

RUMBLES



UPCOMING
GARAGE TOUR

FORDS &
FRIENDS 2026

SWAP MEET
JUNE 28TH

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RUMBLES - THIS ISSUE

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

In this month's issue an update on 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 - The design of our collector plates for Fords and Friends 2026

The Members' Ride feature 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 & Ralf St. Clair



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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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Early Ford V-8 Club Regional Group 109 Vancouver Island

Minutes of Club Meeting May 12th, 2026

Meeting called to order at 7:04pm. 17 Members in attendance.

1. Opening remarks – Bruce Somers, President

a. Bruce welcomed members to the meeting and noted that there were no guests.

2. Old Business

a. License plates. After discussion, and checking that there was interest in the room, it was decided to order 50 plates subject to approval of design. Dawson to take forward with Mike.

3. Correspondence

a. Thank you for our donation received from Kevin of the Vancouver School Board Pathways Program.

4. Treasurer's Report – Bill Pritchard, Treasurer

a. Report for period ending May 12, 2026. Club finances remain healthy. Note that all 109 members are now automatically Speciality Vehicle Association of BC (SVABC) members.

5. Committee Reports

a. Ford and Friends. The show is moving forward! A meeting of the committee was held following the regular club meeting, and we are happy to report music, First Aid, food, venue and parking assistance are all falling into place. We remain a little short on sponsorship this year and the committee will continue to contact potential sponsors.

6. New Business

a. Membership chair. President Somers suggested that, given our declining paid membership, it would be helpful to contact unpaid previous members and follow up to discover their intentions. Heidi agreed to take this on.

b. Upcoming garage tour! Sunday June 7: Visit to Mark Fisher's Garage, 4150 Happy Valley Road, 10am.



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7. Announcements

8. Buy & Sell - Wanted/Needed

- a. Bruce is looking for a tailgate for a 1949 Mercury/Ford pick-up (only the skin is different).
- b. Mike is after some baby moon hubcaps. 8 7/8" diameter.
- c. Mark is seeking the April 1999 V-8 Times.
- d. Bob is looking for 2020, 20201, 2025 dash plaques.

9. The Odd Spot - car stories shared by members

10. Call to adjourn.

Note: The next meeting will be June 9th at 7pm at Berwick House. There will be no club meetings in July or August.



MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT - BRUCE SOMERS

The Early Ford V8 Club is still a little low on paid up members. At the May meeting Heidi Bada took on the position of membership Chair person and will soon be sending out reminders to our past members which should improve the roster.

As for up coming events we have lots on the Calander.

1. Victoria Day Parade - Tony Cond put his truck in the parade again this year along with a large sign in the box advertising Fords and Friends. Thanks Tony!

2. Vic High Anniversary- Four or five club members have signed up to show there cars at Vic High's 150th celebration on May 23rd. Some of us were students and I was a shop teacher at Fairy Tech, I also helped when we set up for the 100 year celebration.

3. On Sunday June 7th we are invited to a garage tour of Mark Fisher's collection at 4150 Happy Valley Road in Metchosin. Lauri and I will host a BBQ Hot dog, pop, coffee, chips, cookies or cake at my place 519 Witty Beach Rd in Metchosin, 10 minutes from Mark's after the tour. If you are planning to come please email me at bsomers00@hotmail.com so we can get a number of those planning to attend.

4. The Victoria Swap Meet is on June 27/28. Our club is one of the support groups for this event and share in the revenues. If you would like to volunteer for this event contact Dawson Valgardsom -778-587-9150.

5. Fords and Friends will be at Heritage Acres on July 12th with set upon Saturday the 11th evening. There will be lots of work and fun for all of us as we put on our 45th show.

We are working on three more possible events, more to come!

Take care,
Bruce Somers
President
EFV8 Club 109



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MEMBER'S RIDE - DON FRIEBE

Our Member's Ride features takes a breather this month. Next month Lauri Stevens will be in the spotlight.


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.

