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### A note from your Chairman

Depending on whether you're reading this Beano before or after the festive holiday, my wish is that you will have, or did have, a Very Merry Christmas. I also wish you and yours all the very best for the New Year. The start of a new year is always an exciting time, and it is no less so from the Car Club point of view. What with our hosting of the Society Annual General Meeting in June (this only comes up for us every 4 or 5 years, so it's a 'biggie' for us to organize), the "Brits 'Round BC 2008" 7-day tour running into early July, our annual "Brits-on-the-Beach" car show later in July, and of course the monthly schedule of runs that our Events Coordinator Marge Sabourin is putting together, 2008 promises to be a busy and fun year. As well, I can't help wondering just how big our Club will get in 2008! Registrar Mike Bull tells me that we finished off 2007 with a record 90 members. As I write this on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, we already have 46 people registered for 2008. Will our branch reach a membership of 100 in 2008? I would not be at all surprised. In any event, there is little doubt that our branch of the OECC is going strong, and 2008 promises to be a banner year for us. As for 2007, it ended up in fine style with our Annual Banquet at the Nanaimo Golf Club. It seemed that all 79 of us who attended had a great time, with lots of excellent food, drink and fun. I would like, on behalf of us all, to thank Tony Dowell for planning and organizing the event for us. See you at our annual Bowling outing in Feb '08, if not before...*Al Thompson*

## Note from the Editor

The end of a year brings back memories of past events over the year for Adèle and I. We had a great year driving our cars; the “Brits Around the Sea” run, the trip to the ABFM in Oregon, the local runs to Victoria, Comox and Port Alberni, plus the Irish Run, the Wine Tour runs, and too many more to mention, were all great (with a few minor breakdowns), but all of the runs would have been just been another car drive without the friendship and camaraderie of our friends in the OECC.

This edition is dedicated to all members of the OECC, and I have taken this opportunity to include as many of the photos of members that we had taken over the year, if your picture is not included, I wish to apologize, as we did not have one.

We would like to wish you and your family a happy holiday, and all the very best for the new year....*Ken Hedges*

## Membership

46 renewals for 2008 by late November is encouraging to your executive because it's a clear indication we are providing activities and meetings of interest to members.

Some of our newer members have difficulty making meetings due to working hours, but their support was shown at the Annual Banquet and on our Car Tours which are always interesting.

Please take time to introduce yourself and your car(s) to our newer members who are anxious to become acquainted with us all and to make new friends with people of similar Brit car interests.

Dues are still only \$20.00. Have YOU renewed?

Cheers,

Mike Bull - Membership Guy



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## Club Minutes October 16, 2007

The meeting was called to order by Chair Al Thompson at 7:32PM with 37 members, partners and guests present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by past Chair Doug Unia.

Mike Bull, membership chair, advised of a total of 87 members and introduced new member Greg Temple TR6. He introduced guests Adrian Rice 1952 MGTD, and Rich Dean 1974MGB. Renewals for 2008 are \$20, with the prizes for the early renewal draws being a free membership and a refund for one banquet ticket. There is regalia available and on display.

Treasurer Adèle Hedges reported cash on hand of \$1685.04 and net income of \$561.62.

Beano Editor Ken Hedges mentioned emails had been sent out confirming distribution arrangements for members.

Webmaster Doug Bainbridge advised to use the refresh function if you visiting the same web sites frequently. There is no update on the proposed forum on the Society Web Page.

Marge Sabourin reported on the Sept 30 run to Cherry Point Vinyards. She also mentioned the Banquet on November 17 where you can pay at the door.

Tony Dowell advised of the menu and that the increase at the Golf Club is less than other catering facilities. The Disco will be covered by the club.

Wayne Peddie reported on the Highway Tire Display in Duncan.

Chairman Al proposed moving the November meeting to the 13th to allow for more ticket sales for the banquet.

Doug Bainbridge reported the arrangements for the Society Meeting are completed.

Wayne talked about Brits Round BC with Steve Hutchens as wagon master. He also discussed Spanner distribution.

