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# Link Up



Photo by M.L. Dance UE

## President's Message

This has been a very difficult message to write as the world is a bit upside down at the moment.

Firstly our condolences to our Shirley on the death of husband Kenny.

Such a sad time. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her.

We were not able to attend the Cenotaph this year and had to ask the Legion to place our wreaths for us. I went down later in the afternoon to take a few pictures. It looked so lonely. Often there are people about, reading all the tags and talking. One new thing I noticed this year were rocks painted with messages on them to commemorate soldiers. Many were from school children. Our Covid-19 concerns go on. And I am sure will still be with us well into the new year. I look at page 2 and see that all our events have been cancelled for this year, and I know that you, like me, are longing for a change for the better. Hopefully, we can have a Christmas together with family, but, as of this writing, I don't know if that can happen. Our numbers here in BC, especially in the Fraser Health region are climbing, and more restrictions and limitations are being asked of us. Please wear your mask and stay calm, safe and well.

We will get through this!

I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to our leadership team, who are listed to the upper right. You are all so hard working and interested in keeping our branch going. We have even had our first Zoom management meeting and plan another before the end of the week. Thank you so much for your help and support.

It means a good deal to me.

A number of UELAC branches have held Zoom meetings. What do you, the members, think of this idea? Please let me know if you would participate. Good things are still happening in our families. Send us pictures so we have items for the newsletter. We want to celebrate with you.

In closing, I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas.  
Have a safe and careful season so we can see each other  
in the New Year.

Blessings to each and every one of you.

Loyally yours,

Marlene Dance UE

PS: Please remember to renew your membership.

We welcome your support! See pages 4 and 12.



United Empire  
Loyalists' Association  
of Canada

Chilliwack Branch

Your Management Committee  
for 2020

President: Marlene Dance UE  
Vice Pres: vacant  
Past Pres: Shirley Dargatz UE  
Secretary: Judy Scholz UE  
Treasurer: Carole Lefler UE  
Genealogist: Marlene Dance UE  
Asst. Cindy Frizell UE

Web Mistress: Vicky Heibner UE  
Newsletter: Marlene Dance UE

Directors: Carole Lefler UE  
Cindy Lyftogt UE  
Margaret Strocel UE

Honourary: Marian Reid UE  
Flag Bearer: Alan Reid UE  
Social Conveners: Jan Ouellet  
w/assistants Vicky Heibner UE  
and Rebecca Heibner UE

Pacific Regional VP:  
Carl Stymiest UE  
Pacific Regional Councillor:  
Frans Compeer



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# Calendar of Events for 2020

Print and save with your calendar



**Meetings are held at Carman United Church Hall, 7258 Vedder Road, Chilliwack BC**  
Trooping of the flag will commence at 11:45am - followed immediately by lunch - then a planned program.

**\*\*\*Note: any changes to starting time will be listed below in future newsletters and emails \*\*\***

Luncheon with coffee, tea and juice served at most meetings.

There is no charge for our regular meetings.

Members are asked to please bring food contributions to the meeting  
or make a small donation into the refreshment basket.

**Covid-19 has resulted in the cancellation of the following events:**

<b>2020</b>	April 18	Spring Fleet. Guest speaker and details TBA <b>Cancelled</b>
	April 25	LDS Finding your Roots table display in Abbotsford, BC <b>Cancelled</b>
	June 6	Berry Social and guest speaker. <b>Cancelled</b>
	June 24-28	Annual Conference in Winnipeg, Man. <b>Cancelled</b>
	July 1	Canada Day (check your local newspaper)
	July 19	BC Loyalist Day picnic Queens Park. <b>Cancelled</b>
	July 22	BC Loyalist Day. <b>Cancelled</b>
	August 3	Long Weekend: Fur Brigade Days at Ft. Langley <b>Cancelled</b>
	October 3	Fall Fleet hosted by Vancouver Branch. Details <b>Cancelled</b>
	October 17	LDS Finding your Roots Conference in Surrey, BC <b>Cancelled</b>
	November 11	Remembrance Day and lunch at Canton Gardens <b>Cancelled</b>
	December 5	Christmas Social & 30th Anniversary celebration. <b>Cancelled</b>

We will celebrate everything in the New Year as soon as we can!

