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My English Car journey

My English car journey starts in October 1972. I was living in Edmonton and went home to Saskatoon for a weekend. I met with a friend from University who had a summer job at a car dealership on 2nd Ave. He showed me a new emerald green TR6 with tan interior for sale on the lot. \$3800.00 cash and it was mine. I jumped at the chance. At that time I did not even own a credit card. Everything in 1972 was cash.

I drove it to Edmonton to have it winterized. This is another story. The salesman at the Edmonton dealership who would not give me the time of day when I had come in to look at TR6's ate crow as a 21 year old kid paid cash for a car and had it serviced at their dealership.

I then sold my 68 Malibu. Dec 15th, I was transferred to Dawson Creek and given a company car. The TR6 was parked in a garage and sold in the Spring. Dawson Creek was no place for this beauty.

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We reached our goal!

Sincere thanks to all who donated to the Nigel Muggeridge Park Bench Memorial. Your kind generosity has enabled us to realize our goal.

The Park Bench Memorial will be in Transfer Beach; in fact it will be located on the spot where Nigel parked the Chummy during Brits-on-the-Beach. This is the highly successful event that he co-founded with Tony Mantel 9 years ago and our club continues to host.

A special thank you to all those who purchased tickets on the incredible wine basket. Valerie Grace was the lucky winner and \$520 was given to the fund.

Once again, thank you. We could not have done this without your help.

Your Fundraising Committee: Darla Millard,
Marge Sabourin, Candy Francis and Adèle Hedges



Mount Washington Run

Another successful run was completed by about 16 Old English Cars and their intrepid owners. We wound our way over back roads to the base of the mountain and then up Mount Washington, parked in the 'winners' circle, and ate (of course). Most of us went up the chairlift. One of us left their bra in the 'underwear tree'!! Naughty, naughty.

It was cold and foggy at the top, but that didn't stop us!! It just didn't keep us there long.

The weather was beautiful going up and coming down the mountain. The run was a success.

...Marg Sabourin



Chairman's Note

This amazing club of ours never fails to surprise and astonish me with its successes. Let me mention a few notable examples of what I'm talking about.

One, was that great AGM event that we hosted for the Society in June; Doug Bainbridge and his helpers did a wonderful job to put on such super event (including the rally and banquet), despite the last-minute change in venue that was imposed on them. Many thanks to Doug and his crew.

Two, was that tremendous Brits 'Round BC 2008 adventure that bracketed the AGM. It was incredible that we were able to mount such an unforgettable 10-day 30-car 60-person tour of the province without any major mishaps – true it took the masterful leadership of our wagon-master, Steve Hutchens (of the Vancouver Coast Branch), but it also took the common goodwill and club spirit of the participating members to carry the adventure through with such total enjoyment.

Three, has been the tremendous success with the Nigel Muggeridge Memorial Park Bench Fund. Thanks to the initiative and leadership provided by our Branch members – but, especially the efforts of Darla Millard and Adèle Hedges – the goal of \$2000 was reached by the end of July – several months ahead of when I, for one, thought we would get there. Action is already in hand, in conjunction with the Town of Ladysmith, to try and get the bench in place at Transfer Beach before the end of the summer.

Four – and while it is the last, it is by no means least – our OECC Central Island Branch 2008 membership has surpassed the 100 mark. And it was in no small measure thanks to our Membership Registrar, Mike Bull, and especially to his many hours of promoting new memberships at our recent Brits-on-the-Beach car show, that we have swelled our ranks to the current 103 members, who, by the way, own no less than 158 old English cars. That's some growth from the 1998 club roster that I have on file, which shows just 19 members, and 25 cars. As I said, ours is an amazing club with a first rate group of people. And we also have some nice cars!

..Al Thompson, 5 Aug

A Note from the Editor

Another full edition of the BEANO. It is nice to see that the Central Island Branch is so active, and members participate in so many runs and activities.

To all our new members I would like to say welcome and hope that you will contribute to the BEANO, this is your newsletter, and therefore if you have anything related to our hobby that you think may be of interest to others, please send it to me.