Al reminded everyone to pay your bill.

Tony Mantell discussed undercoating products.

Tony Dowell mentioned the latest developments on the Ford sell off of Jaguar and Land Rover.

Merv Steg's car of the month was the Wolseley 18/85 identified by Mike Minter.

The 50-50 draw of \$28.00 was won by new member Greg Temple.

Russ Heughan was welcomed back after his successful surgery.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33PM....*Doug Unia*

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## Club Minutes November 13, 2007

The meeting was called to order by Chair Al Thompson at 7:31 PM with 38 members and partners present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by past Chair Doug Unia.

Membership Chair Mike Bull reported a total of 90 members and we have had 34 renewals up to the current date. The early bird draw for renewals is valid until Dec 31.

Doug Unia introduced guest Paul Beenham, formerly of the Vancouver Coast Branch, who has several Vauxhalls and Prefects. He has joined as member 90.

Mike introduced new members Richard Dean and Adrian Rice. He also mentioned regalia on hand for sale.

Ken Hedges, deputizing for indisposed Treasurer Adèle, advised of cash on hand of \$2050.06 and net income of \$559.34.

Ken, as Beano Editor, said the next issue is coming out in December and he is looking for material, pictures, articles etc.

Webmaster Doug Bainbridge talked about new material on the Society Homepage where we are getting hits from all over the world.

Society Chair Wayne Peddie, reported on the recent Society meeting and that Society Dues have been decreased from \$7.50 to \$6.00.

Ian Cox has taken over as the new regalia officer and also will act as chronicler of history of the branches. There are more features on the member page.

Marge Sabourin asked Tony Dowell to explain arrangements for the Christmas Banquet. At this point 77 tickets have been sold. Entertainment includes Irene and the accidents and a disco. Drinks at 6:00PM with dinner at 7:00. There will be a slide show during happy hour.

Doug Bainbridge announced that entertainment at the Society AGM will be provided by the Blatchfords.

Wayne Peddie spoke about Brits Round BC following the AGM. Steve Hutchins is wagon master.

Brits on the Beach is July 20 with a barbecue for Club Members following.

Discussion of old business was The Spanner, and a reminder to pay your bill.

Under new business was this meeting is the branch AGM. All positions were reviewed with the same personnel staying for next year.

Norbert Peters circulated a Paper from Obsolete Automotive.

There was a question about the availability of rosters.

Steve Harris showed pictures of his latest acquisitions, 1930 Vauxhall Hurlingham and a 1934 Humber Vogue. He also invited the club for a garage tour.

Tony Dowell mentioned the bidders for Jaguar and Land Rover are down to the final two, Tata Motors of India, and a group headed by former Ford CEO Jack Nasser.

Merv Steg's car of the month was the 1934 Crossley Streamline.

The 50-50 draw of \$24.00 was won by Norm Hall.

The next meeting is Jan. 15.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 PM.

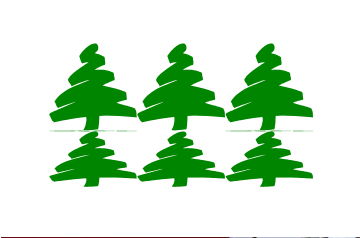
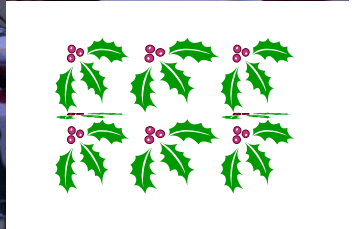
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## Upcoming Events

Coming in February the annual OECC CIB (Central Island Branch) bowling meet in Nanaimo Date and Time TBA.

Old English Car Club of B.C. AGM  
Date: June 28—29 2008  
Location Schooner Cove Resort & Marina  
Nanoose Bay B.C. (Vancouver Island )

BRBC 2008 (Brits 'Round BC 2008)  
June 26—July 6 2008. Take part in all or a portion of this tour. See link on Society web page: [www.oecc.ca/brbc2008/index.html](http://www.oecc.ca/brbc2008/index.html)

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