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# VCCC

## Vancouver Chapter

## Newsletter

= December 2025 =



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The Vancouver chapter of the Vintage Car Club meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30pm in the Administration building, Burnaby Village Museum at Sperling and Canada Way, Burnaby

VCCC Web Site <https://vancouver.vccc.com/>

Events Hot Line (604) 519-4627

2025	VANCOUVER CHAPTER	
<b>DIRECTORS</b>	<b>EXECUTIVE</b>	
Allan Reich	President	***needed***
Fred Dallyn	Vice President	Len Sholes
Kyle Hawkins	Treasurer	Peter Trant
Lawrence Kennedy	Secretary	***needed***
Len Sholes	Membership	Allan Reich
Peter Trant	<b>OTHERS</b>	
Ryan Cruickshank	Correspondent	John Crawford
<b>GOVERNORS</b>	Newsletter	Allan Reich
Gary Catherwood	Website	Ken Grahame
Ken Grahame	Events Chair	***needed***
<b>TRUSTEES</b>	Events Committee	Lawrence Kennedy
John Crawford	Refreshments	Lawrence Kennedy
Gary Hawthorn	Hotline	Ryan Cruickshank
Ken Grahame	Librarian	Glenn Blanchfield
	Assistant Librarian	Ken Berrecloth
	Regalia	John Crawford
	Sunshine	Trudy Dunn

## Regalia

A listing of items available is on the National website by clicking on Regalia. You may click on download Order Form at the top of that page to see prices and ordering information.

Please note that as Governor's meetings are often by Zoom, that shipping option is not always available. Please check with John Crawford before placing an order as he may have some of the items on hand.

– John Crawford

See Harrison's List @ <http://www.autoeventlist.com/> And the Northwest Car Calendar

@ <http://nwcareventscalendar.com> One of our own members, Cam Hutchins also has an excellent website with complete details on upcoming events at [www.carnut.ca](http://www.carnut.ca)

Try this; <http://www.americantorque.com/game/car-show-50s/>

## **Vancouver Chapter of the Vintage Car Club of Canada, Annual Events and Tours**

The Vancouver Chapter organizes a number of events and tours during the year, some of which are for members only and others are open to the public to participate in. The list below is not necessarily complete.

**Boxing Day Run** - takes place on December 26th weather permitting. Starts at Vancouver Planetarium, then on to a another location for snacks. Open to the Public - token charge to public at destination

**Easter Parade** - takes place on Easter Sunday from a designated location to another location for snacks. Open to the Public - token charge to public at destination

**May Tour** - this is organized by a different chapter each year and takes place in that chapter's area. All members of the Vintage Car Club are able to participate.

**Strawberry Social** - A member only one day event, this is usually in June and may include a garage tour. Sometimes affiliated club members may be invited as well.

**Carousel Picnic** - \*\* CANCELLED \*\*\* May re-assess over time!

**Corn Roast** - A members and invited guests only event that is held on the first Sunday in September.

**Fall Tour** - A members only tour that varies in location each year. Usually 3 or 4 days in duration.

# **President's message November 2025**

**VCCC Vancouver Chapter President's report, November 2025**

**The end of another year of vintage motoring fast approaches and with that comes the promise of another hard fought election. I have decided not to seek another term on the executive. I have conflicted feelings about this but feel that a new driver and navigator are needed in order to reinvigorate the Vancouver Chapter. Thank you for all your support during my terms as Chapter President.**

**While I would like to thank the entire executive for working with me for the last 6 years there are several people who made my job easier. Firstly, Joyce Holmes who stepped up to the plate in so many ways, secretary (NGS), tour organizer and newsletter just to name a few. While we parted company over some very strong personal differences regarding the Vintage Car Club as a whole I do miss our sometimes daily telephone conversations and emails. I wish her well.**

**Jim Hawes in taking on the meeting refreshments and the volunteer recruitment for the care home visits lightened the load which I had to carry. Allan Baker, who took on the task of organizing and executing the corn roast, put on a great event which was enjoyed by all that chose to attend.**

**Allan Reich who in spite of health concerns still soldiered on in the membership role and the other members who stepped up as they were able. Thank you to all. I will, with the permission of the new executive, continue to organize the lunches at The Great Bear Pub and look forward to seeing many of you at them. My main focus as VCCC National President will now be the well being of the club as a whole. There are many challenges there which make our chapter problems appear minor.**

**Best regards:**

**Ernie Stepney**

**President**



## 1904 Columbia—Owned by Peter Findlay



**Peter and Sanantha**



### **A note from Peter about his 1904 Columbia.**

- Columbia cars were first produced by Pope in Hartford, Ct. Columbia was one of the earliest American car makes, both electric and gasoline powered.
- By 1904 the parent company was The Electric Vehicle Company, although my car has a 2 cylinder gas engine.
- "modern" features include: left hand drive, 3 speed transmission, shaft drive, front opening hood with engine in front.
- It has only one door, in the rear of the vehicle.
- my car was beautifully restored by Antique Chapter member Paul Carter about 25 years ago, we know of only one other in the world.