...Ken Hedges

Get Acquainted—Richard & Debra Cox

My wife & I just joined the club in time for the Ladysmith show, which was a lot of fun. Here are some photos of the British steel we have in our family:

Sunbeam Alpine 1962 Series 2 (Embassy Black, name: Twiggy)

Sunbeam Alpine 1964 Series 3 Factory Holbay Rallye car (Carnival Red, name Phoenix)

Land Rover Series 2A (name Sir Reginald Gryphon / or Reggie the Rover for short)



Membership

Halfway through the year and we now have 103 paid up members in Central Island Branch, our highest ever

It was a pleasure to meet at Brits-on-the-Beach, and collect dues from the following persons whom we warmly welcome to our friendly and helpful Club:

Garry & Sharon Bartlett - 1989 JAG XJS12

Chris & Pamela Peters - 1970 MGB Roadster

Don & Dot Hay - 1973 MGB

Graham & Edie Fishlock - 1959 MGA Roadster

John Frick - 1967 MG Midget, 1967 MG Midget MK111

Heinz & Joan Mettauer - 1963 Triumph TR4
James & Patricia Beat - Looking for a Brit Vehicle
Cees Den Holder & Ellen - 1967 Austin Taxi Cab
Rod & Irene Berg - 1954 Triumph TR2
Will Radelet - 1962 JAGUAR MK 2

We also welcome new members joining at the July meeting:

Leandra Leitch - 1976 Triumph TR6
Richard & Debra Cox - 1962 & 1964 Sunbeam Alpine
Peter & Jo-Ann Robson - 1968 Lotus Elan
John & Keli Crow - 1972 MGB Roadster
Larry & Virginia Blatchford - Looking for Brit Vehicle
Murray & Linda Broad - 1991 Rover Mini

George & Elizabeth Goff - 1963 Land Rover 11a, 1938 Prefect.

Larry & Virginia Blatchford are well known to our Club, welcome back, and Will Radelet is also a former member, from our early days as a very small Club.

Please take a moment to introduce yourselves to these "new faces", thank you.

Mike Bull

Membership Guy

Nanoose Bay Run & Farewell to Bob & Sally Day

What a great summer's evening for a Wednesday night run in the Nanoose Bay area. 12 British cars and 1 non-British car set off from the Parksville Information Centre and went through horse country and then past Schooner Cove and through Fairwinds before ending up at our home. Malcolm & Janet & Chris Hargrave and Bob and Sally Day arrived a little later. Upon their arrival we all sang Happy Birthday to Sally who had celebrated her 60th the day before. In total we had 31

people. Jan brought out a birthday cake with 60

candles all light up! Bob & Sally will shortly be leaving to return home to England to be nearer their three daughters and grandchild. They will be missed by the many OECC members who knew them. They were presented with a quilt made by Linda Harris to which we all wrote a little something. They were also presented with a book of Vancouver Island, again signed by us all and a group photo taken by the Mars Water Bomber pasted inside. ...Adele Hedges



Canada Day Car Show Salt Spring Island

Judy and I had decided to attend the Canada Day car show on Saltspring Island. We arrived at Crofton for the 9:35 am ferry and were surprised by the cool breeze after several warm days in Nanaimo. At the ferry we noticed a couple of 1957 Thunderbirds a Morgan +8 , and Midget and John and Mary Braybrooks with their 1958 MGA. We arrived at the show grounds and again were surprised by the coolness of the breeze. Judy later went and bought a sweater. We met Bill and Valerie Grace with their TR7 who had taken the earlier ferry.

I counted 16 British cars on the field as part of the total of 126 that were present. Bill was interested to take a look at the Sprint engine as he would like to do the cylinder head conversion to go with the twin SU HS6 and header that he is already running, the car is much better with these mods.

Several years ago, there was a 1967 Daimler Majestic Major on the field but the owner was never around so I didn't find out any history on this rare car.

Entertainment was provided by several different groups. The main attraction was Valdy and he always does a good show.



One of the rods on the field made even an early E-TYPE or Aston Martin look lacking in the carburettor department. It had a 302 cubic inch GM six with 5 Carbs. I bet that is fun to synchronize and tune!

