paid for 2026.



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New Business:

·F&F Posters and Cards, as reported in committees, printing will be happening this week.

Announcements:

·Bruce reminded that this is the last meeting until September.

Buy and Sell

·Bruce is looking for a '49 Mercury Tailgate.

·Tony Cond is selling his Miller Welder

For the Good of the Association

The president called for any questions or comments.

-A question from the floor was to clarify Honorary and Life memberships and what criteria were used for them.

oThe answer was that the club does not have any criteria nor is there any provision for such memberships in the club's bylaws. A committee will have to be struck to amend the bylaws for this and other items that may arise.

Call to Adjourn / 50/50: The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM with coffee and the 50/50 draw.

-Bruce, Bob Mortimer and Vic Nordstrom won Goodie Bags with gas cards

-Robert Bada – won the cash prize.

Minutes recorded by Al Wills June 9, 2026.

Please notify Al Wills of any errors or omissions.



MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT - BRUCE SOMERS

The main concern for the club at this time is this years Fords and Friends.

Ralf is planning one more meeting of the committee on Thursday July 2nd [7pm] at his home. Show jobs will be discussed and members notified. All members are encouraged to help set up on Saturday July 11th around 6pm to about 8:30 pm and again at knock down after the show is done.

Dawson has the club work list filled out for the Victoria Swap Meet on June 28th. Staffing the kitchen area is still short on workers so if you are able to help contact Dawson. This event is a good club fund raiser.

Our June 7th garage tour at Mark and Sue Fisher was excellent with many fine automobiles and Trials bikes in his collection. We followed up the tour with a BBQ social at my place and some fine cooking by Lauri. Lots of laughs and sun shine.

Take care,
Bruce Somers
President
EFV8 Club 109



Bruce presenting Jim Banks with his Lifetime Membership



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MEMBER'S RIDE - LAURI STEVENS

We all know long-time club member Lauri Stevens, but if you haven't had a chance to chat about what's been in Lauri's garage over the years, you're missing out. From daily-driven shop trucks to high-horsepower street rods and serious Canadian muscle, Lauri's owned a bit of everything.

We've got some great photos to go along with this, but here is the story behind the metal.

Trucks: Built to Drive

First up is the 1954 Ford F100. Lauri picked this one up in Kamloops to use as a daily driver. It started its life as an old shop truck out of Vegreville, Alberta. Of course, Lauri couldn't just leave it alone—the complete driveline got swapped out or rebuilt, and the motor got fresh rings and bearings. Cool bit of Ford Trivia: This truck runs the first-generation 239-inch Y-block. Ford only put them in 1954 cars and 1955 trucks before ditching them, so it's a pretty rare piece of iron.

Another truck in the history books is a 1949 Mercury bought off Lauri's brother. The body on this thing was near flawless, and after Parker's sprayed it, Lauri dropped in a Chevy 283 and a 3-speed. It served as a trusty daily driver for years.

On the car side of things.

- The '47 Ford Coupe: A lot of you might recognize this one. Lauri bought it right through the club from Don McPherson. It was 100% original then, and it still is today.
- The '40 Ford Sedan: Picked up in Langley, this one was built back in 2000 by Bill Traquire—a name a lot of old-timers will remember as a seriously talented builder. This thing is dialed in: it has a 400+ horsepower Chevy 350, a 700r4 trans, a 9-inch rear, and a Mustang 2 front end. Inside, it's got digital gauges and cool blue-tinted glass.
- The '65 Ford: A clean California car that came up north as a trade-in at Suburban Motors.



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Lauri's garage has seen a ton of variety over the years. The list of past and present rides includes a 1953 Ford, a 1967 Chevy II Super Sport, and a real-deal Canadian muscle car, a 1967 Beaumont Sport Deluxe packing a 396 and a 4-speed. There was even a 1974 Pontiac with a 305 auto in the mix, along with the work trucks he owned through the years.

It's an incredible lineup of rides. Take a look at a few of the pics.



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Reminder that we also want to include all member's rides on our [website](#). There are still a few of you that do not have your vehicles featured on the site. Contact Al Wills and he will get the balls rolling to get your ride on the website.



It is almost show time!