# Sunshine

## Sunshine Report – by Trudy Dunn



The rainy season has hit and along with it comes the cold and flu season. This is a report of those that I am aware of. Members are encouraged to contact me with any information about our members in my attempt to fill in the duties of the Sunshine Committee.

Earl Tucker spent most of December with a bad cold. He states he was sadly unable to take care of his cars for 16 days.

Others affected by these maladies are Bill Trant, Al Scholes, Milt and Janet Porteous.

Dave Forest is home once again and continuing to recuperate from his accident this fall.

John Crawford is well on his journey to conquer a recent diagnosis of a form of Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma.

We hope all of our members will soon be back on "the doing well" list.

Here's wishing you all a healthy, happy and joyous 2025.



# BC Motor Vehicle Testing Report



On the passenger side of the windshield of my 1965 Mustang, that I have owned for 55 years, there is a strange brown decal that many people ask about at various car shows. Many old-timers will recognize it as the **Dreaded Testing Sticker** that plagued us as kids owning old cars in Vancouver.

We were required to get our cars tested every six months and get a current decal on our windshield. The police would recognize an older sticker and issue us a ticket to get our old cars tested. My first car was a ten year old 1951 Austin A40. The problem with an old car like this was poor brakes, loose steering system, and various other ailments. There was a testing station in the west end on Georgia st, where the white spot is now (or was, I think it's being converted to number of towers).

You had to line up, go through the test and pray for a sticker (that was rare,) you usually got a fail and had to get it fixed and come back in again. My last test, shown here was in 1981. I moved to Alberta then until 1986, but when I got back I think it was converted to "Air Care, which was another story.

There was a market for valid stickers from broken windshields that could get you a pass for six months.

The report is on the next page; you can see the way costs have rocketed, as this test only cost \$1.75





# BC Motor Vehicle Testing Report

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PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

MOTOR VEHICLE BRANCH  
MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION  
AND HIGHWAYS

REMARKS:

**STEERING PARTS**

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correct faulty conditions and return the vehicle to a motor-vehicle inspection station operated by the Province of British Columbia on or before—  
This report MUST be presented for reinspection.

**IF PASSED**  
Please present this vehicle for next inspection on or before—  
Expiration date is on the certificate.

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**MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTION REPORT**

When this inspection report has been punched as passed, the vehicle described on the reverse has passed the inspection provided by the Motor-vehicle Branch.

When the inspection report has been punched as rejected, please have the necessary repairs or adjustments made and return the vehicle on or before the date shown on the reverse.

Compliance with the inspection requirements should not be considered as a substitute for the proper maintenance of the vehicle. When purchasing a motor vehicle have a mechanic check it over first. In any correspondence please refer to the license number, registration number and the certificate number.

Thank you for your co-operation.

R. G. WHITLOCK,  
Superintendent of Motor Vehicles.

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# Xmas Party Meeting– Minutes

VINTAGE CAR CLUB OF CANADA VANCOUVER CHAPTER

## MINUTES OF THE CHRISTMAS MEETING

10 December 2025 @ 7:30 pm

Called to order : 7:30 by Ernie Stepney

In Attendance: 62

1. We observed a minute of silence in memory of members who passed in 2025.

### 2. Financial Report

Bill Trant presented the Financial Report for the period  
11/13/2025 through 12/10 2025

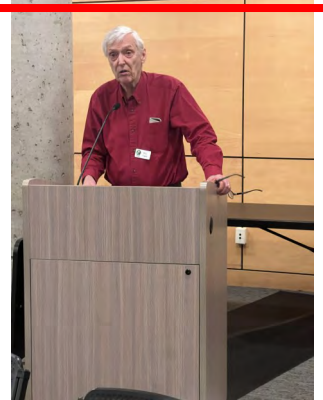
#### Income

Dues.....	\$...840.00
Corn roast float return.....	68.65
Rent Recovery from Building Trust.....	3,797.56
	.....\$4,706.21