Good selections of late 40s and 50s American iron and a few antiques including my colleague Dan Braybrooks 1928 Model A touring equipped with family and newly acquired St Bernard Trudy. Dan says he enjoyed the trip from Oak Bay. A 1966 Hemi Carger (rare if original), 1968 Plymouth

Road Runner (Beep,Beep!), 1969 Dodge Super Bee, and 1966 Mustang GT convertible. The awards were handed out (peoples choice) and we headed back to catch the 4:30 pm ferry from Versuvius.

This was the first outing of the year for the Sprint and I noticed the engine was running a bit warm, to be expected till the rings seat in and the bearings ease a bit. I also noticed an alarming bump steer, that I later determined to be due to 5 degrees toe out!

We enjoyed the day and would recommend it to everyone. The shopping area is only a block away so those with less interest in cars can find something else to do.

...Doug Unia



Minutes of June 17, 2008 Meeting

Chairman Al Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM with 37 members and partners present

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

Membership chair Mike Bull reported 84 paid up members to date and showed regalia available. He also reported on the Parksville swap meet, attendance was down this year

Treasurer Adèle Hedges advised of \$878.66 current earnings and \$2400.64 current equity.

Beano Editor Ken Hedges explained the reported results for Van Dusen ABFM were from last year in error. He is always looking for information and pictures of members and their car
Doug Bainbridge, Webmaster, said we are getting about 15 hits per day on the web site. He says the preparations for the AGM are ready.

Rallymaster, Malcolm Hargrave, reported on the Mini Monte. It starts from the parking lot at Northfield and the Parkway at 12:45 June 28

Under past events, Doug Groth reported on the Garden Tour, and agreed to host a similar event next year. Irene Thompson thanked Doug for the barbecue.

Al discussed the recent OECC society meeting at Wayne Peddie's House. He also reported a turnout of 14 CIB cars at the Fathers Day Picnic in Beacon Hill Park.

Adèle discussed the joint run to Comox and Supermarine Spitfire restoration followed by a pig roast.

Events coordinator Marge Sabourin discussed upcoming events.

Wayne Peddie talked about Brits on the Beach July 20.

Under old business, fund raising for the Nigel Muggeridge memorial bench has reached \$787.87. Darla Millard is chairperson .

Under new business Al reminded everyone of the etiquette to be followed on club runs.

Adèle mentioned that recent new members Paul and Kelly Beenham have now taken up permanent residence in Nanaimo.

Merv's car of the month was the Jensen Dual Cowl Phaeton, identified by Mike Minter. One example of this car was owned by Cary Grant.

The 50-50 draw of \$31.00 was won by Merv Steg.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 PM.

...Doug Unia

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The Annual Ladysmith Days Parade

After a week of weather that I could only describe as 'Typically British' the sun finally broke through for our annual Ladysmith Parade event. This year we had a fine turn out of Twelve British cars, including the two London Taxis, our noble leader Al Thompson and his Hindmost Cees & Ellen DenHolder guarding the rear. A brace of Wheaten and Scottish terriers were also at hand to greet the crowds, while Candy Frances and Marge Sabourin patrolled on foot distributing Lollipops.

Yours truly had the daunting task of wagon master for the event and had to take a Firm hand in re-organizing the parade line up, which obviously paid off, as I can proudly report nobody got lost en route.

It was a little disappointing the there were no refreshments after the parade this year at the Aggie Hall, I understand that this was due to bad weather earlier in the week, Nobody wanting to see the usual piles of sandwiches going to waste if the event had to be called off. Likewise there were no Soapbox races this year, But, with luck, next year I will be able to dust off our 'Old #5' Brooklands MG racer and once again set the pace on First Avenue.

...*Tony Mantell*



Minutes of July 17, 2008 Meeting

Chairman Al Thompson opened the meeting at 7:75 PM with 45 members, partners and guests present.

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

As treasurer Adèle Hedges was absent, Al reported current total equity of \$2338.10 and current equity of \$816.12.

