



The Car Club



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Fifth Edition

Norm & Don

Welcome fellow masochists, we (Don and myself) didn't have the new *Beano* ready for our last meeting on the 20th, however we can now include reports on three trips.

The Sunshine Coast outing was apparently a huge success - see report from Dennis Millard. Others who didn't attend the Sunshine weekend took a brunch trip to the Fish Tales at Qualicum beach. Nice day, good company and some new members. Dean and wife from Port Alberni with a good looking MGA. Fish and chips seemed to go down well with the British car owners. Alex Greenwood left to umpire a cricket match, see photo, which proves that we don't all have the sounds of car exhausts in our ears, some find joy in the sound of 'leather on willow'.

I met up with Paul Cummins, who despite looking remarkably fit and well, is still undergoing treatment and now has to travel to Victoria. I also had a conversation with Derek Bradley and it would appear that he has fully recovered.

As the membership numbers have grown, some of Doug's (*our fearless leader*) responsibilities are being dealt with by others, and this has allowed us to undertake more projects. Dennis Millard is doing a fabulous job organizing our outings. Ken is handling the financial side and Dave Harris has taken to bullying us all into showing some respect at the meetings!! All this help must be welcomed by Doug who previously 'did it all'.

We have formed a committee to pursue the possibility of hosting our own Old Car gathering next year. The committee consists of John (Mk II Jag), Dean (Mk III Spitfire) and myself. We intend finding a suitable venue, time and program of events and shows, all of which to be combined to attract a large number of people and cars. Any useful suggestions on any of the criteria will be welcome.

At the next meeting we would like members to complete the 'members profile', giving a rundown of cars owned, any projects underway or proposed plus general information.

Personally, I am seeking the name of a good psychiatrist who can cure me of the ever worsening ailment "gottahaveanoldcar" before I run out of garage, (and wifely patience).

The Sunshine Coast Great Adventure

On Saturday, July 10th, at 10:30 a.m., a TR6, MG Midget, MGB and two North American cars met with their owners, Linda and Dave Harris, Laura and Oscar Taylor, Darla and Dennis Millard, Frances and Nigel Muggeridge, and Betty and Victor Defago. The Sunshine Coast Great Adventure began as we boarded the ferry (not the new one!) to Horseshoe Bay.

On the way to Langdale, we met an interesting couple from California who had attended the MG convention at UBC. They reported that the convention was really worthwhile. He was driving an MGB-GT with a Buick V8, it was absolutely mint and caused lots of oohs and ahs.

We drove to Gibsons where we had lunch at Molly's Reach and the ladies shopped at Molly's Lane. We then headed up the highway to Sechelt, and stayed at the Bella Beach Inn. Great spot right on the ocean. Dave has a picture of me swimming like a fool. Everyone else dipped their big toe in and chickened out.

On Sunday morning we drove to Saltery Bay. Nice piece of road for an English sports car . . . a real snakeback and a great test of stamina and driving skill! The ferry ride over to Earl's Cove proved to be very scenic.

Arriving in Powell River with time to spare, we drove up to Lund, the end of the road. Great bakery!! We caught the 5:20 p.m. ferry from Powell River to Comox and had a wonderful dinner at The Old House in Courtenay . . . what a way to end an excellent adventure. We all had a great time - good weather, good roads and good friends.

Dennis Millard, Events Co-ordinator.

P.S. *This will be repeated next year - so plan ahead!*

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A Brief Summary of Events to Date

Empire Day Parade -

We had good weather and a real good showing of cars.

Nanoose Parade -

Excellent weather again, small showing of cars for a very small parade.

Bathtub Parade -

A long parade with lots of spectators. A good showing of cars for such short notice.

Ladysmith Days Parade -

Nigel and Tony asked for some support and got a good response from club members. Another successful parade with a good turn out.

Nanaimo Birthday Parade -

Turn out was low with only four cars. But it was a short parade. However, 1st and 2nd prize for collector cars went to Norm and Russ.

Hornby Island -

A real good turn out with excellent weather. We had a great picnic on the bluffs overlooking the ocean. Don't let Mike Lyle ever tell you "it's only a short walk".

Thanks to all the participants . . . Dennis.

Some other dates to remember, August 8, Fish and Duck run - August 22, Salt Spring Island - September 12, Long Beach - September 19, Fort Rodd Hill.

Fire In The Workshop / Garage

Are you prepared to extinguish a minor fire that may occur during minor alterations to your pride and joy?

I feel much safer now that Norm has the giant size fire extinguisher at his elbow. Should you not have a fire extinguisher, Durham Fire and Safety will give the club a discount of \$5.00 each on a minimum quantity of 10. Their regular price on a 51 lb. rechargeable ABC type is \$42.95. With the club discount they would be \$38.00.

This company also offers the yearly inspection for \$3.00 to \$4.00 each and the 6 year powder change and re-labeling for \$17.00.

One thing to be aware of when purchasing a fire extinguisher is the cheaper versions are usually throw-away after their expiry date, or if they are ever discharged.

Should you be interested in the inspection service or a new fire extinguisher, please let Norm or Don have your name and details of your requirements.



Alex Greenwood enjoying umpiring his Sunday afternoon cricket match.

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