



# The Car Club Beano



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## Gluaistean Raili

Loosely translated is Car Rally



“The Luck of the Irish run on August 26<sup>th</sup> set off with 11 cars and 22 members all heading down to Departure Bay and then Hammond Bay, through Lantzville, and eventually ending up in Parksville at The Leprechaun’s Door Pub. Despite some dark clouds in the south end, we ended up having a great sunny day and avoided the rain later on that day.

Everyone made it to the end, although several couples were not talking to each other and swearing that they would never do another run again! After some great food and beers, the mood changed and everyone said they had a great time and lots of fun! The common complaint from all navigators was that the drivers were going too fast. The drivers, on the other hand, were all complaining that the navigators were not giving proper directions. (Actually, not much different to any other run!).

There were many clues en-route and a final “Irish” quiz for each member to answer. Doug and Judy Unia were the outright winners for both the run and quiz – well done to both of them.

For the next run, Janet and I agreed to make it much easier – but we have been known to change our minds!”

...*Malcolm*



Look at those legs!!!



Maclure house at the Beach Acres resort in Parksville was the terminus of our rally.

## Note from the Chairman

By the time this issue of the Beano 'hits the streets', most of us will have to reluctantly admit that the main season for driving our old cars is winding down. Oh I know there are those diehards amongst us who will carry on driving the old cars, usually top-down, at every opportunity through the fall and winter, but many do put their cars away for the rainy season. As we do reach the end of summer, I find myself reflecting on how the club is faring. I think we have had a good season, from our club bowling day back in February to the Fort Rodd Hill show just past. At the September club meeting, our registrar Mike Bull reported that we had 84 members – that's more than we have ever had before. Our club meetings are usually attended by well over 30 people. That's a far cry from the half dozen or so that usually attended club meetings at Roman's Pizza, near Departure Bay, 10 years ago when I first joined the OECC. So I think we are doing OK. – but that does not mean we should not continue to seek new members, and continue the sorts of interesting runs and activities that has kept members and their partners involved with the club. One final thing I would like to do as this summer season closes out is to thank our Events Coordinator, Marge Sabourin, for doing a fine job of setting in place the 2007 program of activities and pulling the whole thing together. Of course, I would also like to thank all those members who designed and led individual runs and events. It was a great season!...*Al Thompson*



## OECC CENTRAL ISLAND BRANCH

### ANNUAL BANQUET

Date... November 17, 2007

Place..... Nanaimo Golf Club

Time.... Social 6:00 pm    Dinner 7:00 pm

Tickets \$35.00 per person available from Dave Harris @ 741 4460

This will be a fun filled evening with "Irene and the Accidents" and a Disco for your entertainment.

## Club Minutes August 21, 2007

Meeting called to order by Chairman Al Thompson at 7:34PM with 32 members and guests. Al mentioned the passing of member Norm Marshall at age of 62 August 4 from colon cancer. Norm was one of the founding members of the Central Island Branch and was the first editor of the BEANO. His 1953 Sunbeam Alpine was well known. A card has been sent to Margaret Marshall and family from the club.

Member Russ Heughan has recently had surgery for colon cancer and the prognosis is good. A card has been sent from the club.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by Past Chairman Doug Unia.

Membership Chairman Mike Bull reported total membership of 82 and introduced guest Cale Spence son of new member Ron Spence. New members attending were Paul Keen, Chris Michael, Kevin North, Dave Sneddon, Norman Hall and Carol Sylvest.

Treasurer Adèle Hedges advised of a balance of \$2028.31 with net income of \$666.09 including \$220.00 from the 50-50 draw at Brits on the Beach.

BEANO editor Ken Hedges mentioned he had lots of material this month and suggested re-introducing a feature of person profile of members.

Webmaster Doug Bainbridge asked people to e-mail pictures of their cars for the web page.

Wayne Peddie reported a turnout of 115 cars and 2 motorcycles at BOB despite inclement weather. Over 60 members attended the barbecue and there was a better public attendance possible due to coverage in the Ladysmith papers. Tony Dowell advised of the possible attendance of Radio Station CISL 650 next year and he is commissioning a picture of his A\_H 100-6 that could be used for publicity.