Membership guy, Mike Bull advised our total is 89 members. He introduced guests Leandre Leitch - 1976 TR6, John and Keli Crow with the ex-Nigel Muggeridge 1972 MGB, Richard and Debra Cox-

1962 and 64 Sunbeam Alpine and 1971 Land Rover 11a, Peter and Jo-Ann Robson-1968 Lotus Elan. New members attending and introduced were Glen and Leslie Stainsby-1949 Ford Thames,1959 Sprite, George and Elizabeth Goff 1963 Land Rover 11a,1938 Ford Prefect Tourer,1953 Ford Prefect Sedan and 1956 Morgan+4, Murray and Linda Broad-1991 Rover Mini and returning after an absence Larry and Virginia Blatchford. Mike also reported on regalia.

Doug Bainbridge reported there was lots of activity on the web site regarding Brits on the Beach, the Society AGM was very successful.

Wayne Peddie advised of the winners of trophies.

Dave Harris gave a detailed report on Brits Round BC.

Marge Sabourin reported on upcoming events.

Tony Dowell said all arrangements are in place for the Annual Banquet.

Under old business, the Nigel Muggeridge park bench fund raising has reached \$1259.87.

Tony Dowell proposed a motion , seconded by Martyn Green that some of the funds from the 50-50 draw at Brits on the Beach be used to support the park bench fund. Tony Mantell suggested an amendment that would require anyone buying a ticket to be advised of this and after some discussion the motion was withdrawn.

The in progress production of a Welcome brochure for new members of the clubs was discussed by Wayne. It will be on the Society web page when it is finalized.

The next meeting is August 19.

Marie Cedar was the winner of the 50-50 draw of \$38.00.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40PM.

...Doug Unia

BRBC 2008 Creatures & Capers



Brits on the Beach 2008

Brits on the Beach, the most anticipated event of the year for the Central Island Branch was a resounding success. To underline how anticipated it was. Six CIB cars showed up at 8:20 AM to reserve their spots and set up their picnic.

The weather was fantastic, not too much sun and heat. Approximately 175 British cars and motorcycles came and went during the day.

The busiest volunteer was Mike Bull signing up new members for our branch.

But many thanks to all the volunteers who helped park cars, sell tickets and set up/take down the signs, tables etc.



We were entertained during the day by the Sofa Kings who were provided by the Ladysmith Resource Centre. What a great assortment of 60's and 70's music they played. We also used their equipment to make our announcements. Craig Hunter also set up a booth to sell his wares. He was so impressed by the venue; he has asked to come back next year.

We sold 50-50 tickets which also entitled the purchaser to several door prizes. Tim Lai from Comox and the infamous Dave Harris won the Victoria British gift certificates. Sussex Auto gave us a Lawn Chair in a bag, and the 50-50 valued at \$245.00 was won by Ray Sabourin (That's Ray not Marge!!!!)

Then came the BBQ attended by 74 people. The number was that high thanks to two you fellows from Campbell River who could not start their MG. They were so new to the car that it was travelling on a permit. But thanks to the efforts of many of our members (including a tow by a Land Rover) they left the field with a smile on their faces. Also thanks to Adrian Rice for providing two BBQ's and manning one of them. The other BBQ was provided by Tony Mantell. The other gents who volunteered there time to man the BBQ's (and nearly didn't get fed) were Chris Hargrave and Glen Steele.

Again it was a great event and I think everyone had a very relaxing and enjoyable time.

...Wayne Peddie



Brits 'Round BC 2008 & AGM

Well after months of anticipation, suddenly it crept upon us and we were off. What Ken and I especially like about these trips is the meeting of new friends, reuniting with old ones and getting to know people better. It is always great to meet up with other members from the other branches, especially those far away. Their hospitality and enthusiasm was great. Another great aspect is talking to people along the way. You always hear stories about, "Oh I used to have one of those – wished I had kept it!" Steve Hutchens and Celia Obrecht were excellent Wagon Masters and organized a wonderful tour. They were so calm when things did not go exactly to plan as you will see later and had to manage a record number of cars. 32 were registered with approximately 25 doing most of the trip.