Details and reminders about any change in time, location or about guest speakers  
will be sent via email and included in each edition of this newsletter.

Be sure to send suggestions, information and/or pictures for this publication to: [chwkbruelcontact@gmail.com](mailto:chwkbruelcontact@gmail.com)



## United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada

Partnering with: Heritage Chilliwack Society

Keeping the Past Present!

[www.heritagechilliwack.org/](http://www.heritagechilliwack.org/)



On the Porch video series. Click here and enjoy: [www.theprogress.com/entertainment/chilliwack-heritage-society-s-on-the-porch-video-series-shines-spotlight-on-historic-homes/](http://www.theprogress.com/entertainment/chilliwack-heritage-society-s-on-the-porch-video-series-shines-spotlight-on-historic-homes/)



## Kenneth Robert DARGATZ

16 SEPTEMBER, 1933 – 4 NOVEMBER, 2020

Kenneth (Kenny) Robert Dargatz passed away on November 4, 2020, Chilliwack, at the age of 87 years, after a short but courageous battle with Esophageal cancer. He was born September 16, 1933, in Hay Lakes, Alberta, to Albert and Lydia Dargatz. Kenny is survived by his beloved wife of 62 years, Shirley-Anne Dargatz UE, his many adored nieces and nephews, his many brothers/sisters-in-law, surviving sister Emma, and brothers Reg and Allan. Predeceased by his brothers Harry, Lloyd, Harold, Albert, Leroy, and Elmer; and survived by his brother-in-law Tim (Marge), and his best wingman Billy Bohn (Ina).

Kenny was a businessman and original founder of Chilliwack's West End Auto body (1952).

Alongside his brothers, he was an owner and operator of Dargatz Glass LTD. Kenny's greatest hobby was gardening his beautiful dahlia's, as well as, hunting and fishing with his buddies. Fishing trips to the Nootka float cabin brought Kenny so much joy. He told his nieces he wanted to be remembered by the giant rock in his front yard which provided lasting memories for the nieces and nephews who played on it during the many family gatherings. Kenny's short, but courageous battle of Esophageal cancer was fought in his home, with his family by his side. He had so much gratitude for his care team Turrey, Jeff, Kyla, Brett, and Graeson. His family would like to thank his amazing nurses Mandy and Jessica, and health care providers (Maria, Oliver, Dave, MJ), and Dr Basson.

A Celebration of Life will take place at a later date.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to our dear Shirley and her family.



### Message sent from Shirley's family on her behalf:

**Shirley extends her sincere gratitude for the outpouring of love and support during this time, with the passing of her beloved husband Kenny.**

**Thank you to all those who reached out with sending cards, your kind words, support and the beautiful bouquet of flowers from the UEL Management Team.**

**"I have been blessed beyond measure!"**

Picture of Shirley taken February 15, 2020.

## TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP - TRY ONLINE!

[www.uelac.ca](http://www.uelac.ca)

If your first time: #1) Go to uelac.ca (note the different web address!)

#2) "Click here to set up your account."

#3) Enter your email address (must be same one as is stored in your membership record)

#4) Click on "Get new password"

#5) You will receive an email message from Word press, with a link in it

#7) Click on the link

#8) A page will show in your browser. In the "New password" box a password will show.

#9) Delete that password (unless you like it) and enter the one you wish to use.

Record the password somewhere.

#10) Click on "Reset Password" (in blue box)

#11) A smaller box will appear; in the green box, click on "log in"

#12) On this screen, enter your email address and the new password, and click "log-in"

#13) This should then show "My Account" page

(in future it will probably show a different first page with a link to "My Account")

If you paid Online last year:

#1) go to [www.uelac.ca](http://www.uelac.ca)

#2) sign in with the password you set last year

#3) click on renew/add membership

#4) scroll down and select Chilliwack Branch

#5) chose your membership type, ensure name, address etc. all correct

#6) pay with a credit card and click "Renew" your contribution.

You are finished! You will receive a receipt and we will be notified of your renewal. Thank you.



### Chilliwack Museum & Historical Society Board:

President: Charlie Fortin

Vice-President: Pat Clark.

