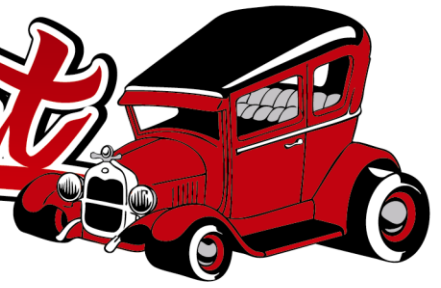


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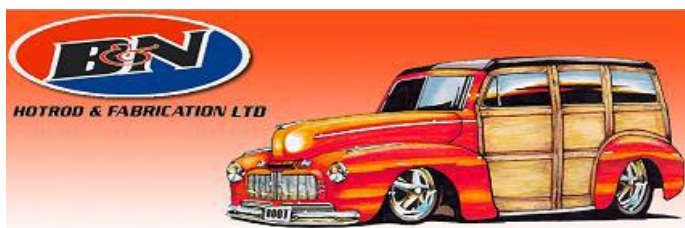


March 2025

Stuff & more stuff ... Club cars...



This 1955 Ford F100 belongs to Garney & Nancy Carter. It features a fuel injected 302 cu inch Ford with an AOD transmission. Interior is a tuck and roll style seat with black carpets. The truck is mounted on a MacLanders frame built many years ago. The proof of this build is on the odometer, it read 30,000 miles.... Now that's what it is all about.



Club Executive 2025

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Pedlar's Post - Club items for sale

40th 45th & 50th Anniversary Two sided decals - FREE

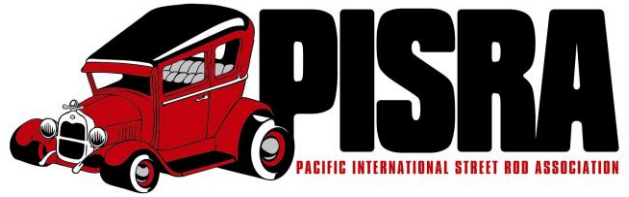
50th Anniversary plaques available - \$20 & \$5.00 postage

Club Plaques – orig. design - \$50.00 (4" X 6" sizes)

New 2025 membership shirts available from Grant Chitty



Our club signs have been a big hit over the years. We get a lot of interest from others as we park together and display our signs all in a row... If you missed the first run, don't worry, we can get yours made anytime and still at the same club price of \$100 + \$12.00 tax. The wooden easel is still available at Michaels and with a 50% off coupon, they work out to \$26.00 each so total is \$140.00. Second car addition is \$25.00 instead of buying a 2nd sign



Surrey, B.C.

Steering Column

I read an article the other day put out by Hagerty about performance brands and logos on our favorite cars. We, as gearheads, love to read about high performance vehicles and accessories. Little did we realize it is what kills most brands of cars. The majority of people don't want the high performance brands, they want simple cost efficient vehicles that blend in.

The special brands or editions cost more money to produce and are usually the first on the chopping block when sales don't hit the expected levels. This is why I guess those special editions are rare in most cases.

In other cases, the successful editions only wear a badge that reads R or S type, AMG or M, or LX & LT. Anything more and it becomes known as a Me-too version.

The article went on to show how electric cars were retaining some of the old badging as a cross over... for example the Porsche Taycan Four door is still called a Turbo S. The Mustang and Chevrolet Blazer sport the names Mach & SS when both are just run of the mill electric versions of their predecessors.