Day 1 – Friday June 27 began with several Central Island cars waiting at Qualicum Beach for the arrival of a group of VCB and SIB members who had lunch at the home of Derrick & Pat Sparks. Most arrived, but not our Wagon Masters. They were looking for Memorial Avenue exit at Qualicum Beach and of course it is not sign posted that way. We set off without them and later met them in Bowser where we all continued to Courtney to the home of Frank DeCarlo. Many members from Comox Valley Branch were there and we all enjoyed an excellent Pig Roast and entertainment afterwards.



Day 2 – Saturday June 28 - AGM





Central Island members had returned home on Friday and we met up with everyone at Northfield Road for the start of the Mini-Monte, which was organized by Malcolm and Jan Hargrave. This gave our visitors a very good tour of Nanaimo, which ended up at the German Hall for the AGM. Here Dennis & Darla had set up Garden Races which was enjoyed by many. Pictures of some of our cars mounted on sticks and shaking of dices determined the moves. I wonder how many people won with our Jaguar! Larry and Virginia could be heard singing and playing some wonderful songs for our entertainment. I must now commend Doug Bainbridge, Martyn Green and Malcolm & Janet Hargrave and Dennis & Darla Millard for

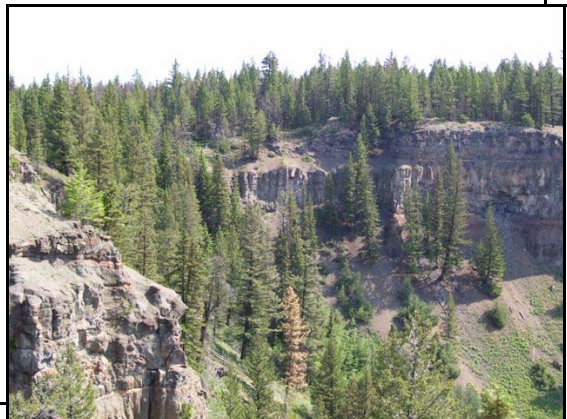
making this a most enjoyable AGM, as well as Larry & Virginia who have since re-joined CIOECC. Of course, our very own Wayne Peddie for making the actual AGM go so smoothly. After the games, everyone assembled for the actual AGM. Minutes and various reports were read and then election of new officers. Only two current officers were stepping down, myself as Treasurer and Gerry Parkinson as Secretary. Marie Cedar of CIB is now Treasurer and Pat Miles of VCB, Secretary. Awards were then announced. Francis Mugeridge accepted a post humus award of the OXO cup for Nigel, the winners of the Lord Montagu award was announced – Ken & Lorraine Finnigan of Thompson Valley Branch (later presented in Kamloops on BRBC tour). For those newer members, I would like to mention the Link Award is chosen by members of the branch sponsoring the AGM and Irene Thompson was the most deserving member for all her very entertaining verses of events throughout the year which are performed at our annual banquet and also Irene makes up verses at the drop of hat for other occasions also. Ken and myself were the recipients of the Dennis Smith Memorial Mini-Monte Trophy. Spice of Life caterers provided an excellent buffet and bar service was also good. South Island Branch will be hosts next year. Afterwards everyone assembled outside for a group photo.

Day 3 – Sunday June 29 Nanaimo to Lillooet

BRBC participants converged at Departure Bay for the 10:40 sailing to Horseshoe Bay. Chairs were got out, a shady spot found while waiting for the sailing on the Coastal Renaissance. This was a first time experience for most sailing on this beautiful vessel. From Horseshoe we all our made our way through the pylons and diversions on the Sea to Sky Highway to arrive at Porteau Cove Provincial Park where Walter Reynolds of VCB had set-up earlier with a string of British flags to welcome us for a picnic lunch. Had not bargained for a most uncooperative parking attendant who would not allow any double parking. So much for well-laid plans – first really warm weekend had brought the locals out in droves. Not to be deterred, some of us were able to stay and have our picnic lunch and others carried on to the next spot to have their lunch. Then it was on up to Whistler, Pemberton and up the Duffy Lake Road for our final destination in Lillooet. As well as people getting hot, many of our cars had problems along the way. Unfortunately Ric & Denise from VCB who were coming and staying overnight in Lillooet in their Morgan and were having problems around Whistler, decided to stay there where they have a place. It was a hard and hot day for many, but we all were able to relax and have dinner at Dina's Greek Restaurant. Most were also fortunate enough also to be able to sit around and chat at the motel before dinner. Unfortunately our TR250 was uncooperative on the steep climb up the Lake Duffy Road and Pat Jones VCB came along to the rescue so some of us were late in arriving.

