

# CarStory

with Bill Sherk  
The Old Car Detective



## The 1929 Buick with the back seat urinal

Gord Hazlett worked 50 years as an auto mechanic in Toronto. He retired in 1984 and joined the team of writers at Old Autos newspaper in 1989, where his hilarious old car stories are published twice a month and eagerly read by hobbyists all across Canada.

One of his all-time favourite stories took place in the early 1950s:

"Remember when drive-in movies first started? They were a boon to the family man with children. Six got in for the price of two. Dad paid for Mum and himself and four kids under 12 got in free.

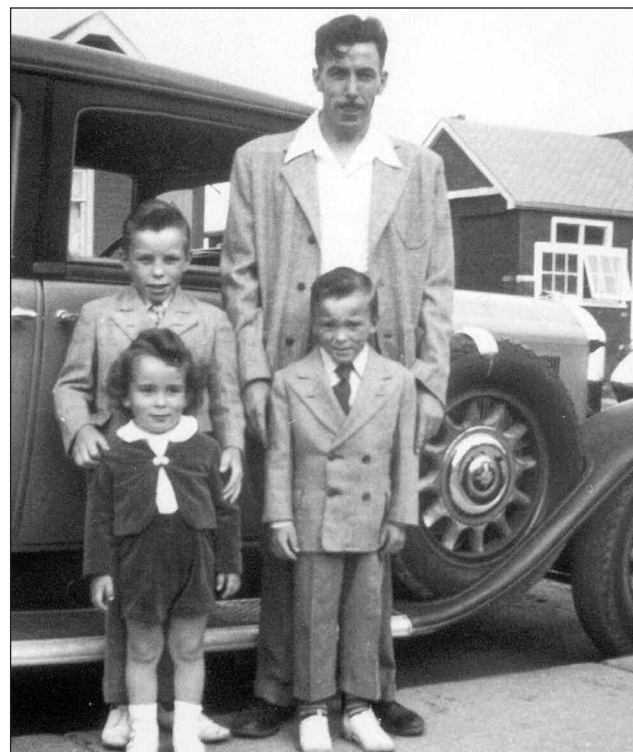
"At this time, I had a 1929 Buick six-wheel four-door sedan in lovely shape. Only 22,000 miles on it — our family car. You who have been to drive-in movies know the problem with the kids. Well, I do too! No sooner had one relieved himself than another started bouncing on the back seat. He's got to go too! A lot of good movies I never saw, as I was making these rush calls to the washroom.

"The wife says, 'I'll fix this. Next time we'll bring a jam jar.' That worked fine for a couple of times until it got kicked over by one of

the kids in the excitement of Bugs Bunny, and the lid was cross-threaded. The woven rear mat had to be dried and aired.

"I decided to take care of the situation myself. I drilled a two-inch hole in the wooden floorboards and installed a three-foot length of rad hose. I had the only '29 Buick, to my knowledge, with a built-in urinal, and not a drop was spilled inside the car from then on. And as you may have already realized, my four kids were all boys."

One night, Gord and his wife took the four boys to the Maple Leaf Dairy on



Gord Hazlett and sons with their 1929 Buick.

Danforth Avenue in Toronto's east end for some ice cream. As Gord was pulling into a parking spot with the '29 Buick, the car behind began blowing its horn. Gord got out and went back to see what the

fellow wanted. He told Gord his gas tank was leaking, so Gord got back into the Buick and said to his wife: 'No ice cream tonight. Our gas tank's sprung a leak and we have to go home.'

Gord's wife started laughing. 'There's nothing wrong with our gas tank. Little Gordie just had a pee.'

The photo shows Gord with three of his four boys around 1952. When he sold the '29 Buick, he filled the hole in the floor and kept the rad hose. It now resides in the back seat of his 1927 Pontiac four-door sedan, a car he has owned for the past 40 years.