The Ladysmith Parade attracted 13 cars and 22 people.

13 cars and 25 members attended the Filberg Show.

Al Campbell mentioned there are usually 6 club cars at the A&W Wednesday night cruise in and a total of 20-25 cars.

Doug Unia reported on the Jaguars on the Island event in Victoria.

Wayne Peddie talked about the All Triumph Drive In at Steveston with headquarters at the River Rock Casino in Richmond.

Events Co-coordinator Marge Sabourin advised of the Luck of the Irish tour coming up Sunday August 26 hosted by Malcolm and Janet Hargrave.

Brits 'Round BC 2008 will coincide with the Society AGM, June 27 - 29 which our branch is hosting. Doug Bainbridge and Martyn Green are looking after the arrangements. Participants will continue after the AGM on Sunday morning and the tour will end July 6.

Al spoke about Spanner distribution and Wayne said the Society were trying to determine how many members don't have e-mail (about 50). This will be factored into the budget for the Spanner.

Merv Steg's car of the month was the Metropolitan identified by Dave Harris.

Next meeting is September 18.

The 50-50 draw of \$31.50 was won by Brian Yates.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

## Club Minutes September 18, 2007

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Al Thompson at 7:33PM with 27 members partners and guests present.

Membership Chair Mike Bull reported membership total is now 84. He introduced guests Don Gaskill with an Austin FX4, Norbert Peters and Diane Moore 1974 MGB, Frank and Ann-Marie Rozar 1972 TR6 and Bob Lord 1976 Spitfire.

In the absence of Treasurer Adèle Hedges Al reported a cash on hand and money in the bank \$1660.29 and a net income of \$510.32.

Webmaster Doug Bainbridge advised of an MGB hardtop for sale.

Malcolm Hargraves reported on the Luck of the Irish run on August 23, 22 people attending and both prizes won by Doug and Judy Unia.

South Island Branches ECAIP saw 12 cars from Central Island Branch attend with a total of 115 cars present on a rainy day.

Events coordinator Marge Sabourin advised of the Whistler Run Next weekend Sept 21.

The Society AGM will be held at Schooner Cove June 28-29. Doug Bainbridge and Martyn Green are attending to arrangements. Malcolm Hargrave has volunteered to look after the mini Monte.

Society Chair Wayne Peddie reported on Society business and Spanner distribution.

Chairman Al reminded everyone to pay their bill.

Under new business Chairman Al asked everyone to introduce themselves and their cars for the benefit of new members and guests. This follows a suggestion from Dennis Millard.

Merv Steg's car of the month was the Daimler SP250 identified by Doug Unia.

The next meeting is October 16.

Winner of the 50-50 draw was Mike Finley at \$25.50.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

...*Doug Unia*

## Membership

86 Members and still 3 months before year end!

The appeal of our vehicles, and our Club, is well confirmed by our membership growth, and the interest shown by all who attend our Club functions. And the same can be said of our fine BEANO, and the leadership given by our Club Executive who offer their time with enthusiasm.

If you should meet an Old English vehicle owner, ask if they know of the O.E.C.C. then invite them to attend a meeting of our Branch. Many new friendships are soon developed and the continuance of our hobby and Club is assured,

Cheers

...*Mike Bull - Membership Guy*

## ABFM Portland Oregon

There were five members of the OECC Central Island Branch who joined a group of six Jaguars from the Victoria Jaguar Club and one Daimler on the trip down to the ABFM in Portland Oregon.

Bob & Lynn Cumberland TR6, Ray & Marge Sabourin MGB, Wayne & Jan Peddie TR6, Ron & Cal Spence TR7 and Ken & Adèle Hedges TR250.



The trip started in Victoria with a ferry ride to Port Angeles where we all gathered after a quick parking lot lunch and then on our way to Chehalais for the first over night stay. We had a good supper, and met new friends. The next day it was off to Portland via a route that took us to the east side of Mount St.Helens, a detour took us up a winding forest road to a lookout point below the crater where the results of the eruption are still (and will be forever) evident. We then took the last leg into Portland via Vancouver Washington.