Final Meeting is Thursday, July 2nd at 7pm - 743 Rockheights Avenue

The Ford and Friends Show is one of the great regular shows in the South Island area, and it's a great privilege to be involved in organising it. Over the last few years, we've developed great relationships that really help with organisation—Heritage Acres, VI Model Engineers, the caterers, the First Aid people, Elvis, Late Shift and many others approach us to check in with what's happening and how they can help. My impression is that donating our income to local charities is both the right thing to do and helps to consolidate support.

This year we've added some variety to our food offerings (in the shape of ice cream and mini-donuts—we're all about the healthy options). We've also, for the first time, arranged to have non-club members help with parking. As we all get a little older the person power for the practical aspects of the show gets more limited, and we must find ways to address this. Hopefully the lacrosse club will be part of that answer.

Another change this year is a reduction in the number of awards to two. Membership felt the awards were not really in line with the spirit of what started as a "family" picnic but decided that the Participant's Award and Best Flathead were important to keep.

This year our show is to have a flat rate entry fee for spectators (we used to do this but moved away for it). We're asking \$5 for individuals and \$15 for carloads, money to go to Mustard Seed, the Salvation Army, and WIN Transition House. Show cars will pay \$20 at the gate with no advanced registration option. Club members have free entry, of course, but will be asked to volunteer a little time.

Our big ask is that you check in with the information table (in the usual place near the pantry) when you arrive. You may be asked to take on a task for a while, though as should be obvious from the above we have fewer jobs needing done than in previous years.

Your willingness to help, especially later in the day, makes all the difference!

Ralph

DISCOVERY / SHOP TOUR

June 7th garage tour at Mark and Sue Fisher's
Contributed by Past President - Bill Pritchard & Lew Williams



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CLUB NEWS

SWAP MEET 2026 - June 28th

The Automotive Social Event of the year is Sunday, June 28th at Saanich Fairgrounds 1528 Stelly's Cross Road. Gates open for the public at 8:00 a.m.

The swap meet is a collaboration of the Victoria Vintage Car Club, Torque Masters and the Early Ford V8 Club 109.

Our club is responsible to provide volunteers for a variety of duties on June 27th and 28th. **Please talk to Dawson to sign up for a shift.**

The swap meet is looking for anyone who knows anyone who has a commercial business they are wanting to put a commercial vendors row in at the swap meet

General Admission: \$5.00 per person, INCLUDING VENDORS

Open to the Public

Free Parking

Learn More [SwapMeet2026](#)



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MARKETPLACE

Bruce is looking for a tailgate for a 1949 Mercury/Ford pick-up (only the skin is different).

FOR SALE - Miller Welder, Millermatic Model 211, Like new (barely used), stored indoors, dual voltage, advance auto-set, Inverter, 4" or 8" spools, mild steel and aluminum up to 3/8", welder cart, electronic helmet, welders' gloves. All for \$2950.00 Call Tony Cond 250-532-7420

Bob is still looking for 2020, 20201, 2025 dash plaques.

Bill Pitchard is selling his immaculate 35 Fordor. The price is **\$24,500**.



Found on the web.

EACH MONTH WE'LL FEATURE A CLASSIC FOUND ON THE INTERNET FOR SALE. THIS MONTH'S CAR IS A [1940 FORD DELUXE](#) FROM MORGANTOWN, PA, AND IT'S YOURS FOR \$30.,500 USD.



THIS MONTH IN FORD HISTORY

June is a monumental month in Ford history, headlined by the founding of the company on June 16, 1903, when Henry Ford and 11 investors gathered in Detroit with \$28,000 to launch the enterprise. (\$28,000 in 1903 is equivalent in purchasing power to about \$1,059,609.09 today)

Other historical Ford Motor Co. events in Jun:

- June 16, 1903: The Ford Motor Company was officially incorporated.
- June 19, 1966: **Ford GT40s** made motorsport history by sweeping the top three spots at the 24 Hours of Le Mans, marking the first time an American-built car won the prestigious race.
- July (Early): 1903: Just weeks after incorporation, Ford sold its very first vehicle—the two-cylinder, eight-horsepower Ford Model A—on July 23, 1903



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Your feedback and comments are always appreciated. Input is used to improve the quality and diversify. Don't be shy.

Thank you all for your support and participation.