We are pleased to announce that branch member Vivian Evans Walker was re-elected

to the Board of Directors at the recent AGM held via Zoom on June 10, 2020.

Vivian is a descendent of Loyalist William Casey. She is also the niece of long-time branch member Mildred Evans Hall, who served as our branch genealogist for many years.

Other Board members include:

Merlin Bunt -Treasurer; Alison Kay -Secretary; Directors are: Esther Harder; Dave Clarke; and Fred Fiestman - Past President.

Check out the website:

[www.chilliwackmuseum.ca/about-us/historical-society/](http://www.chilliwackmuseum.ca/about-us/historical-society/)

### Our Newest little Branch Member!

Sadie Jay Siemens

born Oct. 8th, 2020 and

weighing in at 8 lbs 3oz,

born in Chilliwack, BC.

Proud parents are Jon and

Karaline UE Siemens.

Karaline is the daughter

of Vicky UE and Kevin

Heibner, & granddaughter

of Judy Scholz UE.



And Sadie is Judy's great granddaughter.

Sadie is the 5th generation in the family born in Chilliwack.

What a wonderful tradition! Congratulations to everyone!





## Chilliwack Branch Presents: LOYALIST BARN RAISING QUILT RAFFLE

Beautifully designed and quilted by branch member Carole Lefler UE (seen on the right in this picture).

It is just beautiful and we have received many compliments on its design. Take a bow Carole.

We also send out a big thank you to Carole for chairing the Raffle committee and ensuring we had ticket sales during the past seven months.

Thank you to the management team as well for being our ticket sales persons.

I am sure all our relatives and friends have tickets on this draw.

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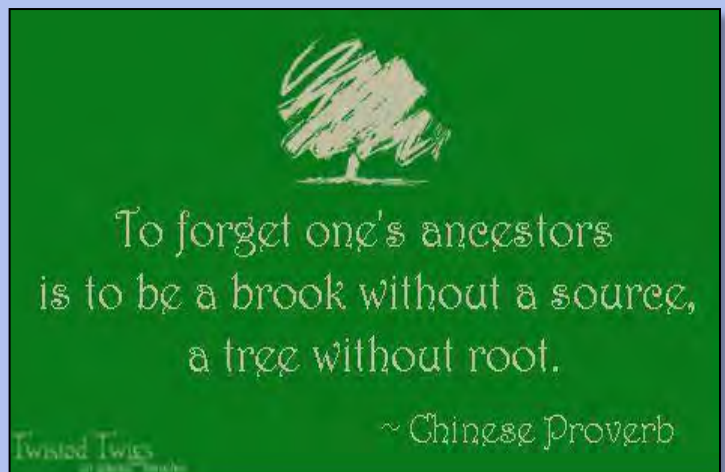
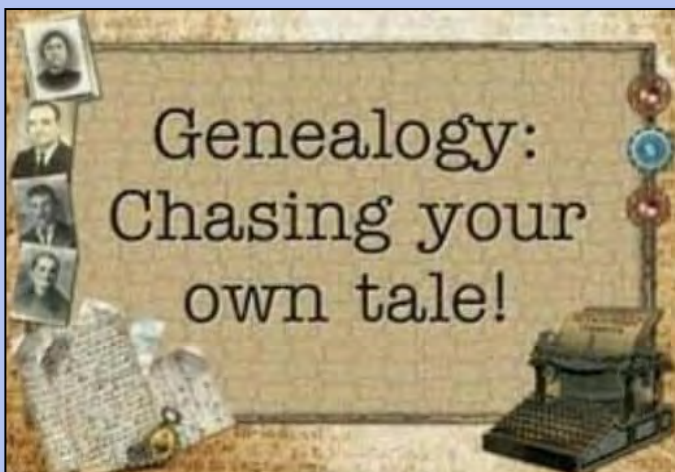
**Your management team, will circle the wagons at the Carman United Church parking lot and do the draw at noon, Dec. 5th, 2020.**

**A member of the Church staff has graciously agreed to reach into the raffle barrel and draw out the winning ticket for us.**

**We will announce the winner via email later the same day.**

**If won locally, we shall deliver asap. But if too far away it may be by UPS. We will let you know.**

This is the label on the back of the quilt.  
It identifies the  
maker, the year and the Chilliwack Branch





**"Thanks for the memories!"** a little walk down memory lane.

## The third 10 years!

Beginning with 2011 and moving on down to 2020. Our 30th anniversary in October of 2020 will be celebrated as soon as we can in 2021.



