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SEASON'S GREETINGS!



1967 MGB GT in Winter Camouflage!



The car is Tony Dowell's. The time is 1996, when we got all that snow at Christmas time in Nanaimo. Tony had this MGB for about 9 years and used to drive it daily to and from work. No room for it in the garage which was full of E-Type Jaguar, Triumph TR6, and other assorted machinery. Poor old (and cold) MGB!!!



Annual Banquet 19 Nov 2005

Another Annual Banquet is now behind us. Once again – and for the fifth year in succession – Tigh-na-Mara Resort did a wonderful job of putting on the banquet for us. **The Winter Wonderland buffet spread, and the setting, was a sight to behold, as Dennis Millard’s photo below attests.**



Unfortunately our numbers were down this year, with only 47 people attending. Nonetheless, it seemed that all who were there ate well and had a good time. Our special thanks go for the wonderful pre-dinner music and singing provided by “Jazzure” (our own Virginia and Larry Blatchford). Many thanks also to my dear wife Irene for, once again, presenting the now familiar “Irene and the Accidents” in her annual review of club happenings in song. Many prizes were presented. The “Member of the Year” trophy was presented to Adèle and Ken Hedges for their outstanding services to the Club (treasurer, photo services, and unwavering support of club events). Wayne Peddie was awarded the less-than-sought-after “Piston Broke” trophy for the most heralded car malfunction of the year (in this case, engine failure

and abandonment of the TR6 on the mainland), by Doug Bainbridge. As well there were many somewhat frivolous awards for other best-forgotten incidents during the year (*see photos on a following page*). As in past years, the evening finished off nicely with dancing. At one point, later on in the evening, everyone in the room was on the floor dancing – a rare sight at an OECC party!...*Ed*

Bull ‘n Bush Show 23 Oct 2005

The Bull ‘n Bush Pub Show and lunch put on by the Ladysmith Little Theatre was a really fun-filled way to round out our Cruisin’ season. Nine old English cars plus 4 daily drivers set out from Southgate Mall at 11 am, in reasonable weather for October. On entering Ladysmith, we spotted a wildly gesticulating guide at the side of the highway (Our Nige), directing us towards the old School House that is now the very well-appointed Ladysmith Little Theatre. There we were joined by 4 more old English cars.



OECC Cars Outside the Ladysmith Theatre

37 OECC people sat down to a fine old English lunch of Bangers-and-Mash, or Meat Pie. And after lunch we were treated to the Bull ‘n Bush pub show put on with great verve (*Continued on Page 7*)

Annual Banquet Candid Shots (Photos by Dennis Millard)



Bob & Sally Day



Darla Millard & Laura Taylor



Larry Blatchford at the Keyboard



Janet & Malcolm Hargrave



Linda & Dave Harris



Irene and The Accidents Perform



Conga Line



(Below) Dowells & Minters Hoofing it!



(Left) Thompsons & Hedges



Hey Macarena!

Annual Banquet Prizes and Awards (Photos by Dennis Millard)

1. Doug with Prize pencil for Planning.



Chairman Doug is a good planner,
Served the year in timely manner,
Sorted through those things he needed to,
Including that recurring "Spanner".

Chorus (Tune of Tavern in the Town)

*Oh we are the OECC
And we are so free and easy
That we wave to total strangers
As we drive on by.
We love to drive our English car,
English car,
We drive around both near and far
Near and far, far, far,
We have a grand old time with lots of fun,
Whenever we go on a run,
On a run.*

2. Adele with Prize Piggy Bank .



There's our treasurer, Adèle,
Keeps our money very well,
She steers on track,
And keeps us in the black,
And I've never heard her yell.

3. Danita in her 'Princess of Song' Tiara



It seems you took a nightingale,
On the Brits Round B.C. trail,
Danita sang,
Round the parking lot it rang,
The sleepy heads let out a wail.

4. Dave with Tire fixin' gum (Brits 'Round BC)



Dave Harris found his tire was flat,
So he pulled a trick out of the hat,
The guys got it done
with the speed of Formula One!
Now tell me, What d'ya think of that?

5. Dennis with All-Purpose Tool (Lake Cowachan Run)



Several cars soon went aground,
Mishaps seeming to abound,
First Dennis fussed,
then later on he cussed,
His language really was profound.