Day 4 – Monday June 30 Lillooet to Williams Lake

As we were such a large group, we always seemed to split up into smaller groups for each day's adventures. Oscar & Laura Taylor and Norm & Joyce Norman who followed them, took a wrong turn at Lillooet and went via Lytton and Cache Creek, so added many more miles to their trip that day. After such a hot day we decided to set off early and have breakfast in Clinton along with a few other early starters. Along with our group we set off for Chasm Provincial Park, took pictures of the canyon and each other! Then made a stop at 100 Mile House and then further on stopped for a picnic lunch and saw many others drive on by. Everyone arrived in Williams Lake at our Motel in the early afternoon and many made their way to the Laughing Loon Pub for a cool one before getting the cars presentable for the Show and Shine at the very impressive Williams Lake Visitor Centre on the other side of the Motel. It was great to have everything





so close. A good laugh was had at Dennis Millard's expense. At the motel his car was parked on a slight slope and Dennis was under the bonnet when suddenly the car started to roll, Dennis was trying to hold it, banged his head, but fortunately a few people ran to the rescue and stopped the car from going any further. We later all enjoyed our evening meal on the patio at the Laughing Loon Pub where Robert Atkins, SIB takes notes along the trip and then gives a hilarious report. This evening it was Steve and Celia's turn to be given a hard time about them

getting lost twice on the first day AND being American, making no mention on tomorrow being CANADA DAY in our books. (All registered participants were given a book-containing route, suggestions for things to see along the way and maps).

Day 5 – Tuesday July 1 – CANADA DAY Williams Lake to Prince George

First stop today was Quesnel just 75 miles away where we all eventually gathered at LeBourdais Park for a picnic lunch and to watch some of the Canada Day activities. Here quite a few cars from Northern Interior Branch located in Prince George joined us. In the afternoon we made a slight detour to the British Sweet Shop on the road to Barkerville where many of us made some purchases. Afterwards we all made our way up



to our motel in Prince George where we had time to relax and some of us enjoyed a swim. We then made our way to the Railway and Forestry Museum where cars were parked

amongst the exhibits and we were also joined by some non British Classic cars. The Northern Interior then provided us with an excellent BBQ evening meal. Many of us who had been there in 2005 were prepared for the PG mosquitoes. After dinner we were taken on a tour of Prince George before returning to our hotel. Those who stayed up late enough watched the fireworks in one direction and nature's fireworks in the other. The rain came down that night!



Day 6 – Wednesday July 2 – Prince George to McBride

Picked up supplies for a picnic lunch, which many of us had agreed to have at Tête Jaune. I think I speak for everyone in saying that we all enjoyed the beautiful highway, wild flowers on the side and Mount Robson in the distance. With the exception of Bob & Lynne



Cumberland, Wayne & Jan Peddie, Dave & Danita Nishioka and Wilf & Linda Craven from SIB who had made an earlier start, we all seemed to end up at the gas station in McBride where news soon spread that in the night, nature had created several mud slides and that the road after Tête Jaune was closed and reports were that it would not be open until the next day. Steve and Celia in their usual calm way eventually managed to find out where everyone was and had to cancel our accommodations in Jasper. Nishiokas & Cravens were in Valemount, and Cumberlands and

Peddies in Tête Jaune. At McBride, after much deliberation, we all headed to the local park and had our picnic lunch whilst pondering the next step. The locals were delighted that we were putting on such a nice car show for them and the local newspaper was soon taking pictures. After lunch Norm Hall set about finding places for us to stay and we split up into two groups at a hotel and cabins. For dinner many had a BBQ by the cabins and the rest of us at the Main Street Café, which Mary Lou Miles had arranged. We were at the latter and the service and food was excellent and reasonable. Two ladies from the council of McBride

came looking for us to give us all a pin and pen. The cook even came out to look at our cars and have a chat. Both groups enjoyed the evening afterwards. The group at the cabins having a camp fire and watching the sunset – our group sitting around having a good natter and watching Geoff Francis fly his helicopter and Dave Harris his model car. Boys and their toys! Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the unscheduled stay in McBride and the hospitality of the town.



