



# Vancouver Chapter Vintage Car Club of Canada (VCCC) Member's Handbook



## Welcome to the Vancouver Chapter, the largest Chapter of the VCCC

### History

The club began in 1957 after Buck Rogers placed an ad in the Vancouver Sun looking for anyone interested in forming an old car club. This advertising was done at the request of the Provincial Government, who wanted to have an old car tour as part of the 1958 BC Centennial celebration. Fifteen people responded to the ad, and the first meeting was held on February 12<sup>th</sup>, 1958.

### Structure

The VCCC is a registered Society governed by what we call the "National". From our small beginnings the club has grown to twenty regional Chapters throughout the Province and two Province-wide "specialty Chapters". The current total VCCC Active Membership is approximately 1,200. An Active Member is the person who signs the membership form. Each Active Membership may include the Spouse/Partner and/or dependent children living under the same roof or attending an educational facility, regardless of age. Two of them are entitled to vote at any National or Chapter meeting. The Vancouver Chapter is governed by an elected board of nine Directors from which a president (Gary Catherwood), vice-president (Colin Gurnsey), secretary (Ryan Cruickshank), treasurer (Peter Trant), events (Gary Hawthorn & Ken Grahame) and membership (Dave Kettler) are selected. In addition we have two Governors (Gary Catherwood & Bill Trant). The Directors serve three year terms in rotation, with three being elected annually at the November Chapter Meeting and the Governors are elected for two year terms on alternate years. Each Chapter sends representatives (Governors), to twice yearly meetings of the National governing body. At the time of the April Governor's Meeting there is an Annual General Meeting to which all members of all Chapters are invited. Dues are paid annually and are due on or before February 28<sup>th</sup> each year. Currently the Vancouver Chapter dues, including the portion which goes to National, are \$65.00 and are paid on a calendar year basis.

### Meetings

Vancouver Chapter meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month in the Administrative Building of the Burnaby Village Museum (Discovery Room on the second floor). There are no meetings in July and August. The December meeting is held at the nearby Shadbolt Centre in Burnaby. The meetings start at 7:30 PM and usually last until 9:30 PM; ending with members enjoying free coffee, juice and baked goods. Meetings usually have a guest speakers and/or a video/computer presentation. At your first meeting you will be asked to introduce yourself and to describe your collector vehicle or vehicles. Note that membership does not require that you own a vintage or collector vehicle.

### Website

The "National" operates our website ([www.vccc.com](http://www.vccc.com)) with links to individual chapters.

### Publications

**Club Roster:** (printed every year) The roster lists members by name, address, vehicle and condition of restoration. There is also a listing by year and marque of vehicles. The roster includes a copy of the Club Constitution and By-laws as well as an outline of judging and judging qualifications. "Vehicle" includes: restored cars, original cars, parts cars, trucks, fire trucks, motorcycles, tractors, and other heavy machinery, that are 25 years old or more and not modified.

**The Vintage Car:** This magazine is published 6 times a year and is mailed to all members. It includes stories, chapter reports, technical information and cars and parts for sale.

**Chapter Newsletter:** Published "monthly" (typically 10 times per year) and distributed by email (preferably), hard copy at the Chapter meeting, or by mail for those without access to the internet. It contains news items about Chapter members, events, technical and classified sections.

### **Library:**

The library is the Chapter's collection of hard and soft cover books, as well as a variety of magazines and periodicals related to the hobby. The bulk of the library is stored in a well-organized room at a member's residence. For access to the library, please contact our librarian, Glenn Blanchfield. At monthly Chapter meetings a small portion of this collection is available for members to browse or borrow.

**It is important to note that Spouses or Significant Others are welcome at ALL VCCC functions, events and meetings!**

### **Events**

**Hotline:** For the latest news about upcoming Chapter events we maintain a Hotline number (604-519-4627) which is available on a 24/7 basis.

**Easter Gathering:** The annual Easter Sunday event, which is open to the public, starts in a central Vancouver location (the Planetarium in 2016) at 10:30 AM, followed at 12:00 Noon by driving a prescribed route ending with refreshments and light snacks. There is no cost to the members for this event. The number of cars that participate is usually weather dependent, but is typically 90 – 120 and includes vehicles from the 1910's to the most recently eligible collector cars.

**May Tour:** Held in a different area of BC each year and normally hosted by a regional Chapter. It is usually three days in duration and typically includes socials, meals, tours in our collector cars and a banquet. The cost is typically about \$175.00 per person plus accommodation. The May Tour is open to couples and individual members from all Chapters. The 2017 tour will be hosted by the National and will be an "around the province" tour. Registration information is on our website.