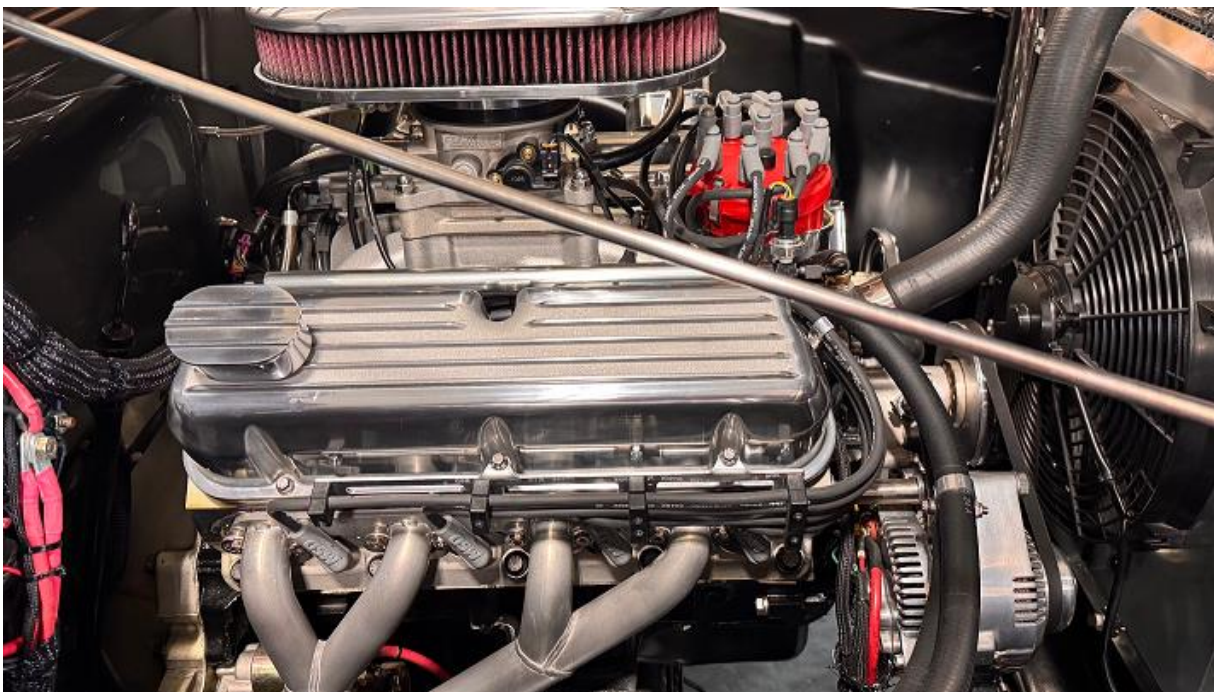
Don't even get me started on retooled reincarnations of cars long gone by... lol

PISRA's 55th Anniversary 2026

Next year will be our 55th year and it is time to start making plans to celebrate the event. We have lots of time to gather a few club members together and put on a stationary event.

The fairgrounds where we host our swap meet seems like a great area to hold our event. In 1979, our Family Affair event was held on this location so we have history there. If you would like to help, please let me know. We have a general blueprint on how to host and what to do, we just need members to step up and help. The more that step up, the smaller the job is for everyone.

A couple more pictures of Garney's Pick-up.



Doug Nehm's newest edition to the family.



Doug found a 1941 Ford Sedan Coupe a couple miles from home and spent a bit of time convincing the owner to sell it to him. The car is solid inside and out. Paint is good and original interior looks awesome. It just goes to show that these cars are still out there, you just need to be in the right place at the right time.





I truly wished we could run year of manufacture plates on our classic cars here in BC. Nothing looks cooler than an open door with those original plates.... The first thing you notice is the '41 has two tail lights. In 1940, a standard Coupe only came with one tail light unless your state required two. Then the dealers would add the second. In most cases, since there were no turn signals, the one light signaled brakes and running light. These lights were never very bright and that was partially due to the housings being painted black. If you removed the bulb and painted it white, your lights will appear brighter. This was a recommended tip in "Mechanics Illustrated" way back when...



From January to October, Santa Claus drives for Sunrise Salvage bringing Toys and gifts for children of all years....



PISRA's March 2025 Minutes

February's meeting was held at 9:30 a.m. at Ricky's in Walnut Grove, with 24 members in attendance. Rob Petty, Chairman, opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. Rob advised this will be the last Saturday meeting and we will be going back to Thursday nights at the church for the April meeting (weather pending).