#### Expenses

Dues forwarded to National .....	\$650.00
Telephone hotline expense .....	14.51
	.....\$664.51

Net change for the period.....  
....\$4,041.70



**Bill Trant delivering  
Financial Report**

### 3. Donations

- Attendees were invited to make a donation to the Vancouver Chapter's own Trudy Dunn Wig Fund and to the Food Bank
- -Trudy reported that in 2025 the Fund had distributed:  
-89 Wig hats      -64 Full Wigs      -107 Cancer Hats

### 4. Trophies Awarded

- Oldest Vehicle Acquired.....Peter and Teresa Findlay  
1904 Columbia
- Most Active Non-Classic.....Jim Hawes  
1942 Dodge 4 Door Sedan
- Most Active Classic.....Jim and Linda Harrison  
1923 Packard
- Packard Participation .....Gary and Gerry Jarvis  
1955 &1956 Packard Clipper



**Trudy Dunn and  
Collen Stepney  
Describe the  
Wig Fund**

# Xmas Meeting– Minutes .. Continued

- Most Active Commercial.....Stan and Judy Egerton  
1913 Ford Model T Fire Truck
- Hard Luck Trophy.....Bill and Elaine Trant  
1957 Pontiac Station wagon
- Most Active Member.....Ernie Stepney
- Door Prize .....George Hoffman

## 5. **Food**

Jim Macdonald had organized a very tasty meal

## 6. **Entertainment**

Peter Findlay presented a challenge. On a screen at the front of the room each table of members was presented with some of the words to a song and then challenged to provide the missing words.





## Trophies Awarded— December 10, 2025



**Oldest Vehicle  
Acquired  
1904 Columbia  
- Peter and Teresa  
Findlay**



**Most Active -Non-  
Classic—1942  
Dodge Sedan  
Jim Hawes**



**Most Active Classic  
1923 Packard  
Jim and Linda  
Harrison**



**Packard Participation  
1955 & 1956  
Packard Clipper  
Gary & Gerry Jarvis**



**Most Active Com-  
mercial—1913  
Model T Fire Truck  
Stan & Judy  
Egerton**



**Hard Luck 1957  
Pontiac Stn Wagon  
Bill and Elaine  
Trant**



**Most unique  
Vehicle Acquired  
1904 Columbia  
- Peter and Teresa  
Findlay**



**Most Active  
Member  
Ernie and Colleen  
Stepney**



**Door Prize  
George Hoffman**



# Future of the 2400 Motel

October 20, 2025 — The City of Vancouver has plans to *redevelop Kingsway's 2400 Motel* into four mixed-use market rental housing towers

## Vancouver Sun—October 25, 2025

An end is now in sight for the historic 2400 Motel, as the City of Vancouver has now revealed its long-awaited concept for redeveloping the property.

The 1946-built, City-owned property — one of the few remaining major examples of traditional motor inns within the region's urban environment — is now eyed by the municipal government for its evolution into a high-density, mixed-use rental housing and commercial space complex, and a community hub for the Norquay Village district of East Vancouver's Renfrew-Collingwood neighbourhood. This includes a small community centre and sizeable event-friendly outdoor public spaces.

The project is being spearheaded by the municipal government under the City's Rental Housing on City-Owned Land – Public Benefits Pilot Rezoning Policy.

This is the City of Vancouver's big rental housing redevelopment plan for 2400 Motel on Kingsway



VCCC Vancouver Car Shows at the 2400 Motel Site.— Time may be limited — another year or two ??





# FALL TOUR 2025

Courtesy of The VCCC – Antique Chapter Newsletter #64 –December 2025

Editor: John Peirson Writeup and Pictures: Joyce Holmes

## Golden Days and Golden Oldies: A Memorable Fall Tour on the Sunshine Coast

As the leaves began to turn and the crisp air hinted at autumn's arrival, members of the Antique Chapter joined forces with the Central Fraser Valley Chapter and the Vancouver Chapter for their highly anticipated Fall Tour in September 2025 — this time, on the beautiful Sunshine Coast. With 38 people and 18 cars, some of which were lovingly preserved vintage models, the tour was already shaping up to be a memorable affair. But it was made even more special by the enthusiastic participation of 11 classic vehicles from the Powell River Chapter, who joined us for a picture-perfect picnic at the stunning waterfront retreat of Peter Trant in Gibsons.