Events in **2011** included this amazing display here in Chilliwack on July 1st. Here we see Shirley Dargatz UE. Shirley is a 7th generation Canadian, descending from John Thornton from Tamworth.



To the right we see Jackie and Allan Kennedy UE. Allan is proudly showing his Queen's Jubilee Medal at our October **2012** meeting. Allan was awarded his medal for his services to veterans looking to obtain their medical benefits. Another member honoured earlier was our own Shirley Dargatz UE.



At left we see our special guests to our Strawberry Social and Tea in July of **2012**.

They were Gwen O'Mahony, MLA for Chilliwack/Hope; Mark Strahl MP for Chilliwack/Fraser Canyon and Chilliwack Mayor Sharon Gaetz.

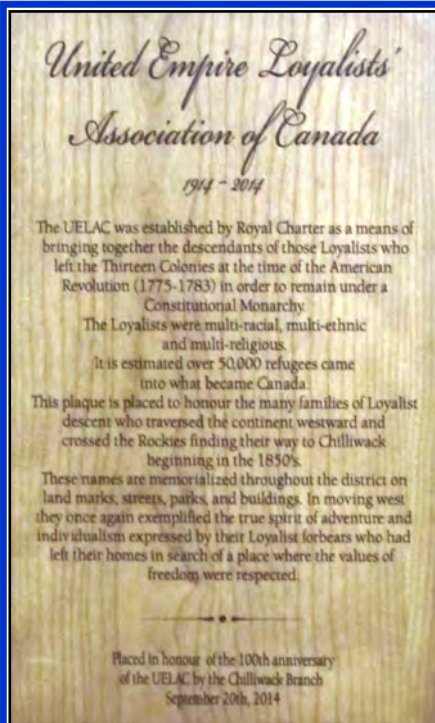
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There were many wonderful events in **2013**, but the highlight had to be our branch hosting the Pacific Regional Conference in May. 72 participants joined in the celebration at the UFV campus in the newly opened Aboriginal Gathering Place. Below left you see part of the display set up and screen for the slide



show. To the immediate right you see members Elva McManus and granddaughter Shay Thornton UE, at the check-in desk. A catered light lunch was served. There were door prizes and a silent auction. Many UE certificates were presented that day by both Vancouver and Chilliwack.





**2014** was the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the United Empire Loyalist Association of Canada. In celebration, Chilliwack Branch honoured those pioneers of Chilliwack who were of Loyalist descent. Our event was held at the Chilliwack Museum (formerly the City Hall).

A formal tea/coffee party was held. The inscription reads:

**"The UELAC was established by Royal Charter as a means of bringing together the descendants of those Loyalists who left the Thirteen Colonies at the time of the American Revolution (1775-1783) in order to remain under a Constitutional Monarchy. The Loyalists were multi-racial, multi-ethnic and multi-religious. It is estimated over 50,000 refugees came into what became Canada. This plaque is placed to honour the many families of Loyalist descent who traveled the continent westward and crossed the Rockies finding their way to Chilliwack beginning in the 1850's. These names are memorialized throughout the district on land marks, streets, parks and buildings. In moving west they once again exemplified the true spirit of adventure and individualism expressed by their Loyalist forebears who had left their homes in search of a place where the values of freedom were respected".**

This event was well attended with over 60 members and friends.

Our special guests included Mayor Sharon Gaetz, Interim Museum Director Ron Denman and the Sons Of Scotland Glen Camp 220. Fifteen Loyalist Certificates were presented to Chilliwack Branch members.

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**2015** proved to be a wonderful year for our Branch. We were very busy, but three events must be singled out. They were our 25th Anniversary, the UELAC Annual Conference hosted by the Pacific Regional Branches held in Victoria, BC and the presentation to the Ashley family in Government House in Victoria, BC of ten certificates in honour of their Loyalist ancestors.