Do you have any photos of old cars to share with our readers? Email [bill@carstory.com](mailto:bill@carstory.com) or write to Bill Sherk, P.O. Box 10012, Leamington, ON, N8H 2C3.

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## Atom AE Ram Contract Carriers

Last weekend, the Essex Atom AE hockey team travelled to Milton for the last tournament of the season. First on the list were the Brantford Saints. Essex opened the scoring late in the first period when Tyler St. Pierre put one past the Brantford goalie with the assist going to Alex Stevenson. Brantford wouldn't go away quietly and put in two goals in the second period and two more in the third. Brantford tightened up their defence to try and keep the Ravens from coming back but the team managed to put one more in the net in

the third period scored by Luke Tremblay with assists going to Eric Rawlins and Cody Cooper. The final score was Brantford 4, Essex 2.

The second game of the tournament found the Ravens facing Caledon. The Ravens came out flying with Carter Sherk burying a great shot from the point after receiving a nice pass from Gerard Busko. The team continued to complete nice passes to each other making Caledon chase the puck. The Ravens scored again in the first period after Tyler worked hard around the net with assists going to Zack Prentice and Gerard Busko. In the second period, Caledon managed to slip one past our goalie, Rod Summerfield, who otherwise had a stellar performance in net. The start of the third period showed the fans more great passing from the Ravens when Alex Smith put a nice shot past the goalie with assists going to Eric and Matthew Zelko. The Ravens would add one more in the third when Zack roofed one with assists going to Tyler and Gerard. The final score Essex 4, Caledon 1.

The third game found Essex in need of a win to move on in the tournament.

The Ravens faced West London and opened the scoring in the first period with Carter carrying the puck in

and putting a hard shot past the West London goalie. Assists went to Danielle Dent and Colton Kitchen. West London answered right back and snuck one past Kane Gagnon. Strong defence was evident in this game with both team's goalies playing fantastic and the defence shutting down many scoring opportunities. The game ended in a 1 - 1 tie in regulation. The first overtime period almost came and went, but with just 24 seconds remaining in the first overtime period Gerard Busko worked hard along the boards fighting off the West London defence and rifled a hard shot on net

handcuffing the goalie and ending the game 2 - 1 in favour of the Ravens. The team would move on to the quarterfinals.

Late Saturday night the Ravens had to face a strong team from Pickering. With Pickering without a loss so far in the tournament, the team would have their hands full. The Ravens fought off Pickering holding them to only one goal in the first period. The Ravens continued to pass the puck well using the defence who made some great shots from the point. Pickering clogged the middle of the ice well and made it difficult for the shots to get through. The team

wouldn't quit! Aidan Garant made a spectacular pass to Danielle Dent who managed a shot on net, Matthew Zelko and Alec Robillard played well, and Clay Kraynack and Colton Kitchen kept the puck in the zone for the Ravens. With the Ravens on the powerplay late in the second period the puck did not leave the Pickering zone at all and the scoring chances were abundant. The team, however, wasn't able to beat the stellar performance of Pickering's goalie. Pickering kept coming and scored five goals in the game, ending the Ravens' tournament. The final score: Pickering 5, Essex 0.

Tournament MVP's went to Gerard Busko, Rod Summerfield, Danielle Dent and Zack Prentice. The Ravens also cleaned up at the skills competition with awards presented to Clay Kraynack, Eric Rawlings, Cody Cooper, Carter Sherk and Rod Summerfield.

The Essex Ravens would like to thank Alex Smith for filling in for Anthony Iacobini.

The team would also like to extend a special thanks to all coaches for their time and dedication, their families for supporting them, and all of the fans who came out to cheer them on!

## Raiders baseball

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Kyle Williamson is also expected to take the mound sometime during the season.

The seniors have to step up in order for the Raiders to be successful, and it all starts with standout catcher Korey Ouellette who can provide the necessary offence to get the Raiders ahead and will keep them in games with his strong and accurate arm behind the plate.

Essex opens their season against Cardinal Carter Tuesday, April 10 in Leamington.

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