Grant Chitty, Membership director, advised that we currently have 69 members, which is down 18 members over last year. Grant has done a lot of work trying to encourage people to register again and Rob suggests that Grant stop his efforts now. Rob explained there are a lot of people who were past members that are now on a "guestlist" and receive the newsletter out of courtesy. Rob's way of encouraging people to register is to remove them from the distribution list for the newsletters for a while and hope they miss it and reach out. He also pointed out that the club's constitution states that the newsletter should be distributed widely to keep the club's name out there.

Robert Bedard, Treasurer, provided an update on the accounts. There has been no new swap meet registrations this past month. The insurance has been renewed.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report by Fran Petty, seconded by Ron Wenger.

Rob P reminded everyone of the Fort Langley parade on May 19th and encouraged people to register. Everyone goes for breakfast first and it's a great day. He also let everyone know that there will be a May Day Parade on May 24th in Bradner and asked anyone interested in participating to let him know. Grant mentioned that the Chilliwack Village Classic car show will be on June 22nd and Vic Isaac is the contact. Rob P suggests if you anyone is going to do any of the runs on the Island, make your ferry reservations as soon as possible as they are selling out fast. Rob also advised that the Cloverdale swap meet is selling quickly and will be a good event. Rob would like a volunteer to help get an early start on coordinating the 55th anniversary next year. He would like to start a committee now so we can find a location and get the ball rolling. He would like to have a car show and a T-shirt or something else designed for the anniversary.



Rob cautioned everyone going across the border for parts. He says they are levying the tariff on all American made purchases off and on.

Tony Pare, Family Affair Director and Co-Tour Director, advised that the Dennis Pare will be leading the Spring Run, which will be on May 4th. Tony says the run to the Okanagan is tentatively set for June 6th – 9th (destination to be announced soon).

Tony further advised that Crown Isle will be August 7th – 11th and registration is open now. The club will be taking the 10:15 a.m. ferry. Tony has secured a block of rooms at the Best Western Westerly hotel. Make sure to let the hotel know that you are with PISRA so you receive one of the block of rooms and the better rate. Tony asks that those attending let him know because he needs numbers for restaurant reservations and tours...

Rob thanked everyone for coming. Meeting adjourned. Kellie Dunbar – Club Secretary

Haney Swap Meet

An email has gone out to every vendor from last year. We have 8 booths reserved this year, more to come. Anyone going to the May Swap meet in Cloverdale, if you could take flyers to hand out, it would be appreciated. Ben & I would like to have a meeting in the next little while to go over any fixes over last year, any changes to make it work easier. Hopefully we will not have the atmospheric river to deal with this year...lol

Crown Isle – Hot August Nights – August 7th – 11th (Thursday to Monday).

This is one of the best car show weekends all year. We head over on Thursday Morning on the 10:15 AM Ferry Our tour director has lunches, dinners, tours and activities all planned out which makes this weekend a blast From Archery to Saturday Night Roundy Round Racing, this is a run you should not miss. Group rates have been set up at the Westerly Best Western in Courtenay. Here they have nice rooms and a Continental breakfast each morning. Make sure you let Tony know if you are planning to attend. It helps with all the reservations and event planning we set up. It is also a nice way to meet most of our island members, as they attend this event too.....



AUTO / ANTIQUES SWAP MEET

"PISRA's 2nd Annual Haney Fall Swap Meet"

**Saturday September 27th, 2025 Albion Fairgrounds,
23448 105th Ave, Maple Ridge BC**



*Hot Rod Parts, Muscle Car parts, Vintage Cars, Automotive
Paraphernalia Collectibles, Toys, Memorabilia, License plates*

Hours – 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM Admission - \$5.00 per person

Stalls = Inside (10' x 10') = \$35.00 Outside = \$30.00

O/S Drive through stall 40' - \$45 "Book early to reserve your spot"

(Vendor set-up @ 7:00 am)

tudor32@pisra.com Phone: 604-220-0542 (Rob)

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Surrey, B.C.

the Tale of the American Graffiti Mercury

If you love the 1973 movie "American Graffiti"; like I do, you are very familiar with heavily chopped Mercury that the evil "Pharaoh's" drove in the movie.