The day of the show was hot. The lucky TR6 people were parked near a large shade tree where they settled in for the day.

This was our first time at this particular show, and to see and vote on so many cars was impossible, as there must have been around 730 vehicles. One of our own, namely Adèle and yours truly came away with a first prize in the TR250 class of which there were 10 entries, which is quite a group as there were only 8484 of these cars made.

*...Editor*



Some of the OECC cars at the Mount St.Helens lookout



B&B at Port Townsend (way home)

## THE TRIUMPH DOLOMITE STORY PART 1

In the early 1960s the Triumph Herald was not enjoying the sales numbers which were expected, so Leyland management decided to look at a replacement.

The replacement model, project AJAX, was begun in 1962. Triumph Chief engineer Harry Webster began working on the new model by looking at several different packages until he was sure of the best combination. One of the features deemed necessary was a tight turning circle (traditional at Triumph) and to this end, a longitudinal engine position was the best solution. Webster did not favour engine

and gearbox sharing engine oil as it made for shorter oil change periods and had caused problems in BMC models.

It was decided to use the 1300cc engine from the Spitfire in a monocoque body with front suspension of double wishbones and semi-trailing arms at the rear. Styling was handled by Giovanni Michelotti.

By 1964 Herald sales had improved, partly due to the introduction of the 1200cc engine. Costs covering the development of the new front wheel drive layout were increasing, so the original plan to replace the Herald was dropped.



The Triumph 1300, as it was now known, was introduced in September 1965 to a press and public impressed with its features and styling. Sales were good as customer took to the compact size, quality fixtures and fittings, and fine road manners. The 1300 was considered to be in a slightly higher bracket than the BMC 1100 series.

There were some problems associated with the new model, however. Some servicing problems were experienced due to the new mechanical layout, which led to a higher level of unreliability.

Triumph concluded there was no way to reduce the price of the 1300 to make it an attractive replacement for the Herald. To accomplish this, the 1300 was converted to rear wheel drive with a live rear axle. The re engineering at this juncture was done by Spen King, who came from Rover. He decided the IRS of the original layout didn't provide enough advantage over the solid axle to justify the extra production costs.

The new models were introduced in 1970, the 1300 becoming the Toledo, and the 1300TC becoming the 1500, still FWD,

using the larger engine from the export Spitfire. The TC or twin carburetors model had been added in 1967 at a slightly increased cost. Michelotti's facelift incorporated four headlamps, a longer tail and more wood in interior.



*...Doug Unia*

## ABFM Fort Rodd Hill

Despite the ugly weather conditions throughout the day, we had a very good showing from our Central Island branch at the ECAIP, Fort Rodd Hill, the car show put on annually by the OECC's South Island Branch. We had 12 old English cars from our area on display among the 115 or so cars there. Eight of our cars and crews met up at Southgate Mall bright and early for the 'convoy' run down to Victoria. It was really nice to see our Webmaster and former chairman, Doug Bainbridge, and wife Jacqui, who came out for an early breakfast at Smitty's and to wave goodbye as the rest of us set off for Victoria. In the line behind the 'Wagon master' vehicle (our '1965 London taxicab) on the way down, there were: 2 TR6s (Mike Minter and Lillian Sly, Dave and Linda Harris), 2 MGBs (Doug and Sandy Groth in one, and a lonely Geoff Francis in the other (we missed you Candy!)), an Austin Gypsy pickup truck (Glenn Kemp and Wendy Martin, who are not yet members of the club)\*, the Minters' A40 Countryman van driven by Bill Bailey (a friend of the Minters), and Martyn and Patricia Green in their fancy-dancy 2000 Jag XKR, which - I was told by its owner - could barely get out of first gear at our convoy cruising speed of 85 kph! Once parked at Fort Rodd Hill, we met up with Ken and Adèle Hedges (TR250)& Jag XJS driven by their friends visiting from England, and Wayne and Jan Peddie (TR6), who had gone down to Vic the day before to take part in the car run held that day. We also met up with Mike and Elsa Cane who had come down separately in their Rover 100 P4. Later on in the morning Steve Harris arrived with his beautiful 1933 Rover 10. Dennis Watson was there also, but sans his Triumph Spitfire, which had suffered windshield wiper failure, forcing Dennis to come down aboard his Ford Escort. Apart from the weather it was a most enjoyable day, with lots of entertainment laid on, and lots of interesting cars to see. Our group did not win any prizes this time, but Glen and Wendy did get an honourable mention for their rare Austin Gypsy. When the show closed, around 3 p.m., we all decided to make our individual ways back up-island – again in and out of rain showers all the way.

