



The Car Club



Beano

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First Edition

Norm & Don

First Things First

1999 Dues Are Due !!!

Election Of Officers !!!

Welcome to the first edition of the **Beano**. (*British Engineered Automobiles Nanaimo Order*) or an old British weekly comic. The former definition will suffice for now but as Don and I progress it may well become the latter !!!

This is my first full year as an Old English Car Club member and may I say that my wife Margaret and I really enjoyed every minute. The year started with a Spring outing to the Shady Rest Pub in Qualicum Beach via the Antique Emporium in Hilliers. Margaret and I suffered a soaking in a brief but heavy downpour en route, much to the amusement of those sensible enough to have their tops up. The tasty brunch and wonderful view from the restaurant more than made up for the damp feeling in my underwear.

Subsequent outings to the Inn of the Sea, Genoa Bay, Saltspring Island, Sproat lake, Fred Geater's place on Gabriola Island and a delightful day at Per and Lise Johansen's home, all held in fabulous weather were a

PICTURE OF THE MONTH



Captain Doug receiving the Trophy for the Tug o' War

real treat. Another special outing was to Harrison Hot Springs for the AGM, still in glorious weather. An interesting journey despite the addition of 10 - 20 miles incurred as the result of taking a short cut! Who amongst us can remember just how many traffic lights we past through? Enough to wear-out the throttle spring on the 'frog-eyed' Sprite of our fearless leader, Doug! Teasing aside, the weekend was a huge success, lots of interesting cars, good friends, food and hotel.

Later in the year the September trip to Fort Rodd Hill, in Victoria, brought to the fore the incredible athletic prowess of our club members . . . I'm making reference to our victory in the Tug o' War. This was a 'no contest' affair with the whole of the South Island contingent quacking in their loafers at the very thought of coming up against 'The Beano Bunch'. Other attractions included a traditional dancing display, the Morris Minor 50 year exhibition and a whole field full of exciting British cars.

Doug managed to work in a couple of late runs which kept members in touch and provided us all with the excuse to have that one last run before we started some winter maintenance.

Our club is hosting the O.E.C.C. AGM in the spring and as we represented our branch so well at Harrison Hot Springs AGM, we should make all efforts to make an excellent showing in 1999 on our own turf. The event will be at the College Inn, Qualicum Beach, a suitable period setting in the English style to act as a backdrop for our cars.

Also in the new year we have been discussing the possibility of a weekend on the West Coast of the Island, a visit to a Mid-Island vineyard and other destinations, some not car related.

We hope to get this newsletter out to members every 1

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or 2 months depending on the time of year and including some or all of the following:--

- 1) A resume of previous outings.
- 2) Question and answer columns.
- 3) Bits and pieces or floggers corner.
- 4) Next outing details.
- 5) New members and details of all members cars over the year.
- 6) Member profiles.

- e.g.
- 1) Did we get there?
 - 2) Is it O.K. to kiss on the first date?
 - 3) For Sale - 1929, 4 litre Bentley Open Tourer, all there, only needs battery. First \$1,250 takes.
 - 4) Trip to find the nut who advertised the above mentioned car.
 - 5) Norm Marshall has a new 1929 Bentley O.T., (Obtained 'cos he read the ad before publishing!)

Don and myself welcome any input by the members and will publish almost anything except criticism. Your suggestions should make this a publication to look forward to.

Don and Norm . . . (The Dynamic Duo).

P.S. The Christmas Dinner will be in February, this year it is celebration of the Russian Holiday "Fixatrabanteve".

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