Left: Victoria Conference group at Government House for the welcoming reception hosted by Lieutenant Governor Judith Guichon OBE for our event.

Below: 25th Anniversary cake cut by founding charter members Art Keller UE, Vera Webb UE and Linda Todhunter UE. This picture appeared in the Chilliwack Progress Oct. 30, 2015.



Below L-r: Cecil Ashley, Stephen Ashley, Gwendolyn Gold, Her Honour Judith Guichon, Crystal Gold, Trevor Ashley, Keegan Ashley, Allison Clark, Christina Clark. In front Andrew Clark and Drayden Ashley. Photo courtesy of Gov't House



### Memories from our third 10 years continued:

Now we are at **2016**. The schedule this year was very full. Heritage Week, Finding your Roots seminar in Abbotsford, Spring Fleet, Strawberry Social, Annual Conference, BC Loyalist Day, Fort Langley, Fall Fleet, Finding your Roots seminar in Surrey, Remembrance Day and our Christmas Social.

Hard to pick only one picture. So we have chosen two. Left: The first, our luncheon at Dickens in Chilliwack to honour Queen Elizabeth II on her 90th Birthday. We were pleased to have a couple of Vancouver Branch members join us. This is Donna Little UE in front of the restaurant where this banner proudly flew.



Right: Another special certificate presentation at Christmas to the England family of Rosedale, BC. They are Larry England, son Derek and daughter Jennifer together with all the grandchildren Hannah, Aurora, Ewan, Liam and Nolan. Patriarch Larry England passed away a short time after this. He was so proud that his children and all his grandchildren received their certificates together at this special gathering.



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### 2017 Happy 150th Birthday Canada .

Our schedule was again full this year and we have selected two pictures. Our celebration of the arrival of the Spring Fleet, saw our podium draped with a special quilted banner in honour of Canada's 150th birthday made by Carole Lefler UE. Carole received many a request for banners this day. That same day, Kirra Little UE, Poet Laureate of Vancouver Branch graced us with a poem she wrote inspired by the explorer Simon Fraser; a descendant of Loyalists. Titled "Loyal Fraser" we included it in our "Link Up" edition of June 2017.

To the right is Jerry Brown UE, who would never miss a Remembrance Day service. Every year he honours his fallen friends and comrades. And this year was no exception. He proudly wears his poppy and on a number of occasions in the past, he and his family have placed the wreath for

Chilliwack branch. Members in attendance at the cenotaph retire to the Canton Gardens Restaurant for a lovely meal. This has become a Branch tradition.







**2018** - So many great pictures of our events this year to choose from. But we will focus on the Fall Fleet event hosted by Chilliwack Branch. Forty-five members and guests enjoyed a lovely luncheon catered by the ladies of Carman United Church. Our guest speaker Carsten Arnold talked about preserving heritage with photographs. We were so pleased to have representation from all four branches in BC. We chose this picture of Thompson/Okanagan Branch. L-r: Sandy Farynuk, Erica Williamson, Mavis MacPherson and Robyn Kendall.

**2019** - We started off the year with a Robbie Burns Luncheon and welcomed over 30 members and friends to our event as well as a few members from the Sons of Scotland. The tables were decorated in tartan and heather. There were three table displays of our Scottish heritage, speakers, door prizes and a lovely meal.



Left: Forty-five members and guest attended the Fall Fleet celebration. And again, all four branches in BC were well represented. The Phillip E.M. Leith award was presented and the special guest speaker was Mark Strahl MP speaking on "My Great Grandfather-the British Home Child". In the audience were Mark's grandparents, making this a special moment. Dr. Dan McDermid piped in the colours and the parade of those in loyalist attire. Following the program, the ladies of Carman United Church served a wonderful meal.

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And now we come to - **2020**. The year started out with our AGM in February and then quickly changed as of March 10th with all the restrictions involving Covid-19. Literally everything scheduled had to be cancelled including all the venues we had hoped to use for our Quilt Raffle. Ah, well. That is our lives, right now and the year still has four weeks to go. Our raffle draw will take place in the Carman United Church parking as scheduled. See page 5.