...Al Thompson

\* Editors note : Glenn has since joined.





Congratulations go out to Doug and Sandy Groth on the occasion of their marriage on August 18, 2007 in Nanaimo.

Doug and Sandy moved from the mainland earlier this year and now reside in Nanaimo, and through Dave and Linda Harris (Sandy is Dave's sister) saw that we had so much fun on our car runs, decided to buy a 1973 MGB and become members of the OECC.

We wish you good health and happiness from your friends in the Old English Car Club.

...Editor

A picture of a car I saw in Niagara Falls while on our trip.

Submitted by Don Badger a  
1957 Wolseley 6/90

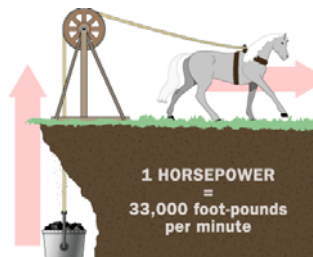


## Did You Know ?

The term "horsepower" was coined by the engineer James Watt (1736 to 1819) in 1782 while working on improving the performance of steam engines. This occurred while using a mine pony to lift coal out of a coal mine. He conceived the idea of defining the power exerted by these animals to accomplish this work. He found that, on the average, a mine horse could pull (lift by means of a pulley) 22,000 foot-pounds per minute. Rather than call this "pony" power, he increased these test results by 50 percent, and called it horsepower i.e. 33,000 foot-pounds of work per minute.

Under this system, then, one horsepower is defined as:

1 hp = 33,000 ft.lbf/min (550 ft.lbf/s)  
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## Filberg Comox Valley

We all seemed to bemoan the Summer we had, but the run to the Filberg show in Comox would make you believe that mother nature has a special spot in her heart for the ABFM in the Comox valley. The sun shone and it was a beautiful day.

This show, as in the past, has been one of my favourites, and this year it did not disappoint, starting with the run up the old island highway with next to no traffic, and the great views along the way. It is a great sight to see a group of British cars traveling in convoy, snaked out before you in their red, yellow blue and especially that BRG colours on a windy road.

We had a very good showing from the Central Island Branch, and am sure that everyone would agree with me that they had a good time. The music was great with lots of old 50 and 60's music that take us back to our younger days.

Thanks go out to the Comox Valley Branch for a great show, see you next year.

...*Editor*



Mike & Elsa Cane's immaculate restored MGA 1600 3rd place in overall judged



Mike Green displays the fruits of his restoration with his 1939 BSA Scout. First place in Peoples Choice.



Adèle & Ken Hedges took second place in the Peoples Choice with their Triumph TR250

## Floggers Corner

**Wanted ...** any Austin 10 parts or contacts for parts for upcoming restoration.  
Call Steve Diggins at 604-294-6031

**1972 MGB 4-Synchro Gearbox** in good working condition, \$45. Phone Al Thompson, Nanaimo 756-0452

### 1972 MGB Roadster

I've decided to sell the MGB. I guess I'm not a car fixer-upper. I've put some money into it, but it needs work on the front suspension and steering, as well as some body work around the inside sills. Overall it is in not bad shape and runs OK. The engine and clutch seem to be good.

**\$4500 Member price \$3900**  
Malcolm Hargrave 250-740-3223

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