



The Car Club Beano



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Brit's 'round B.C. 2010



The July 1st Valemount parade consisted entirely of the OECC BRBC group and the main street was temporarily closed for the above picture...

Front Row - Judy & Ivan Strand, Emma & John Chapman, Linda & Dave Harris,
Trevor & Kim Parker, Adele & Ken Hedges, Joyce & Norm Hall

Middle Row - Mike & Sandra Baldwin, Anita & Gerry Parkinson, Karen & Rob
MacDonald, Susan & Roy Pullen, Ric MacDonald, Cathy & Jim Gislason

Back Row - Elaine & Rob Brodie, David Austin, Rosemary & Bill Grant, Mary Lou &
Alan Miles, Audrey & Bart Shaw, Celia & Steve Hutchens

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...from the Editor...



I had a tough time fitting everything into the BEANO this month as it's definitely the busiest time of the year,, and we're the busiest branch of the club !
Thanks to all the wagon masters for sending in such great reports and an extra thanks to Rob Brodie as putting on a BRBC is a very daunting task. ...Jim G.



Brits on the Beach July 18th, 2010

WOW ! What a day!!! The 10th annual Brits on the Beach was a resounding success. The weather was unbelievable as was the array of vehicles. We counted approximately 206 vehicles and 18 motorcycles.

But this day would not have been the success without the many volunteers. Steve Wareing and Adrian Rice looked after the affairs in Ladysmith. Laura Taylor did a bang-up job with the BBQ. She was so organized and is a very frugal shopper. Bernie Butler updated the highway sign. We will miss him as he has moved to Summerland.

Then there were the people who transported the sound system, parked cars, sold tickets, sat at the club table and BBQ'd the food. Thank you all.

And then there is Mike Bull who signed up 10 new members with 3 updating their membership. Way to go Mike!!

Thank you to our sponsors, Victoria British and Sussex Automotive. Music Maxx gave us a great deal on the sound system and Lordco gives us reduced prices on parts.

Our 50-50 managed to raise \$265.00 for the Ladysmith Resource Center Association.

Let's start planning for next year. If you have an idea to improve the show, pass it on to one of us.

...Wayne Peddie

... pics by Adèle Hedges



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The Route

From Victoria to Saanich, up-island to Courtenay back down to Nanaimo, crossed to Tsawwassen on the ferry, circled route passing Kamloops, Williams Lake, Prince George, Valemount, Merritt, Hope then back to the ferry and home to Victoria. 11 days and 1946 Miles.



The Branches

Victoria at the Roost café, Nanaimo at Beban Park, Comox at Frank De Carlo's place, Kamloops at the Golf Course, Prince George at Sail Chinese Restaurant and Vancouver at Harrison and Mission.

The Weather

Beautiful weather for driving, one day had a couple of showers, some days were cold, especially for the open cars.



The Picnics

Beban Park.

When we arrived at Nanaimo where we were met by the Central Island Branch, and had our picnic under the shade of some trees.

Up the Canyon to Lytton

We stopped in at the Museum area in Lytton, and the Museum opened up the railway caboose for us, had our picnic next to the caboose.



Salmon Arm

The circle route to Salmon Arm from Kamloops took us to a park in Salmon Arm where we had our lunch under some trees again.

70 mile House

At 70 Mile House we turned off to Green Lake for our lunch, it was a little cool at the lake and when we had just finished lunch it started to rain.

Williams Lake

One group went to the Loran C Tower outside of Williams lake. It was a beautiful day but up at the tower it was windy so we had our lunch inside.

McBride

At the end of the road there is a park and a cafe another beautiful day for a picnic.

Barriere

Barriere had an Information Centre just at the Highway, so we stopped there for lunch, gassed up then made our way to Merritt .

Manning Park

After leaving Merritt we went down highway 5A to Princeton where we stopped to see a car show and the Blues Brothers, pick up some food for the picnic. Left Princeton and headed west to Manning Park where we had our food with the gofers or were they ground squirrels.