**Annual Coastal Swap Meet:** ([www.coastalswapmeet.com](http://www.coastalswapmeet.com)) is a joint venture of VCCC Vancouver Chapter, Pacific International Street Rod Assn (PISRA), Totem Model A&T Ford Club and the BC Hot Rod Association (BCHRA). It is a Friday and Saturday two-day event held in late May at the Tradex Centre adjacent to the Abbotsford Airport. There are typically in excess of 400 vendors occupying 750 stalls at the meet and a car corral where vehicles may be bought and sold. The swap meet is the major source of funding for the Vancouver Chapter and allows us to host many free events throughout the year. You can expect to be asked to be one of the 50 or more VCCC volunteers at the event.

**Strawberry Social:** The social is held in late June to coincide with the availability of fresh strawberries. Members will be advised of the location of this event. Members are encouraged to bring their collector cars. "Short cake" and beverages will be provided. Advance registration is required and will cost approximately \$8.00 per person.

**Carousel Picnic:** The picnic is held on the last Wednesday of July at the Burnaby Village, entering and parking from the Shadbolt Centre (west side) of the site. This event is a members and guests family event (sometimes four generations attending); members bring their own picnic, with beverages and dessert provided by the Vancouver Chapter. We reserve this site from 5:00 PM for our exclusive enjoyment, including unlimited rides on the Carousel and access to the entire Heritage Village site.

**Corn Roast:** The Corn Roast is our largest annual event and is open to members and guests. It is usually held at the home of Terry and Donna Johnson in Aldergrove on the Sunday immediately prior to Labour Day. Members will be advised of any changes to this location. This event is a "fall feast" with unlimited corn on the cob, chicken, salads, dessert, and beverages, all at no cost to our members. We do require pre-registration so that sufficient food is prepared.

**Fall Tour:** The Fall Tour is held in late September or October and usually involves overnight stays, social nights including dinner and club hosted bar evenings. The cost is typically about \$150.00 per person plus the cost of accommodation. The Fall Tour is a members and couples event.

**Children's Christmas Party:** Typically held on the first or second Saturday in December in the Discovery Room (where we hold our monthly meetings). Members will be advised of any changes to this location. Although the principal attendees are multi generation family groups, all Chapter members are welcome to attend. Pre-registration is required. Historically Santa arrives with small gifts for the children and the Chapter picks up the costs for this party.

**Annual Awards Wine and Cheese:** Held on the second Wednesday in December at the Shadbolt Centre in Burnaby. Nine trophies are presented to members for various accomplishments, as well as membership pins reflecting: 20, 30, 40 and 50 years of membership. There is a hot and cold food service, desserts, and wine, coffee etc., after the "business" meeting. Everyone is welcome and there is no cost to members attending this event.

**Boxing Day Run:** Held annually, gathering after 10:30 AM at the Vancouver Museum (Planetarium location may change in 2016), leaving at 12:00 Noon to retrace an historic drive through Stanley Park and terminating in Burnaby at the BC Society of Model Engineers railway site for train rides and coffee & desserts. Many members choose to bring desserts. The Boxing Day Run is a free event for Chapter members and is open to the public.

**Technical/Garage Tours:** Tours of local businesses, which are hoped to be of interest to members, are organized periodically during the year. These Technical tours are usually held on weekdays to accommodate the business owners. Garage tours are usually scheduled for a Sunday morning and may involve several homes/locations of members' collections and projects. Depending upon the details of the tour, pre-registration may be required.

### **Wanted & For Sale Ads**

Both the Chapter Newsletter and the Vintage Car have "wanted" and "for sale" sections that are available to all members at no cost.

The lead time for the Vintage Car, is about six weeks, from about the 15th to 20th of the prior month (i.e., Jan 20 for the February - March issue). The deadlines are posted inside the front cover of the Vintage Car. At the present time submissions may be emailed directly to Jim Macdonald, [editor@vccc.com](mailto:editor@vccc.com). Jim is a member of the Vancouver Chapter.

Ads for the Chapter Newsletter may be added to the "leads and needs" list at Chapter meetings, or emailed to Vic Bourne (Word 97 or "text" please) at [bourne@sfu.ca](mailto:bourne@sfu.ca). The deadline is the Friday prior to the next Chapter meeting.

**Vehicle Licensing** Although what is stated below is believed to be correct at the time of writing, every member is encouraged and responsible to ensure they are licensing and operating their vehicle in accordance with the latest ICBC regulations.

Typically our members license their vehicles as either "collector" or "vintage" cars, at a much reduced annual insurance rate compared to a "daily driver". Both plate types require approval by ICBC by applying at an AutoPlan agent. For details, please visit the ICBC links below.