Day 7 – Thursday, July 3 McBride to Lake Louise

Latest news was that they had one lane open, so off we all set in various groups as we had a long drive ahead of us, but all ended up in the line to await our turn to go through the location of the mud slide. Once through, we were all looking for the same thing – a rest stop and the line up for the only outhouse was quite long. Many of us then went into Jasper and wandered around the town, had a look at the Athabasca Hotel where we were to have stayed the night before. It looked to be a grand old



hotel. Quite a few of us had our picnic lunch before heading into Jasper National Park. As we did not have as much time as scheduled, I believe most people managed to stop at Athabasca Falls and Columbia Ice Fields and enjoy the fantastic scenery along the way and even see a few Mountain Goats before arriving at Lake Louise Inn. More trouble for our TR250 and also Norm & Joyces' TR7, so we arrived much later along with quite a few others who gave us support and help. Another story!

Day 8 – Friday July 4 –USA INDEPENDENCE DAY - Lake Louise- Revelstoke

Many people spent time in the morning exploring the area, Lake Louise and Moraine Lake before heading through Banff, Yoho, Glacier and Mount Revelstoke National Parks and more great scenery along the way. Swiss Chalet Motel was our destination and a great place for us all to congregate. Irene & Al Thompson recruited a group made up of Darla Millard, Candy Francis, Marge Sabourin & Mary Lou Miles from VCB as the chorus girls for a BRBC song and dance to be performed the next day in Kamloops and lots of laughter and song could be heard as they



practiced. That evening at Zalas Restaurant our Raconteur Robert Atkins had Dennis Millard as his target. He was told that he had to wear a crash helmet when under the bonnet of his car and to have a warning sign to not park behind his car. Geoff Francis quickly downloaded the words to the Star-Spangled Banner to which we all stood and sang to the best of our Canadian abilities with hands on hearts in honour of our American Wagon Masters! Robert also presented them with a ceramic car very much like a Morgan with two people hanging out.

DAY 9 – Saturday, July 5 Revelstoke to Kamloops



As many people had arrived in Revelstoke quite wet and late the previous day, they spent time exploring the town before heading on to Kamloops. Norm Hall was waiting for a part ordered from Octagon to arrive on the bus before being able to head off again. There were lots of places to see along the way with many of our quilters stopping at a quilt shop in Salmon Arm to purchase supplies. Many houseboats could be seen at Sicamous ready for rental on Lake Shushwap. We all eventually arrived at the Riverland Motel. Ken and Lorraine Finnigan were there to start setting up for the BBQ, which Thompson Valley Branch was hosting for us. Lorraine Finnigan was kind enough to take Irene Thompson back to her home so that Irene could

dictate her scribbled words to yet another one of Irene's famous songs depicting events along BRBC and Lorraine then ran off copies so that everyone could have the words when performed later on in the evening. At the BBQ we were able to mingle with members from TVB and then we headed off to the location of the Austin Ambulance so that Ken Finnigan could present the Winkworth Bell to the Kamloops Vintage Car Club and to view the progress of the restoration. Wayne Peddie presented the Montagu Award to Ken and Lorraine Finnigan who are this year's deserving recipients of this prestigious award. A quilt signed by nearly all participants of BRBC which Linda Harris had made was presented to Steve & Celia. Irene and Al and their troupe then did an entertaining performance. Afterwards many cars went on a tour of Kamloops lead by members of TVB.