That Mercury has a story to tell, and it goes a little something like this...

American Graffiti's Transportation Supervisor, Henry Travers first saw the '51 Mercury coupe; in its original form, in the spectator's lot at a stock car track near the Northern-California town of Sonoma. It had the same wheel-covers and tires that appeared in the film. However, after it was purchased it was taken to a body shop where it was prepared for the movie.

In classic "movie car" fashion, the car was quickly made to look good on film only, with no regard for function or quality. The rear quarter glass and wing windows were simply removed, and the door windows were left rolled down during filming, rather than making new glass. The headlights were Frenched by simply Bondoing the headlight trim rings to the fenders. The original grill opening was rounded and a spare bumper lying around the shop was made into the simple grill bar. Many of the weld seams from the chop job were left exposed in the interior and can be spotted in the film. The whole project took 2 weeks to perform, and then it was movie-camera ready.

After the filming was over, George Lucas put Travers in charge of selling the car. When he failed to find any takers, the car it was transported to Universal Studios along with Milner's coupe.



The car remained on display at Universal Studios Tours for several years after the film's release, before it was parked and stored in a shed on the lot. The famous Ed "Big Daddy" Roth acquired the car, did a cosmetic restoration, made some much-needed stance improvements, and then Brian Setzer bought it: sight unseen.

Brian knew that the car was "historically significant", so he jumped at the chance. Unfortunately, although the car was legit, it didn't run. In a 2001 interview, Setzer said, "Graffiti or no Graffiti! I had to get rid of it at a really embarrassing price, in about 1988. It was just a big pile of junk." So, where is the car today?

Several years ago, a Graffiti fan spotted the car on the East Coast. He found the Merc rusting in the back lot of a repair shop on the New York, New Jersey border. The man who bought the car from Brian Setzer passed away, and his brother inherited the car. Unfortunately, the current owner is one of those guys who says that he will restore it "some day".

I hope that day comes. Dan, from "Hot Rods and History by Dan"



Reservations to travel on the ferry to Vancouver Island now open ...



Wanted & Needs

We are looking for a Mopar Diff center section, 8 3/4, 742 Case, 3.23 Ratio, Sure Grip or other.

Email RICK if you know of one for sale hoodikoff@shaw.ca

Power Fist Metal Cut-off saw with 5 blades - \$50 / Large parts washer - \$100 – comes with 20L of oil.

Contact Bill Casey @ 604-530-7794

Wanted – rear axle for 8” Ford diff, long axle 30.25” from outside face of flange to the end of 28 spline axle

Contact Ron Wenger if you can help – 604-435-6716



44th Annual Spring Swap Meet **Sunday, March 30th, 2025** **at the Fairgrounds in Maple Ridge, B.C.** **On Lougheed Highway west of 240th.**



Vintage, Hot Rods, Antiques, Performance, Collectibles, Toys, Memorabilia

Open to public between 8:00am and 2:00pm

Admission \$5.00 per person
Child under 12 FREE

Outside parking and inside handicapped parking FREE.

Inside parking for vintage cars \$5 for each occupant

Vehicle for sale \$15

Inside stall with table 10 x 10 feet \$35

Outside stall 10 x 20 feet \$30

Drive through stall outside 10 x 40 feet \$45

No stalls available over 40 feet

Book early now for a booth!

For Booth or Info Contact VCCC

Phone: Ron (604) 477-3954 Email: diahne@shaw.ca



Al Tourond sent us this picture of his 1931 Model A Fordor Sedan. It features a modern small block chev and automatic transmission ...