<http://www.icbc.com/vehicle-registration/collector-mods/Pages/Collector-vehicles.aspx>

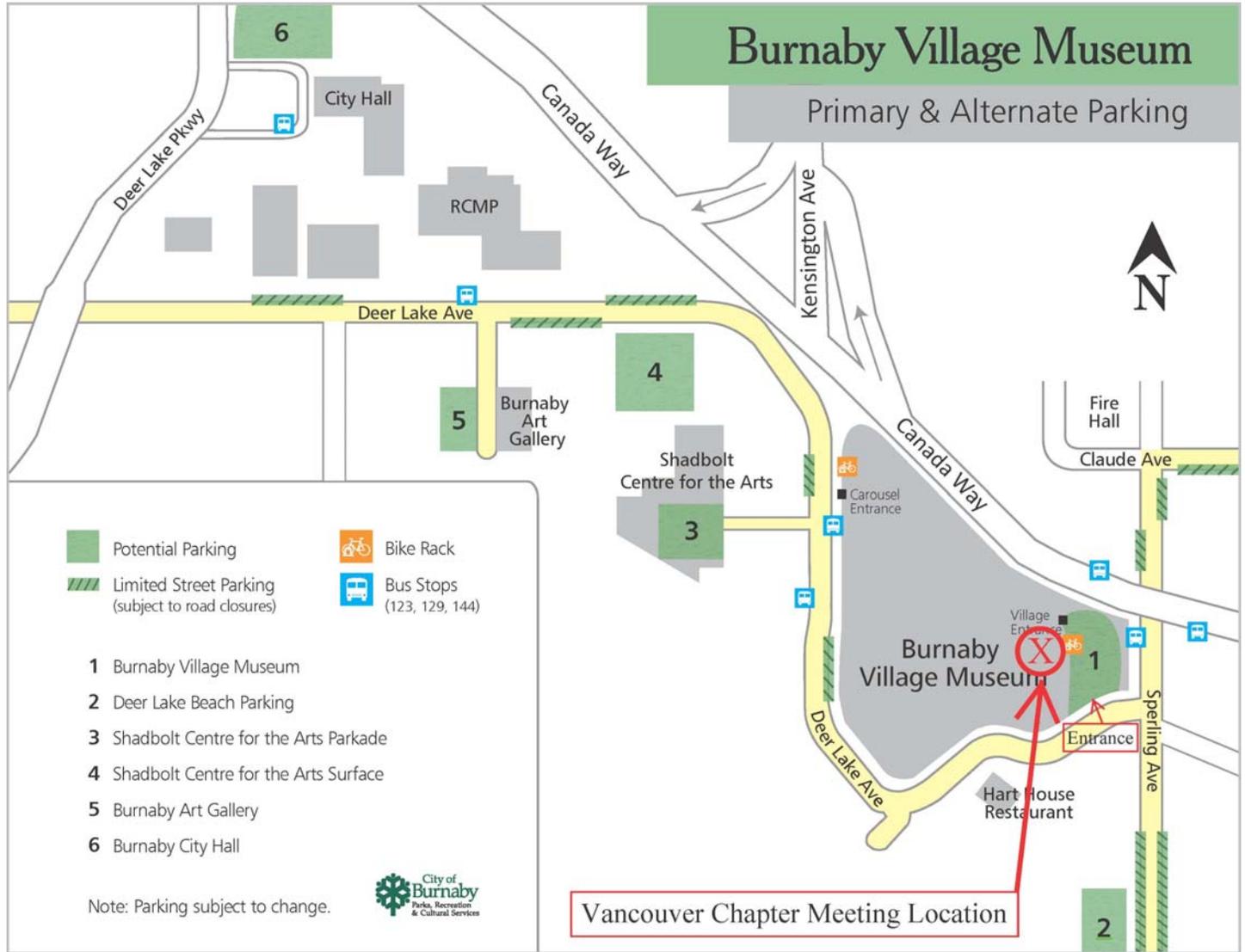
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A "collector" plate permits the owner to use the vehicle for recreational purposes, but not for work, or driving to work or school. Don't violate these conditions. To be eligible, the vehicle owner or spouse must also own and insure a regular BC plated vehicle. If a collector plated vehicle is sold the new owner must re-apply for a new "collector" plate. If you own 4 or more "collector" cars, you may apply for a transferable "multi" plate. Vehicles generally must be at least 25 years old to qualify for collector plates.

The "vintage" plate is much more restrictive, in that vehicles may be driven only to, from, or at designated car events. You are advised to refer to the ICBC rules and regulations to be sure your intended use does not violate the rules. The rules are fairly generous, permitting the owner to drive the vehicle to any event that is listed in Harrison's Auto Event List ([www.autoeventlist.com](http://www.autoeventlist.com)), any of the VCCC listed events, weddings, parades or other similar events. Don't use a "vintage" plate for grocery shopping, although that is permitted with a "collector" plate. Note that a "vintage" plate remains with the vehicle if it is sold, however the "vintage" plate itself must be transferred separately (using a separate ICBC form) from the vehicle transfer form. Vehicles must be at least 30 years old to qualify for vintage plates.

While you may not get caught misusing your vintage or collector plate, if you are using it improperly your insurance will likely be void.

**We encourage you to become involved in the club, as a participant, as a volunteer or by contributing to either of our two publications. The club is entirely run by volunteers, and your involvement is both appreciated and necessary for the club to flourish.**



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