

RUMBLES

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RUMBLES - THIS ISSUE

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

In this month's issue we are gearing up 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 - Fords and Friends 2025 . Photo courtesy of [Dan Detien of Vancouver Island Hot Rods](#)

The Members' Ride feature returns with Club 109 member Dennis Mounce taking the spotlight.

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 & Ralf St. Clair



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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting Minutes - March 10th, 2026

Next regular meeting at Berwick House 7:00PM April 13th, 2026

Early Ford V-8 Club Regional Group 109 Vancouver Island
Minutes of Club Meeting February 10th, 2026

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm

1. Opening remarks, Bruce Somers, President.

- a. Bruce welcomed members and guest Mike Nicholson to the meeting.

2. Minutes

- a. The February minutes, distributed in February Rumbles, were considered approved.

3. Old Business

a. Ford & Friends. Options presented to the membership were a picnic for the club or a full show at Heritage Acres. Wide-ranging discussion followed. Members asked if we could do both? Yes, if enough volunteers. Lew had been in touch with Westshore Bears Lacrosse team, who would provide 4 people for the parking for \$500. We can also rely on Mike and the gang for show car parking and Gwyneth for the 50/50.

Mike Nicholson, who has organised several local shows, was in attendance to offer resources and support. He recommended increasing revenue from vendors, food suppliers and VMIE. He also suggested increasing the number of awards and having a dedicated children's area including, for example, a bouncy castle.

One member suggested that if the club lost the show we would no longer be a club, but another responded that we have many potential activities for over the summer and this should not be a concern.

In the end a secret ballot was held. 18 members voted to continue with the show, 3 not to hold it, and 1 abstained.

Dawson and Ralf will move ahead with planning FNF for 12 July at Heritage Acres. The committee will include Lew, Lauri, Don (x2), Gary, Bill, Mike M. and Bruce. Thanks to all for stepping forward.

b School workshop program. Money will be given to GVSD mechanics' program in a "one and done" gift.



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

a. Life membership. Awards were given to Bob Mortimer and Jim Banks (in absentia) to mark their honorary life membership in RG109 in recognition of their many contributions to the club.

4. Correspondence

a. Insurance. Bruce received insurance renewal notice and renewed our \$5 million liability policy in conjunction with RG120.

b. Thank you letters for donations have been received from the Mustard Seed, Salvation Army, Next Steps and Goldstream Food Bank.

5. Treasurer's Report

a. Bill delivered a full report. Finances are healthy.

6. Committee Reports

a. FNF Committee will meet within two weeks.

7. New Business

a. Sign-up for the Swap Meet at the end of June! This is good revenue for the club and a great event.

8. Buy and Sell.

Loads of free V-8 Times. Help yourself!

Mike Mortimer has 2 Holley electric fuel pumps (12V). \$1,000,000 each. Or make him an offer.

9. Call to adjourn.

Presentation: "My Cars" by Bob Mortimer. Thanks Bob, great stuff

50/50 Results: Gift bags: Mike M, Mike N, Dave W. Big prize: Vic N.



MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT - BRUCE SOMERS

Our last club meeting has led to the decision to put on the Fords and Friends Show and Shine at Heritage Acres on Sunday July 12th. A committee has been formed to discuss and organize the details of what this show will look like. If all club members work together this will be a great show.

We have also heard back from the Hand of Man Museum in Duncan and this is also shaping up to be a fun tour. The museum has so many displays, artifacts and collectables it is almost overwhelming. The museum also has a small collection of old automobiles we would get to see. The museum facility is in a renovated elementary school near Maple Bay. Al Wills is working out a date and further information.

Lauri Stevens has approached Shawn Driver about an open house at his shop and custom parts store in Sooke. It looks like a go and a date is in the planning.

The Victoria Swap Meet is looking towards our club sharing the work load and the profits again this year. Dawson has the sign up sheets for the Friday, Saturday and Sunday times. Most time spots are only one or two hours of your time. Your support would be much appreciated.

It would be nice if some club member would be willing to set up a poker run event again this year. It was a fun and well attended event last year even though it rained half of the day.

We are working on getting a Calendar of events out as dates are confirmed.

Take care,
Bruce Somers
President
EFV8 Club 109



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MEMBER'S RIDE - DENNIS MOUNCE

Our Member's Ride features Dennis Mounce this month. For many car enthusiasts, the passion for automobiles begins long before adulthood. It often starts with a first car—usually imperfect, sometimes unreliable, but unforgettable. That journey began at the age of sixteen for Dennis and has continued through decades of memorable vehicles, mechanical projects, and road trips.

The First Car: A Hard-Driven Beginning

His first car was a 1957 Chevrolet Sedan Delivery, purchased when he was just sixteen years old. Like many young drivers, he enjoyed the freedom that came with having his own vehicle—and he drove it hard. Perhaps a little too hard. Before long, the engine was ruined and he eventually sold it to a friend.

The Early Years of Muscle and Style

After the Chevrolet came a 1962 Mercury two-door hardtop, a solid car that carried him into the next phase of his automotive journey. But the car that truly stood out from those early years was a 1968 Camaro Z/28. Fast and powerful—though notoriously hard on fuel—it quickly became a favorite. The car delivered excitement every time it hit the road. However, life soon introduced new priorities. When the decision was made to get married, the Camaro had to go

The Camaro was traded to a friend for a 1966 Beaumont two-door hardtop equipped with a 327 engine and four-speed transmission. It proved to be a great car and also an opportunity to learn more about mechanical work. At one point, both the engine and the transmission were blown up—an experience that led to rebuilding them both. Once rebuilt, the Beaumont ran beautifully and remained in the garage for quite some time.

Eventually, though, the desire for camping adventures led to another trade. The Beaumont was traded for a 1967 Mercury pickup. The truck came with a 352 engine and automatic transmission, though the engine was beginning to show its age. Dennis found a motor out of a race car so put it in the truck and changed the transmission over to a top loader 4 speed fun truck but it was a 1/2 ton and as you would have it the axle broke with the camper on a little scary.



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Not long afterward, a good friend offered a 1974 three-quarter-ton truck. A trade and some additional cash sealed the deal. This truck quickly earned the nickname “**Black Beauty.**” At that time the kids were getting older and were riding in the camper we decided that was un safe so he sold Black Beauty and bought a diesel extended cab first new truck Ford big time lemon lots of problems right down to a new motor.

Soon after that Dennis bought his first old car 1950 Meteor and did a restoration on new motor a 255 flathead all rebuilt 3/4 race changed the transmission from a 3 speed over to a T5 5 speed rewired the car and repainted the car many other upgrades and still have it maybe. The next car was a 1969 El Camino SS 396 he liked them when they came out in 6, but couldn't afford one back then. He could in later years, and added new exhaust and headers, plus, new carburetor. He still has it. Then a 1947 Monarch street rod caught his eye over in Vancouver. He went to look at it and it followed Dennis home. He did some work on it new manifold and carburetor and new exhaust system and still has it.



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Road Trips and Memories

Of course, the real value of classic cars lies in the experiences they create. One of the most memorable road trips took place in 2002, when he and friends drove to Hot August Nights in Reno. The Meteor had just received its newly installed engine, and the trip included some overheating issues and a few wiring challenges. Despite those hiccups, the group made it there and back safely. The trip was shared with Dave and Judy Wallace, making it a particularly memorable adventure.

Another standout journey was a trip to the Red Deer Super Run with friends Dave and Judy Wallace, Ken and Gale Searl, and Ted and Sharon Forbes. That trip went smoothly from start to finish and remains one of the highlights.

Advice for New Classic Car Owners

When asked what advice he would give someone thinking about buying their first classic car, the answer is simple and honest. Bring plenty of money, because when it comes to old cars, one thing is always true: They are never really finished.

“I do love having and driving my old cars and looking at other peoples cars and there ideas “ - Dennis Mounce



FORDS & FRIENDS 2026

All hands on deck!

After an overwhelming mandate at our last club meeting from member's to continue with our Friends and Friends Car Show, the committee lead by Ralf and Dawson are gearing up!

The first committee meeting is set for **this Thursday at 7pm**. (Tomorrow night!)
The meeting is going to be held at Ralf and Sylvie's place, [743 Rockheights Avenue in Esquimalt.](#)

Everyone is welcomed and encouraged to join the FnF committee and your input and help would be appreciated. There is a lot of planning and sponsorships to gather in the next 4 months!

This year's show is July 12th at Heritage Acres.



CLUB NEWS

Bob Mortimer

Bob Mortimer was recognized for his long list of contributions to the Club 109 at the February 10, 20206 monthly meeting. Later at the meeting Bob gave a presentation about a few cars that he owned over the years. Those few cars was actually a list of many cars that he had the pleasure of owning.

The presentation was really a history of hot rodding and classics that rumbled over the years on the streets of Victoria. Here is a link to that list - [Bob's Impressive list of cars!](#)

Bruce Somers Club President presenting Bob with his Lifetime Membership plaque



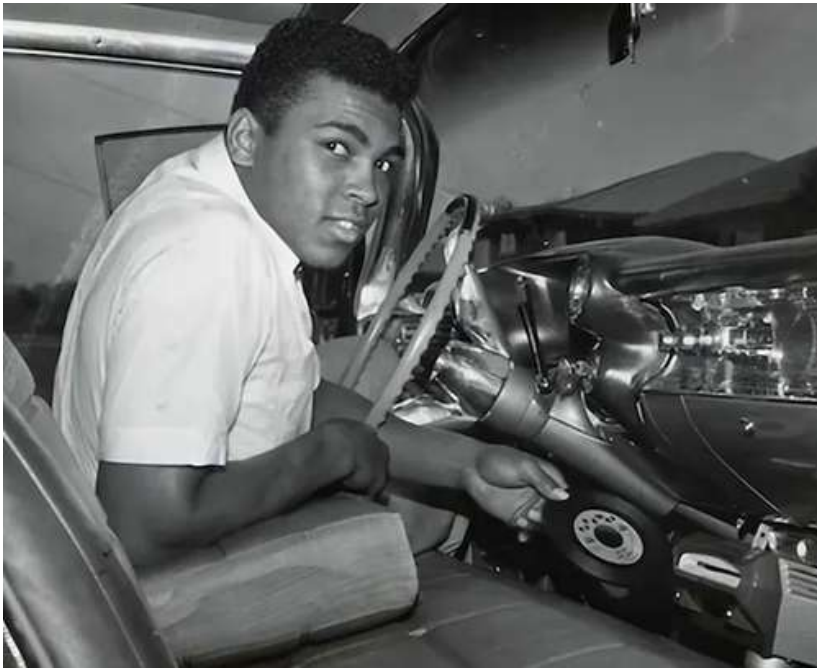
EARLYFORDVICTORIA.COM - AL WILLS

Al Wills our esteemed club webmaster is encouraging all member's to take a look at the [Member's Rides](#) page and send me new or updates to their stable.



ODDS AND ENDS FROM CLUB MEMBERS

Car culture at it's finest. Mohamed Ali with a record player in his car and long before the cup holders we have in today's modern vehicles, Coke gave these holders away!



From Jim Banks - This is a crest from the Shuswap Shifters car club in Salmon Arm B.C. I was a member from 1959 to September 1962 when I went to Vancouver to attend trade school. I lost my club jacket in Vancouver (stolen?) With a lot of hard work I found one of the old members. He still had his jacket and sent me a picture of the club crest. I had Out of the Blue make me the same crest from the picture of the old crest. They had fun doing it with all new colours. There are only three members around from the old club. The club closed around 1965. The new club VCCC with all new people. I carried around my last membership card all these years since 1962. I am hoping to get better and go back this summer and get a picture of my first car Model T pickup.

ODDS AND ENDS FROM CLUB MEMBERS & OTHERS

From the desk of Past Club President, Chris Chown

Police and Fire Department Crime Cars – Fighting Fire with Fire



You have all heard the old saying Crime Doesn't Pay, but for a while in the early-1930s it actually did. John Dillinger, Bonnie and Clyde, Baby Face Nelson, Pretty-Boy Floyd and others were roaming the land on organized crime sprees robbing banks and executing robberies. Soon larger cities were forced to move beyond fighting these criminals with something more serious than a sedan or touring car equipped with a siren and full of gun-toting officers.

Pictured above, courtesy of Roberta Crawford and the [Studebaker Facebook](#) page is a group of serious looking South Bend, Indiana, Police and Fire Department officers with a car the city used for fighting the bad guys. The 1933 or 1934 Studebaker is equipped with: an armored cover for the radiator, bullet guards for the front tires and a gun port on the right-hand side of the windshield.

The truck below, belonging to the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department, took fighting the criminals to a higher level. It may have been equipped with armor plating in addition to the turret on the top and the port hole windows with gun slots.



MARKETPLACE

FOR SALE - Norrie has a list of items for sale. Call Norrie Spencer (250) 652 1862

- ESSO 55kg trans/rear end gear oil pump on castors \$100
- Chain blocks \$75
- Engine stand \$75
- Glass bead blaster \$125
- Ping-pong table (with net and paddles) \$125
- 6.Parts washer \$60
- Alloy wheels 5" x 4 ¼" \$100
- 1932-37 engine parts (pistons, rings, etc.). Call for details.
- 6-volt electric fuel pumps. Call for details.
- 1932-37 Ignition parts. Call for details.

FOR SALE - Past Member Steve Butler has for sale his 1939 Ford 4-Door for \$15,000. Tony Cond mentioned the car and flathead are in very good condition. Contact Tony for more information. 250-532-7420

FOR SALE - Roberta Bada has numerous items for sale. Give Robert a call at 250-881-2220

- 1939 Ford Std Coupe, electronic ignition, asking \$35,000
- Complete dual exhaust system including tail pipes, exhaust pipes & mufflers to fit 1938 - 1939 Ford. New, never installed, asking \$1,000
- Delta 16 1/2 inch floor model drill press complete with large drill press in new condition. Made in Canada. Asking \$500
- Snap-on overhead retractable air hose, new, asking \$150

FREE! - Flathead block. Contact Steve Barlow for more information. 250-479-4736



MARKETPLACE

Found on the web.

EACH MONTH WE'LL FEATURE A CLASSIC FOUND ON THE INTERNET FOR SALE. THIS MONTH'S CAR IS A [1951 FORD CUSTOM CONVERTIBLE](#) FROM TULSA, AZ AND IT'S YOURS FOR \$31,00 USD.

1951 FORD CUSTOM CONVERTIBLE DESCRIBED AS A TIMELESS BEAUTY CAPTURING THE ESSENCE OF THE EARLY 1950S MOTORING EXPERIENCE.



A little chuckle

PADDY AND HIS MISSUS ARE LYING IN BED LISTENING TO THE NEXT DOOR NEIGHBOR'S DOG BARKING. IT HAD BEEN BARKING FOR HOURS AND HOURS.

SUDDENLY, PADDY JUMPS OUT OF BED AND SAYS, "I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF THIS," AND GOES DOWNSTAIRS.

PADDY FINALLY COMES BACK UP TO BED AND HIS WIFE SAYS, "THE DOG IS STILL BARKING. WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN DOING?"

PADDY SAYS, "I'VE PUT THEIR DOG IN OUR YARD - NOW WE'LL SEE HOW THEY LIKE IT!"



THIS MONTH IN FORD HISTORY

In March 1932, Ford Motor Company faced the violent "Ford Hunger March" where police and security confronted unemployed protestors, marking a pivotal moment in labor history. Also in March 1964, Ford produced its first iconic Mustang, paving the way for its official release.

Other historical Ford Motor Co. events in February:

- **March 7, 1932**, thousands of unemployed workers marched from Detroit to the Ford River Rouge Complex in Dearborn to present 14 demands to Henry Ford, including jobs, healthcare, and an end to home foreclosures. The confrontation turned deadly when security and police opened fire on the crowd. Four workers—Joe York, George Bussell, Coleman Leny, and Joe Blasio—were killed instantly; a fifth, Curtis Williams, died months later from his injuries.

While it did not lead to immediate unionization, the march is considered a major catalyst for the eventual formation of the United Auto Workers (UAW) at Ford in 1941.

- Notable Birthday - Ayrton Senna: Born March 21, 1960. Though a Formula One legend with many teams, Senna's early career and some of his greatest seasons (including his 1993 season with McLaren) were powered by Ford-Cosworth engines.
- March 9, 1964, Ford produced the very first Mustang, a white convertible with a 260cid V-8 engine.



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Thank you all for your support and participation.