6. Geoff shows 'Shiny Motor' Cup



If you want to see your face,
Geoff Francis' motor is the place
He does so much to add the final touch
And dirt can never find a place

**MGB – TR6 – Lucas Electric – Dunlop Tire
Yea...OECC**

Annual Banquet Prizes and Awards (Cont'd) (Photos by Dennis Millard)

7. Ken with 'Emergency' Bottle! (Whistler-Lillooet Run)



The scenery was simply grand,
As on we drove, our merry band,
We'd not gone far when Hedges stopped his car,
'Cos Nature's call got out of hand.

9. Shirley & Glass with Bumper Fixer (Brits on the Beach, Bull 'n Bush)

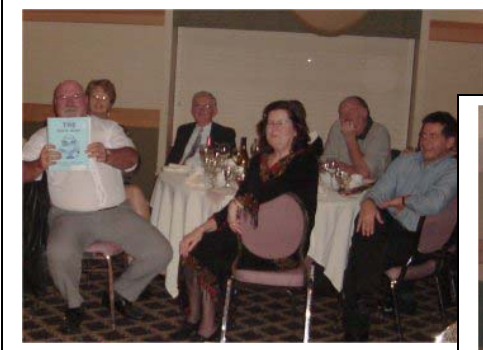


8. Malcolm with 'Hacking' Knife-----> (Ye Olde English Car Run)

Malcolm got the treatment twice,
So now he'll give you some advice,
Keep away when the stocks are on display,
It is a torturesome device.



10. Wayne shows TR6 Parts Manual Prize...and...(below)



**v
Piston Broke Trophy**



Twelve Rolls Royces came en masse,
Arranged their cars upon the grass,
Set up their tent and into it they went.
It gave the show a touch of class.

A Rolls Royce backed into a truck
The driver thought he'd better duck
But no harm done, the dog thought it was
They had the most amazing luck. (fun)

(Whistler-Lillooet Run)

Everybody soon got ready,
And our progress was quite steady,
Till one car slowed, couldn't keep up on the road,
That poor unfortunate was Peddy.

(Far Right) Tony presents Dennis with Picture to remind him of his MGB Oil Pressure line problems (Lake Cowachan Run).



Banquet Awards (Cont'd)



Adèle and Ken Hedges were presented with the annual “Members of the Year” Award. In presenting the award, 2004 winners Irene and Al Thompson mentioned the sterling service provided through 2005 by Adèle as Club Treasurer, the multitude of Club run photos taken by Ken for the Beano and the archives, and regular support for all club events through the year.

2006 Club Dues

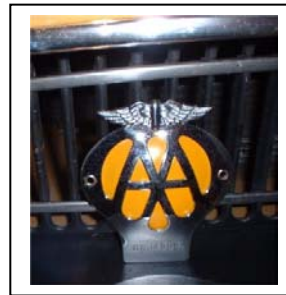
Pay your 2006 Dues by 31st December, and you could have your year’s membership for free. Just send your \$20 cheque to: **Mike Bull, 339 Horne Lake Road, Qualicum Beach, BC. V0R 1G0.** Don’t delay. Please do it now.

Badges

Mike Bull recently sent me some info on British **Automobile Association (AA) grill badges** that might be of interest to members that have acquired such badges. You can date your badge by the serial number printed on it, as follows: 1 to 999999 - 1906-1930;

A to P Suffixes 1930-45; OA to OZ Prefixes 1945-57; 1A to 9A Prefixes 1957-59; 1B to 9B Prefixes 1960-1961; 1C to 9C Prefixes 1962-63; 1D to 9D Prefixes 1964-65; 1E to 9E Prefixes 1966-67; RSTWXYZA Suffixes are all motorcycle badges. The AA badge that I have (see photo below) has the serial number 6C34909, so it was issued in the 1962-63 time period.

I have also just come by a **London Taxi driver’s badge** – Number 94, issued for the year 1965 (see photo below). As that happens to be the year my London taxicab was manufactured, I am now proudly wearing the metal badge on my OECC club jacket...*Ed*



(Above) London Taxi Driver’s Badge;
(Left) AA Grill Badge;

Events Coming Up in the New Year

Tues 17 Jan – Club Meeting, ABC Restaurant.
Tues 21 Feb – Club Meeting, ABC Restaurant.
Sun 26 Feb - Bowling Day.
Tues 21 Mar – Club Meeting, ABC Restaurant
Sun 26 Mar - Port Alberni Run

Flogger’s Corner will return in the next issue of Beano.