I managed a brief cup of tea with Shirley on Loyalist day and we sent you a couple of bad selfies from that day. We also managed a small park picnic in August to socially distance and celebrate Margaret's 88th birthday. We included pictures in the October issue. We will take pictures of the Raffle draw and hopefully of the winner later when the prize is delivered. But only if it is a local winner.

We have sold tickets to people from all over the place. So UPS may have to deliver for us.

This October would have been our 30th Anniversary, but a celebration will have to wait for next year.

And that ends our "Walk down memory Lane". Stay tuned for more..... In 2021.







Westminster Abbey November 20, 1947

In honor of Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip's 73rd wedding anniversary, Buckingham Palace has released a new photograph of the British monarch and her consort, the Duke of Edinburgh. The picture, below, taken by Getty photographer Christopher Jackson, shows the royal couple looking at a sweet anniversary card made by their great-grandchildren: Prince George, Princess Charlotte, and Prince Louis.



A closer look at the note reveals a colorful "73" on the front in honor of the milestone, as well as a number of polka dots. (taken from BBC News)



We will remember them.  
November 11th, 2020

Left: Cenotaph downtown  
Right: Cenotaph Garrison





## **"Thanks for the memories!"**

To jog a few memories, here are some of the names:

In no particular order: Jean Brown, Vona Smith, Judy Scholz, Edward Wilson, Barbara Wilson, Audrey McLean, Samantha Reisig, Shay Thornton, Megan Britton.

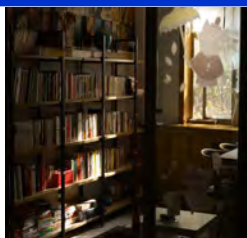
This is 9 of 13 so that leaves 4!

**Who can supply the names of the rest of them?**

Email your answer to my attention at [chwkbrielcontact@gmail.com](mailto:chwkbrielcontact@gmail.com)



No answer yet. We need these names for the archives so please look again.  
Maybe we will send this to Shay to see if she can remember them for us.



### **ARCHIVES UPDATE!**

A recently located file of all branch reports submitted twice yearly to the Editor of the Loyalist Gazette has been found. The files start at the beginning of our branch in 1990 and go forward to the Fall of 2014. Begun by President Lois Dickinson UE and then continued by President Shirley Dargatz UE, we have an excellent outline of branch events from the beginning. After 2014, it was decided that our Link Up newsletters would continue the story. While each Spring and Fall report is brief, it gave us a clear idea of the history of our branch. It was decided to print out these 37 pages, put into a binder for easy reference and add this book to our library for any future enquiries. We also continue our listing of books. This has come to a halt, as we are not entering each others homes at this time of both social distancing and keeping our bubble small and within our family members. We hope to get back to this in the Spring.



## UELAC CHILLIWACK BRANCH NEW MEMBERSHIP 2021/ or Renewal

*Many thanks for your continued support. It is so appreciated.*

The options and fees are as follows:

#1) Individual Memberships: \$40.00 (to the UELAC) + \$15.00 (Chilliwack Branch) = \$55.00

#2) Student Memberships (25 yrs. or younger Name of school/university below) = \$25.00

#3) Family Membership: \_\_\_\_\_ = \$70.00

(A Family membership is for all persons residing at the same address)

#4) If already a Member of another branch/ and wish to join us as well = \$15.00

Please indicate name of branch: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your cheque payable to UELAC – Chilliwack Branch

Your Name (s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Loyalist Ancestor (s) if known: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Fees: Please circle the membership category chosen above.

Please mail to: Marlene Dance UE, President  
5546 Highroad Crescent  
Chilliwack, BC V2R 3X9

Your membership benefits include the following:

- a) you receive a copy of our Magazine "The Gazette" twice yearly,
- b) you receive 6 issues of the "Link UP" - the Chilliwack Branch newsletter
- c) in addition, email reminders for events, signups and items of interest.

Canadian Anti-Spam Legislation (CASL) requires that our Branch have your consent for us to contact you electronically. By joining our Branch, you are consenting to receive electronic communications from us.

You may ask us to remove you from the group email list at any time by replying to one of our communications and asking us to remove you.

**PLEASE DON'T FORGET OUR ON-LINE OPTION FOR PAYMENT - page 4**

If mailing in: Please return this form with your membership: