

# Burchell (Burt) Fulmore Drove Delivery Van at age 12

By Lawrence R Nicoll

Passing by the garage at Burt Fulmore's home in Economy I suddenly found myself transported to my youth. Burt, now 88, had a number of friends drop by with their antique cars, and what a wonderful sight!

Burt has led an interesting life, he was born in the house next to the one he owns. Across the road were two

garages and a store. In 1941 his father bought the store from the Soley family, and at age 12 Burt often drove the 37 panel truck (like the one he has now restored) for deliveries 4 miles either direction.

The Soley family also bought a 1937 pickup, the first built by GMC in Canada for the store, ending it's career later on a farm and Burt

has added one to his collection. The memory of the Panel so stuck with Burt he that in 1999 he bought the same year & model and by 2001 his son Mike had fully restored it. The original panel was also the unauthorized school bus for Burt and his friends.

Burt graduated Grade 12 at Bass River, went on to Mount Allison Graduating in 1954 with an Engineering Certificate that enabled him attend NS Technical College for Mechanical Engineering, graduating in 1957 with a degree.

Before and during College years he was a striker on a local Lumber truck and worked on the Canso Causeway for 2 summers driving a 40 ton Euclid truck. After graduation he worked for Canadian Gypsum Co. in Hillsboro, NB as the quarry superintendent. Later, he was the manager for the Atlantic Region for Robert Morse-Fair-

banks Company selling marine engines, pumps and generating units. He then moved to the A/C and refrigeration industry with Keeprite Products Co. as the Atlantic Region Manager. In 1980-1986 Burt worked for R.L. Fulton Equipment Ltd. as the VP in the same industry.

Burt was also volunteer firefighter for Economy for 40 years!

In his spare time Burt travelled to car shows all over, gaining many new friends some of which he still sees today. In his youth he liked to work on cars and the local mechanics offered advice and assistance.

Burt has restored many vehicles and after purchasing the property next to his original home in in 1973 (built by a Sea Captain in 1860) he built a 40x40 foot garage to house his cars. Over time it has had to be expanded to house the growing collection including a 34 yellow Chev

convertible and a 57 convertible.

Burt trailed his 34 yellow Chev to Nashville to a car show. When he heard that Hank Snow was at the Grand Old Opry off they went. Hank and his crew were reading notes passed in and one caught his attention and was read by him. It was from Burt Fulmore and Hank reminisced about being in the Maritimes (he rented small halls and put on shows locally) and wished Burt a Happy Birthday that July 5th!!

In 1986 Burt started a business B&L Fulmore Auto Enterprises Ltd. which he ran for 20 years, still operated by his son Michael. The restored 37 panel is logoeed for the store his father had for 50 years. Burt and his wife Lucia (Lu) celebrated their 66th anniversary May 21st.

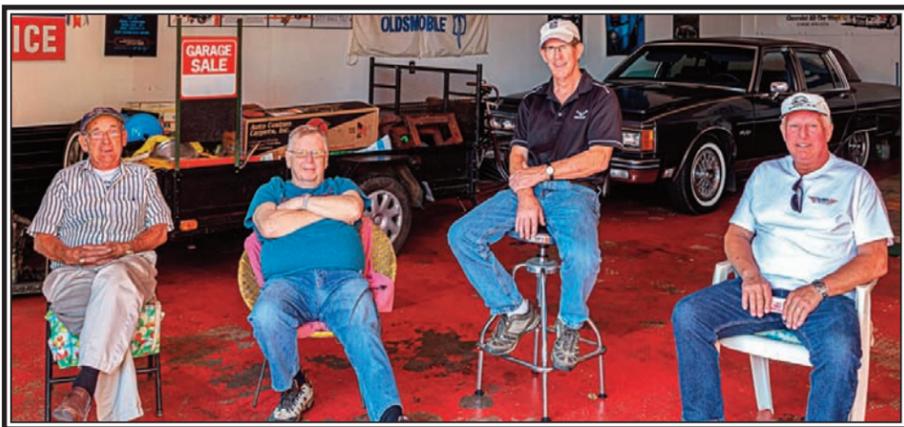
Burt's collection is a wonder to see, and took me back in time. A great guy to sit down and reminisce with and a pleasure to meet his auto enthusiast friends.



Burt and Lu Fulmore in their home in Economy.



Burchell and Lu Fulmore residence in Economy. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)



It's hard to tell if these four men are car enthusiasts, or part of Burchell Fulmore's crew. Socially distanced pictured in Burchell's large garage are: Bob Fulmore, Bob Fredericks, Noel Gratto and Bob Patriquin. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)



Burt Fulmore is very proud of his 1934 Chevrolet Convertible. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)



Some of Burt's collection on display in front of the garage he build to store some of his restored vehicles. It has been enlarged since first constructed. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)



Burt is tuning the AM radio in his 1934 Chevrolet convertible. The radio still works. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)



Another part of Burchell Fulmore's collection in front of his restored vehicle garage in Economy. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)



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