*Have a Happy and Safe
Holiday...Your Editor*

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and good humour by Judi (The Wench) and Terry (The Bloke). Old songs like “Down at the Old Bull ‘n Bush” and “Any Old Iron” were sung with much gusto and plenty of volume. A good time was had by all – despite the Rolls of one of our members backing (lightly) into a truck in the Soutgate parking lot!..Ed



(Top) Attacking Bangers and Pie.
(Below) Judi (The Wench) & Terry (The Bloke)

Ladysmith Lights Up, 24 Nov 2005

A few hardy OECC souls braved the chilly wind and threatened rain to be in Ladysmith for the now famous ‘Lighting Up’ and Parade to kick off the town’s annual Festival of Lights. The Christmas lights were wonderful, and the crowd huge. What’s more the rain held off until we (13 of us) were warmly ensconced in Ricki’s restaurant for a latish dinner following

the parade. No old English cars out today though – all in daily drivers...Ed



OECC Folk at Ladysmith Lighting Up

Club Meeting 18 October 2005

As usual, the meeting was in the ABC restaurant in North Nanaimo. Chairman Doug Unia got things underway at 7.05 pm, with 18 people present. Registrar Mike Bull told us that membership stands at 66. Ken Hedges (representing Treasurer Adèle) reported that we are in good financial standing and have \$1,361.90 in the bank. Tony Mantell spoke of the upcoming Bull & Bush show and lunch in Ladysmith, and gave directions on how to get there (*it was a great event – see report in this issue..Ed*). Al Thompson outlined preparations for the Annual Banquet at Tigh-na-Mara, and said he had tickets for sale. He also gave a Beano report. It was noted that the date for the 2006 Brits-on-the-Beach club event was July 16th. A 'B-on-the-B' Committee was struck with Tony Mantell, Wayne Peddie, Bernie Butler, Merv Steg, Nigel Muggeridge and Roger Killin as members (Roger will be doing the computer stuff).

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The Chairman reported on the recent run to Lund on the mainland. He also mentioned that, from his discussion with Steve Hutchins of the Vancouver branch, there is some interest in joint activity with that branch (next spring or summer) – perhaps meeting up somewhere on the mainland and doing a joint run together. In this connection, it was also noted that Pat Sparks wants to do another “Brits ‘Round BC” tour – maybe tied in with the AGM in Kamloops (*see report of 15 Nov club meeting for more on this..Ed*). Chairman Doug also read out the report of the Society meeting held 24 Sep in Tsawwassen; noteworthy points were: Newsletter Spanner publication dates will be Feb 15, May 15, Aug 15 and Nov 15 with cut-off date one month before for each issue; an organizational book called “The Wheel” is in existence and serves as the Society Bye-Laws and can be amended only at AGMs. Each branch needs to review “The Wheel” and a small group will be formed to review suggested changes. The Chairman felt that we should ensure that all Society meetings are attended by a representative of our branch. Wayne Peddie reported that the problems with his TR6 on the recent Whistler Hope run were a combination of bad points and a vacuum leak. The 50-50 draw was won by Tony Mantell. The meeting was closed at 8:45pm. .Ed

Club Meeting 15 November 2005

A good turnout of 30 folks was present as Doug started the meeting at 7:36 pm. He began by reading the Minutes of a Meeting held at the Hedges home 12 Nov to work up preliminary plans for Brits ‘Round BC 2006, tentatively scheduled for 24 Jun to 2 Jul next year. Mike Bull reported that 26 people have renewed memberships for 2006 so far. Adèle presented her usual thorough financial statements; bank balance stands at \$2,580.99 (*temporarily inflated due to banquet ticket receipts*). Al Thompson gave an Annual Banquet update – ticket sales have lagged this year; only 47 people have booked, versus 56 last year. Nigel Muggeridge gave details of the Ladysmith Festival of Lights coming up on 24 Nov. Tony Mantell alerted members that they should start thinking about next year’s events; he also proposed that a budget should be allotted to each event. Members agreed that this was a good idea. Mike Bull asked if the Club would again be participating in the Parksville Swap Meet – indication was, Yes we would. Merv Steg presented his T-Shirt Car-of-the-Month, the Lotus Esprit. Jim Anderson asked about storage for Collector cars. Our local insurance expert Mike Bull answered. A long discussion followed. The meeting ended at 8:30 pm.

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