



The Car Club Beano



British Engineered Automobiles-Nanaimo Order

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Nineteenth Edition

Nigel, Tony & Don

ANOTHER GREAT BANQUET

Our very successful annual banquet this year was held at Tigh-Na-Mara on Saturday, November 17th. The evening started at 6:30 p.m. with members new and old being welcomed at the door.

Once again Per and Lise Johansen supplied a special door prize and Per helped the club with the beautiful corsages for the ladies.

This year we had a different theme for the photo display, encouraging members to bring in photos taken earlier in their lives. The response was so great Tony had to press into use a second display board for all the interesting pictures.

By 7:15 everyone was seated and had a beverage of their choice in front of them. We were then directed to a buffet style supper, with something to suit everyone's taste.

During the evening Dave Harris entertained us with some background music on the CD player, which was just right. After dinner, dessert, coffee and tea for everyone, and then another top up from the bar. Our chairperson Fred van Ingen then gave a short speech welcoming everyone to the party and congratulating everyone on a super year with the club growing by leaps and bounds. Fred then called on Doug Bainbridge (last years winner) to present the clubs Member of the Year trophy to a very deserving Tony Mantell, after a short acceptance speech he handed over the microphone to the O.E.C.C. *choir!!!*

Irene Thompson had cleverly composed a song about our special antics over the past few years. Irene sang beautifully but the choir (Al Thompson, Frances and Nigel) did their best but were left at the gate once or twice, but they did give it a good British try!! Irene will have her work cut out trying to improve her helpers performance for next year!!! After the song

special prizes were awarded to deserving members according to the verses in the song. If you missed it, I have a few copies left, but don't miss the banquet next year, you may be in the song.

The draw for the door prizes was then held with at least a dozen members happy with their draw ticket numbers. Thanks Darla Millard for doing all the shopping for the door prizes. Don and Ken did their usual 50/50 draw and Maureen Jaeger had a little extra cash to spend at this expensive time of the year.

The evening continued with lots of groups chatting over a noggin or two with pleasant background music. The last few revelers enjoyed about 45 minutes of dancing before heading homeward after another great club get-together.

November 20th, Club Meeting

Our regular 3rd Tuesday of the month meeting for November was held on the 20th at the ABC restaurant at 7:30 p.m. Chairperson Fred called the meeting to order with not much to report (*it's a quiet time of the year*). He called on everyone to introduce themselves and tell us a little about their cars and what is going on in their garage.

Tony and Nigel attended the Victoria meeting the night before, to find out what was going on before we get next year's calendar of events set. We also challenged them to build a soapbox car to race against us in next years Ladysmith Days event. For our efforts there I won their 50/50 draw and Tony got a parking ticket!!!

After some discussion at our meeting it was decided that new members joining after July would pay dues, and joining after October would pay full dues but this would be carried over to the following year.

NEW MEETING PLACE: A.B.C. RESTAURANT, NORTH END WOODGROVE MALL

Dave Harris is in charge of welcoming and registration. Any questions call 758-6287.

John Bower has taken up the challenge of organizing the parts wanted and for sale also cars wanted and for sale, John is at 1-(250) 701-0162.

Mike Minter knows of a storage garage in Nanaimo that is empty and reasonable. Mike 753-8268.

The 50/50 draw was won by new member Ron Cameron, just a little to help with the winter project on the beautiful red E Type Jaguar. Welcome aboard Ron.

It was decided to hold a social evening on the third Tuesday of December at the ABC restaurant. Supper, drinks or just a chat.

Meeting adjourned.

Fall Run, October 21st

This run was originally going to take us to Fish Tails Restaurant in Qualicum Beach, however, with the change in the weather in the latter part of October, I feared we may not get sufficient number of members to warrant Fish Tails opening on a Sunday just for us. So, alternative arrangements were made with the Rocking Horse Pub in Nanoose. It seems however I misjudged just how hardy our members really are. We had a fine turn-out on departing Canadian Tire, and by the time we got to Nanoose PetroCan, we had about a dozen cars. Alas Norm Marshall had to drop out for lack of a bilge pump!!

Our route sent us around Northwest Bay, Parksville, Errington and Qualicum, drivers and passengers were warned to keep their eyes peeled as there was to be a quiz to test their 'powers of observation'. After backtracking slightly to the Rocking Horse, I was a bit startled to find the management had forgotten we were coming, but, after only a minute or two the staff had tables arranged and we were all able to enjoy a hearty lunch.

It seems my quiz didn't pose too much of a challenge, as the winners Doug and Edna Johnston won on the tie breaker, to receive a 'Medichair' clock. After

lunch the weather began to brighten up as we all went our separate ways, with all our cars from sunny England none of the worse for a drive in the wet.

2002 Club Calenders

Once again Doug Bainbridge has produced a limited number of club calenders. These are pre-marked for most club events, all our meetings and feature some wonderful colour pictures of our very own cars. They are available from Doug on a first come, first served basis, for a nominal fee. Get yours soon.

Want To Host An Event?

Nigel and myself (Tony) don't do all the work. Each year many other members host an event, usually in their own area. This helps us explore new back roads, pubs and restaurants we would otherwise not know about...and believe me, pre running and organizing a trip can be a lot of fun in itself.

We especially need one or two runs north of Nanaimo. If you are interested or just have an idea call Nigel or Tony.

Club Meetings

Meetings at our new 'Club House' the ABC restaurant (*by Chapters*) are proving to be very popular with record turnouts. Many club members and their partners are taking advantage of our club discount and are arriving early for a pre meeting meal and a chat. Seems like just the ticket for those of us that have to work late.



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