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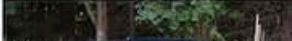


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MEMBERS' RIDES



VICTORIA EARLY FORD V8 CLUB MEMBERS' RIDES

Click on the image to see more of each ride (if no link, no more photos or info)

BOB AINSCOUGH'S '51 FORD 2 DOOR	DON LANDELS' 42 FORD PICKUP (3PICS)	ERNIE SCHELLENBERG'S '56 MERCURY PU
		



It is almost show time!

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

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.**

Automobiles, Trucks, Parts, Literature, Tools & Collectibles

General Admission: \$5.00 per person, INCLUDING VENDORS

Open to the Public

Free Parking

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Rumbles May 2026

ODDS & ENDS FROM CLUB MEMBERS & OTHERS

From the desk of Past Club President, Chris Chown

SEARS MOTOR BUGGY \$395⁰⁰

SPECIFICATIONS

MOTOR. Two-cylinder double opposed 13½-horse power (A. L. A. M. rating) four-cycle air cooled engine of the most approved type. The material is the best that can be purchased, all bearings and connections are of the best; the cylinders have 1½-inch bore by a 1-inch stroke; crank shaft is made of nickel steel forging 1½ inches in diameter. Each and every motor thoroughly tested out before being set in the machine. Every engine is adjusted and balanced so that it works perfectly before being shipped. After being set in the machine it is given a thorough road test and all adjustments made, so as to eliminate any difficulty on the road.

TRANSMISSION. Positive transmission of the friction type, controlled by a foot lever, contact wheel coming in direct contact with the fly wheel of engine by a slight pressure on a foot pedal; contact wheel is moved across the face of fly wheel by a hand lever at the side of body. This lever controls all speeds from one to twenty-five miles an hour. By throwing back this same lever you get the reverse motion to run your car backward; the simplest and most practical arrangement.

On the end of the shaft is our patent arrangement for transmitting the power through the chains to the wheels by means of a small sprocket on the end of the shaft and the large sprocket on the rear wheels. By a simple and positive arrangement we have a positive drive and do away with the troublesome differential, at the same time in turning corners it allows the outside wheel to travel faster than the inside wheel, and power is transmitted direct without any noise.

DRIVE. Double endless riveted best roller chain made; front sprocket hardened steel, rear machined from boiler plate. Chain can be removed from the machine by removing a single cotter key and without disturbing the wheels or any other part, and being endless, riveted and operating on machined sprockets, it will give long service.

LUBRICATION. Mechanical force feed, shooting type, absolutely positive and will feed the same winter or summer; feeds only when engine is running. By our special device it is impossible to reduce the supply to each part lubricated to a quantity less than required for proper lubrication.

IGNITION. Jump spark double coil, the best we can buy, and dry batteries.

BRAKES. One on each rear wheel, internal expanding; hardened wearing surfaces. Adjustable friction surface. This is accomplished by simply removing a cotter key and turning a slotted bolt. When leaving the car the brake can be left locked.

ADJUSTMENTS, ETC. The body can be removed without disturbing any of the power plant parts. By removing a large plate the connecting rods, crank and bearings are in plain view and easily removed. The cylinder heads can be removed by the use of a hammer or wrench without disturbing any other parts, and if desired the piston can be removed. The valves can be removed by unscrewing a cap. The carburetor is latest improved type, guaranteed to give perfect results. No complicated parts to get out of order or adjustment. We have tested nearly every carburetor on the market and have found this one to be the best to get the most power from the engine and with practically no adjustment. The spark coil adjusting screws are also within easy reach of the operator while the car is in motion.

MUFFLERS. By our special device we are able to remove all back pressure on the engine, at the same time eliminate nearly all sound of the engine; in fact, you can hardly hear the engine run.

CONTROL. The spark lever which advances the spark to the engine, and the throttle which controls the supply of gasoline to the engine, are located in the most convenient position on the steering post, so that they can easily be handled with the left hand of the party driving the car without any apparent effort. By simply advancing the spark and opening up the throttle you can control the rate of speed.

STEERING DEVICE. The car is steered with a steering post and handle on the left side of the car, and we have found by practical tests and study that the left hand is the side from which to run a car; we have also found that the steering post and handle bar is far better than the wheel type. The steering apparatus is easily controlled, a slight forward or backward pressure on the steering bar sends the car to the left or to the right. Any child can easily steer the car. All high grade electric cars built for ladies' use are fitted with this style steering apparatus, as it is a great deal easier handled than the wheel type.

WHEELS. 36 inches high over all, front and rear; special wheel, the best that can be made, made of selected hickory with heavy 1½-inch spokes; Sarven's patent flange, 1¾-inch rim, fitted with an electric welded channel tire, fitted with Diamond guaranteed 1¾-inch special motor buggy solid rubber tires.

COMPLETE WITH TOP, STORM FRONT, TIMKEN ROLLER BEARING AXLES, FENDERS, RUBBER TIRES, THREE OIL BURNING LAMPS AND HORN



ALL SPEEDS FROM 1 TO 25 MILES PER HOUR

AXLES. The celebrated high grade roller bearing axles, the best that can be made; drop forged knuckles; axles 1¼ inches square.

SPRINGS. Four high grade tempered full elliptic four-leaf 36-inch springs, clipped with wrought iron clips to the axles and at each corner of the steel angle iron frame, makes very easy riding and absorbs all the road shocks. With these springs our Sears Motor Buggy rides much easier than regular ordinary top buggy.

FRAME. 2x1½x6-inch pressed steel angle frame attached on top of the four springs, carrying the engine and main drive shaft.

BODY. Bolted securely to the angle steel frame; body is strong, substantial and well made, of a piano box pattern; 30 inches wide by 67 inches long; heavy gills; side panels of the best material we can buy. The rear of body back of seat is covered with a special wood deck boot. There is a space 20x21 inches in the rear of seat under the boot. Special patent leather dash in front; bottom of body in front of seat removable, so as to reach the engine when necessary. Gasoline tanks, batteries and spark coil are fastened in body under the seat, so that they can be easily reached.

SEAT. Special design surrey size seat, 37 inches across the top of cushion, strong, substantial and well made, very roomy and comfortable; seat ends padded and lined; seat is upholstered with genuine machine buffed leather of the best quality. Springs in cushion and back; seat cushion is removable, so that gasoline tank can easily be filled. Side curtains are carried under seat cushion.

TOP. Three-haw skeleton automobile top, made of heavy grade of morococaine leather; morococaine, back and side curtains and back curtain; large celluloid lights in the back curtain and side curtains; side curtains are removable and can be placed under the seat. Top can be let down, as shown in the different illustrations, when not wanted as a cover. The top is strong, substantial and well made. Top is held in place when up by two straps that run from the front bow and fasten to the front of the body near the dash, as shown in the small illustration. These straps hold the top rigid and solid when riding on rough roads. Storm front so that buggy can be closed in stormy weather is furnished regular.

PAINTING. As illustrated, we paint the body and seat plain black, finished in the best possible manner. Gear a rich blood red carmine, neatly striped with black, a very handsome finish.

TRIMMINGS. Two large oil burning front lamps and one rear tail lamp car are furnished at the price quoted. We can furnish two acetylene lamps with a generator in place of the oil lamps if wanted, at prices quoted below. Complete set of metal fenders, as shown in the illustration, are furnished. At our price of \$395.00 the car comes complete with top, storm front, two front and one rear lamp, horn, complete set of fenders, rubber tires, Timken roller bearing axles and 1 gallon of lubricating oil.

WEIGHT. This car is very light, weighing about 1,000 pounds, complete. 13 inches. WHEEL BASE, 72 inches. TRACK, ROAD CLEARANCE, 4 feet 8 inches. GASOLINE TANK, capacity 6 gallons, or enough for 150 miles road service.

No. 21L333 Sears Motor Buggy, complete as described above, with top, horn, storm front, oil lamps, fenders, Timken roller bearing axles and solid rubber tires. Price **\$395.00**

No. 21L444 Sears Motor Runabout, without top and fenders, but otherwise as described above. Price **370.00**

Shipped from factory, crated so as to secure the lowest possible freight rate. Shipping weight, about 1,400 pounds. EXTRAS IF WANTED—Acetylene Lamps with Generator in place of the two front oil burning lamps. **\$12.95**

OUR ADVICE TO EVERYONE IS TO ORDER THE COMPLETE CAR AT \$395.00, AS ILLUSTRATED AND DESCRIBED ABOVE, AS SOONER OR LATER YOU WILL WANT THE TOP AND THE FENDERS, AND THERE IS VERY LITTLE SAVED BY OMITTING THESE PARTS, WHICH MOST EVERYONE ORDERS AT SOME TIME OR OTHER

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Bill is selling his immaculate 35 Fordor. Offers to \$27,500.



Found on the web.

EACH MONTH WE'LL FEATURE A CLASSIC FOUND ON THE INTERNET FOR SALE. THIS MONTH'S CAR IS A [1932 FORD ROADSTER](#) FROM TULSA, OKLAHOMA AND IT'S YOURS FOR \$37,000 USD.

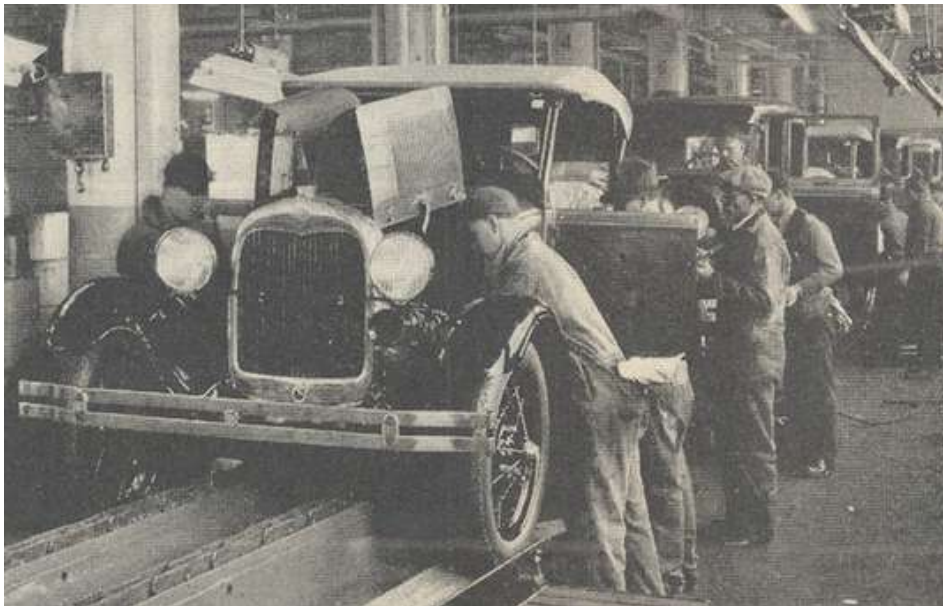


THIS MONTH IN FORD HISTORY

May is a landmark month for Ford Motor Company, most notably for changing the global workforce. On May 1, 1926, Henry Ford implemented a revolutionary five-day, 40-hour workweek for factory employees, laying the groundwork for the modern workweek.

Other historical Ford Motor Co. events in May:

- **May 19, 1903:** Henry Ford filed the official articles of incorporation for the Ford Motor Company in Michigan.
- **May 26, 1927:** The 15 millionth Model T rolled off the assembly line. This final day of production ended an era before the company shut down to retool for the upcoming Model A.
- **May 22, 2017:** Jim Hackett officially took over as President and CEO of the company.



In 1929, Henry Ford said automation didn't threaten human workers. Yes, he had introduced machines to do some tasks on his automotive assembly line, but even with the automation in his plant, the number of his employees had risen from three men to 100,000 in 20 years.



RUMBLES- APRIL 2026

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Thank you all for your support and participation.