Nestled at Soames Point, Peter's "home away from home", a place steeped in family history and coastal charm, provided the ideal backdrop for a day of stories, laughter, and shared appreciation for classic motoring. And the weather? Phenomenal! Warm sunshine, blue skies, and not a drop of rain.

Adding a delicious touch of nostalgia to the event, lunch was catered by none other than Molly's Reach — the iconic eatery made famous by the beloved *Beachcombers* TV show. As we dined on the lush lawn overlooking the shimmering waters, the view stretched out to Keats Island, Point Atkinson, Bowen Island, and even the Lion's Gate Bridge — a vista so breathtaking it nearly stole the show from the cars. But it wasn't just the scenery that captivated us.



Peter, ever the gracious host and natural storyteller, regaled us with stories of the history of this area while sitting atop a truly unique conversation piece: a bench fashioned from a one-ton section of the original Lion's Gate Bridge. Peter, with his usual ingenuity, purchased the massive piece from a salvage yard and, with the help of a backhoe operator, flipped it over and partially buried it in the ground. Sitting atop a piece of Vancouver's history, looking out at the view and listening to Peter's anecdotes, many of us could easily have been persuaded to stay forever.

The stories continued with tales of his grandparents, who first came to this very spot in the early 1900s after asking a local fisherman for a good place to camp. The fisherman led them to what he called the finest beach around — and the Trants never looked back.



They fell in love with Soames Point and soon after purchased property from the original farmer, Mr. Soames, along what is now Trant Road.



Later that afternoon, our trusty '53 Hudson Hornet led the way to our first garage tour at Kathy and Roddy Johnstone's — a treat for any classic car enthusiast.



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## From Cider to Caprese: Day Two Delights

The next morning kicked off with an unexpected highlight — a cider tasting at Sunday Cider. Yes, cider tasting in the morning! And surprisingly, it worked perfectly.



Clinton McDougall, the cider maker and co-founder of Sunday gave a captivating explanation of their cider-making process, of “Fine and far out craft cider made from 100% fresh pressed BC apples. Fermented with by nice folks on BC's sunny Sunshine Coast” and the tasting that followed was nothing short of fantastic. It was a beautiful setting matched by their apparent community spirit with signs for movie nights, and farmers market, and more decorating their walls. ❤️

After a leisurely, scenic cruise up the coast, we enjoyed yet another garage tour, this time at Jim Obele's place. His garages were packed with personality, passion, and, of course, some beautiful vintage iron. We were treated to an impressive display of restoration work and craftsmanship.



The day wrapped up with a visit to the Sunshine Coast Olive Oil Company, which some of us had first discovered while watching *The Amazing Race Canada*. Contestants had to match oil and balsamic vinegar flavours — and now, so did we! The generous hosts treated us to a gourmet spread featuring olives, artisan breads, mojitos, Caprese skewers, and even popcorn sprinkled with your choice of infused balsamic. Each of us received a sample gift set to take home — a lovely way to remember the flavours of the Sunshine Coast.



Of course, no tour would be complete without the occasional hiccup. A car or two may have had mechanical troubles, but — as always — our group's wealth of experience, enthusiasm, and toolkits came to the rescue. It's part of what makes these tours so memorable: the way we come together to keep the wheels turning. enthusiasm but also the know how to come to their aid and some others of us, held the tools.





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## Cruising to the Finish Line

Our final day featured two runs of the popular SloCat Harbour Cruises. Thanks to Cherrie's engaging stories and deep local knowledge, the experience was rich with history, humour, and insight. Then it was off for a scenic drive to La Trattoria Ristorante at Ruby Lake, where we enjoyed a delicious farewell dinner.



We capped off the tour with our third and final evening of BYOE — *Bring Your Own Entertainment*. Over each of our three nights, we were treated to songs, guitar tunes, heartfelt and humorous stories, laughter, and antics from a wonderfully spirited group. The evenings were full of joy and camaraderie — a fitting end to each day.



As the tour wrapped up, everyone had their own small adventure to recount on the road home. Whether it was the journey back to the ferry or one last detour down a winding coastal road, one thing was certain: this Fall Tour left us all with lasting memories, full hearts, and maybe a few extra bottles of balsamic vinegar.

N.B.: This story comes to us from Joyce Holmes, who wrote it and put it together with her photographs.. Her husband Evan has recently joined our Antique Chapter.



Here is the Holmes' 1953 Hudson Hornet that led the tour.

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