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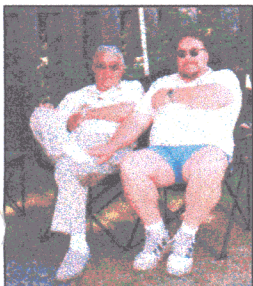
## Mini-M & A.G.M. Great Success!



Welcome fans, this has been a very busy three weeks, starting with a pleasant Sunday in Nanaimo Empire Day parade. The weather was excellent and everyone was in good spirits with lots of friendly banter and leg pulling. Don Graham was actively seeking membership in the 'Swiners'. I personally think he would look fetching on one of those silly little motorbikes wearing a daft'at! Anyone spotting Don in this situation please, please take photos, I need blackmail stuff.

The parade was headed by the lovely Austin 7 of Nigel Muggeridge and almost missed by Al Thompson whose MGB refused to start without a push; and was missed by Egor whose MG would not start until the rest of us had left and he had to 'parade' on his own. (What does that say about the marque?) However the parade went well and the club managed to garner second place. (I wasn't aware that there was a competition.)

Next on the agenda was the AGM held at the Qualicum College Inn. Once again a tremendous turnout of *Beano* members, everyone deserves a pat on the back, we really 'did do well'. The non-*Beano* crowd all commented about how well things were organized and what an appropriate venue we chose. Even nature obliged with a pod of whales making a show on Saturday evening.



The *Beano* Staff...  
at the AGM

Unfortunately Margaret and myself were unable to attend the Medieval Dinner Saturday night, but I understand everyone was overwhelmed by the feast. Some of the Vancouver members attended in costume, (this due to a rummer started by our fearless leader), but they looked terrific and certainly added to the occasion.

Sunday arrived and the AGM brought all to the conference room to join in the meeting. Each of the section presidents gave their reports starting with our own leader 'Doug' and ending with my favorite person, the lawyer from Kamloops with the shortest membership list and the longest speech. (Only a lawyer could have come up with some of the items on his agenda!)

Dennis and Darla Millard did a wonderful job with the prizes and it seemed that everyone got something. I was delighted to gain first prize as Members Choice with the Austin 7 in at second. It was good to have one of our own club's cars chosen.

The meeting over we began our second parade in two weeks as part of the Qualicum Beach Family Day

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Parade. There was a somewhat long wait for 'the off' and it was a short but well observed route. Tony Leeming's Alpine made the front page in the local newspaper and he's been buying every copy he can lay his hands on!!

The weekend of June 6th - the third in a row - we were off to Genoa Bay, such a picturesque run and again well attended. Wendy and Roy Burns, stopped on route to make tea in Chemainus, no kettle required! Mike Davies and wife Caroline stayed with Roy while he got the Morris 'off the boil'. It seems no great harm was done thank goodness. All arrived in time for a tasty lunch at the Grapevine Cafe, which we filled. The sunny weather deteriorated at this point and Margaret and I, who are somewhat more vulnerable to the wet than most, suffered a short 1 3/4 hour down pour on the way home, despite the extended hospitality of John and Marie Burrows. Many members stopped at John's garage to view his good looking, black Mk.II Jaguar soon to be on the road.

We should all welcome our new members, Alex and Shirley Greenwood from Nanoose who drive a fawn Rolls Royce Shadow II; Linda and Michael Lyle from Port Alberni with an MG Midget, and Victor

and Betty Defargo from Nanaimo also with an MG Midget. Derek Bradley (Jaguar) unfortunately fell ill on the golf course this week and is in hospital. We all wish him a speedy recovery. Paul Cummings has been missing from the last few meetings due to ill health but hopefully will be rejoining us soon.

Please take note of the incriminating photo of Don putting the moves on a young attractive man at the AGM whilst seated on the Love Seat.

*Photos by Per/Fran/Margaret*



Michael leads the Empire Day Parade with his Austin 7



Is this really Tony Leeming of Gabriola?



Who is this strange couple at the AGM?

First I would like to thank everyone for the democratic vote of "YOU'RE IT"!!

We had a good turn out for the Empire Day Parade and our club won the ribbon for second best Motorized Presentation. The turn out at the AGM and Mini-Monte was exceptional. Thanks for everyone's help and especially Ken & Don for an excellent job! A club works and runs well when members participate in the activities. If anyone has an idea for an event please call me at 390-3820.

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