DAY 10 – July 6 – Kamloops to Hope and for some, to home



Most of us went down the picturesque Hwy 5A and stopped at the historic Quilchena Inn for a break and then made our way to Merritt for another regrouping. Here we split up into three different groups, some deciding to go the quick route to Hope via the Coquihalla, another group continued on Hwy. 5A to Princeton and then through Manning Park to Hope and others via Spences Bridge and then TransCanada to Hope where quite a few of us were staying at the Skagit Motor Inn. A great place to relax and unwind after many days on the road. We all met again here and had lots of time wander

around Hope and sit and chat. The management was kind enough to supply us with a table on the grassy area so that we could have our picnic evening meal. Norm Hall, whom we discovered on the trip, is a take-charge type of guy, ordered a bunch of pizzas and Dave Harris picked up the chicken and fries and afterwards DQ ice cream cake was picked up. Total cost of this grand feast was about \$7.50 per couple! Of course, Robert Atkins was not going to let Ken get off the hook with all his TR250 troubles. Throughout the trip, Ken kept bemoaning the fact that he should have brought his MGB, so was presented with a ceramic bumble B. What a great way to end what was another great Brits 'Round BC. A big Thank you to our Wagon Masters Steve Hutchens and Celia Obrecht.



DAY 11 – July 7 – Hope to home

In the morning we said goodbyes to Steve and Celia (Bellingham, Wa.) Wilf & Linda Craven (Pender Island), Robert & Anne Atkins (Victoria) and Robert & Elaine Brodie (Victoria) and then remaining CIB cars made their way to Horseshoe Bay for our return home. Another great trip.

Plans are already in the works for Brits Around The Sea 11 (BATS 11) being organized by our branch. Candy Francis and myself will be working on this and once the actual route is planned, we shall be getting some help from others to locate accommodations (as we did for BATS 1). We are thinking of a two-week trip, the last week in June and the first in July. Taking the International ferry from Sydney to Anacortes – Cascade Highway 20 – taking in

the Laser Show at the Grand Coulee Dam up into Canada to the West Kootenays and then into the Okanagan to do some wine tours – occasionally stopping two days instead of one, etc. As with BRBC, participants will be able to choose to do only part of the tour, if two weeks is too long.*Adèle Hedges*

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My English Car journey

2002. Married with one child in University. I have a canoe for sale and purchase a Buy and Sell to check prices. There I see a 1972 TR6 for sale in Qualicum. Maybe I should go have a look. I fast forward to Oct take a friend who is a mechanic and find a red TR6 with black interior. It is not too bad of shape.

Yes, my lovely wife lets me buy it. Little did she know what she was getting herself into.

After her first ride in the car she informed me she would never ride in it again until I rebuilt the seats. Ok that's where it all started.

Upon inspecting the door panel I discovered the car was originally Emerald Green with a tan interior.

Does that sound familiar. For some reason I still had the pink card for my original TR6 (serial number CC8056OU). This cars serial number is CC8475ou. WOW!!

I then refinished the interior tan. I rebuilt the engine and had the car repainted. Emerald Green.

That started the ball rolling.

Summer 2004 I drove the car to Alberta. And Jan returned with me.

I have made 4 trips to the Portland ABFM and 2 trips down the Oregon coast to California. But these trips were not with out challenges. In 2006, Jan's favourite part of the trip was the ride in the tow truck. I have also won the prestigious Broken Piston Award but my baby has just completed Brits around BC without a burp. Touch wood!!

But more importantly, I have made many new friends in Canada and the US and have had a great time. In 2007 I let my name run for the President of the Old English Car Club & Registry which opened a whole new world.

I now answer one to two e-mails a week from people around the world asking about our club and advice for their cars. I don't know an Austin from a Singer but British car enthusiasts are great people.

Jan and I are having a great time belonging to the Central Island Branch of the OECC and if you want to get in on the fun just come to a meeting or one of the runs.

If you are reading this you are probably bit by the bug!!

...*Wayne Peddie*

Upcoming Events 2008

Cowichan Valley Run

Date: August 24

Meeting Place: Southgate Mall

Time: 9:00 am

Wagonmasters: Ken & Adèle Hedges

ABFM Portland Oregon

Date: August 29—31

There are several groups from the CIB making this tour via different routes. If you are interested in going contact the editor.

ECAIP English Affair in the Park

Location: Fort Rodd Hill

Date: September 21

Meeting Place: Southgate Mall

Annual Banquet

Date: November 22

Location: Nanaimo Golf Club

Tickets will be available soon

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