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28-29 Sun Valley Swap Meet, Vernon, BC (250) 308-4701

30 Golden Ears Swap Meet, Maple Ridge, BC (604) 477-3954

April

03-05 PIR Auto Swap Meet, Portland International Raceway, OR (503) 307-5420

04-06 Portland Swap Meet, Portland (Expo Center), WA (503) 678-2100

11-13 9th Spokane Speed & Custom Show, Spokane (fairgrounds), WA (509) 362-7237

27 11th Annual Country Car Show, Aldergrove (Secondary school), (604) 856-2755

27 Cars & Coffee Steveston - (last Sunday-April-Sept), Richmond (Garry Point), 8:30-10:00 Am

May

02-04 Annual Route 66 Fun Run, Seligman, AZ Road Tour (604) 341-6634



02-03 Annual CAVAC Red Deer Swap Meet, Red Deer, AB (403) 588-1565
02-03 E. Wenatchee Classy Chassis Parade/Car Show, East Wenatchee, WA (509) 886-6108
02-05 Spring Roll 3 Day Specialty Car tour, Langley, BC Pre Reg Req'd (604) 427-4167
03-04 Route 99 Little Nugget Showdown Heads-up Race, Lillooet, BC Racing (250) 256-7575
04 DW Poppy High School Car Show, Langley, BC Open Or Pre-reg On Website (604) 230-9040
04 W.C.C.A. Spring Car Show, Ferndale, WA Open (760) 525-0111
04 Duncan Vintage Machinery Swap Meet, Duncan (Cowichan Exhibition), BC (250) 746-7292
10 Kamloops "Chrome on The Grass" #1 , Kamloops (Prin. Charles Park), BC Open 10am-2pm
10 Cars & Crafts @ Vanguard Secondary school, Langley, BC Open (604) 856-9192
11 Kennedy Sports Pub Mother's Day Show & Shine, Surrey, BC Open (604) 782-0364
14 Bubba's Caffeine n' Gas-o-Lean (every 2nd Wed.) Abbotsford 1910 North Parallel Rd,
17-18 Monroe Auto Swap Meet, Monroe, WA (800) 645-4997
17 Apple Valley Cruisers 3rd Annual Spring Fling, Summerland, BC Open (250) 494-0887
18 Peachland Classic Car Show, Peachland, BC Pre 1980 (250) 878-2601
18 28th Kaslo Show and Shine, Kaslo, BC Open (250) 353-2500
18 Canyon Cruise, Hope - Lytton, BC Open (604) 329-9648
18 Holiday Trails Resort Show & Shine, Rosedale, BC Open (604) 794-7876
19 Fort Langley Parade – contact Tony P if interested in this event.
23 KMS Tools Cruise Nights Kick-off, Abbotsford, BC Open -5-9 Pm (604) 853-5598
24-25 Lakers Car Club 29th Spring Roundup, Williams Lake, BC Open (250) 302-1805
24 Premier Auto Expo, Surrey-(7778 152nd St), BC Auto Show (604) 644-5686
24-25 Sunshine Coast Drag Racing Assoc. Summer Race #1, Sechelt , BC Races (604) 230-5067
24-25 SCCBC - CACC Road Race #2, Mission (Raceway Park), BC Races
24 Bradner May Day Parade, Abbotsford, BC Open (778) 686-8599
25 GVMA's Spring Show, Surrey (Elements Casino), BC Mustang, + Ford Pwrd (604) 858-6763
25 VI Cruises SPAMFEST & Rendezvous, Qualicum Bay, BC Open (250) 738-0928
25 Forging Connections -Community Car Show, Port Alberni, BC Open (250) 927-0649
25 West Coast Mopar Car Show, Coombs, BC Mopar/AMC Only (250) 927-5744
25 Brookwood Community Car Show (20902 37A Ave), Langley, BC Open (604) 319-5052
26 Pt. Roberts Border Cruisers Memorial Day Cruise, Pt Roberts (1334 Gulf Rd), WA Open
30-31 First Annual West Coast Auto Swap Meet, Cloverdale (Agriplex), BC
31 21st Annual Hotrod Gathering , Palouse, WA Pre 63 Kustoms, Trads, Bikes (208) 301-0018
31 Corvettes Unlimited Corvette/Open Class Car Show, Bellingham (Bellewood Acres), WA
Corvettes /open (360) 746-4912

If you are thinking about doing any of these runs, and are wondering if anyone else is?
Just email members72@pisra.com and ask your fellow members....