The Evening Meals

First night was with the Comox Branch at Frank de Carlo's BBQ.

Second night in Harrison was at a pub where some members of the Nanaimo Branch had arrived there early, had sampled all the eating establishments in town and recommend the pub across the road. These members were also the self nominated "Welcoming Committee" at the Hotel, securing parking at the front door and chasing away all others.

Kamloops was at Storms Pub next to the Motel and the Golf Club up on the hill the following night.

Williams Lake was at the pub next to the motel after the show n shine at the Information Centre

Prince George was at a Chinese Restaurant complete with a film documentary of the Jowett car put on by Robin Fairservice.

Valemount was at the Pub across the road both nights.

Merritt we all decided to go to the Boston Pizza.

Hope was to be Pizza and Cake but it was cold that day and a threat of rain, made us head to a restaurant near the motel for supper.

To finish we went to Mission for Brunch and completed the trip.

The Troubles

A fuel hose at Kamloops which was sorted in short order.

A battery at Logan Lake, which was fortunate because he had stopped a gas station for gas, the car would not start and just as luck would have it, he bought the last battery that would fit his car from the garage.

A generator problem at Williams Lake started with a push in the parking lot of the motel, a boost from the Lorran C tower people and finished with a repair to the generator in Williams Lake and all this from the same car.



For a change of car we tackled a water hose in Prince George, a nice blue one, not a blue car, a blue hose.

The mini has great fuel economy but trying to get every last drop out of a tank to increase your mileage came to an end, 5 miles from Prince George, yes another red plastic petrol tank was purchased to add to the collection of red plastic tanks at home.

The strangest problem was the voice in a car that seemed to talk when the car was moving but was quiet when stopped. It



wasn't until they reached the ferry that they discovered that they had bought a "Talking Cup" from Lantzville, and every time they hit a bump this voice said "Oh I feel queer", putting the cup in the boot solved that problem.

When you go on your summer holiday in a open car with no sleeves on you shirts in BC is really pushing your luck, but permanently turning the heat off and telling your wife that there is something stuck up the vent pipe as an excuse is going to the extreme. Temperatures got down to near zero, especially in Valemount where people lost their vegetable crop the night before.

Never navigate through Vancouver on the last day of school and the beginning of Summer even though the Wagon masters instruction tell you to do so.

When leaving any town in the interior and especially Merritt, be aware all roads lead to Kamloops, this is a well known fact and we can prove it.

The Parade

Spent Canada Day in Valemount where we had a motor parade from the hotel down the main street to the museum, circled the Chinese Restaurant then parked our cars next to the railway. This was co-ordinated by the local tourism person who informed the railway that a parade would be crossing their rail-





way tracks to join them in their Canada Day festivities so asked for clearance to cross the tracks at that time. As part of the celebrations one of the locals was asked to pick a car for the OECC Canada Cup Award, the three year old thought about it for a second and picked the yellow car. Valemount had a nice entrance to the town from the highway and when you looked at it from the town side, the sign with the mountains in the background made a nice backdrop to a group picture, so we had our picture taken there [see cover] .



The Van

Everywhere we went, Steve Hutchens was selling stuff out of the back of his van. Why anyone would buy a North American van for business when you get just as much in a Mini does not make any sense.

*...Rob Brodie, Wagon Master
BRBC 2010*





Thanks to all that sent me over 500 BRBC pics ... Ed.

McLean's Mill Run Aug. 8th 2010

A very small group attended the run to Port Alberni and MacLean's Mill. There was no wagon master for the run and the weather was dark and gloomy. The five cars met briefly at Cathedral Grove with the tops up.

When we arrived we had the whole field to ourselves and spread out to make it look like there were more cars. Just as we got parked the sun started to break through the clouds and a few more cars arrived.

Some enjoyed watching the steam donkey, some watched the play, and most of us took a ride on the train. A few people stopped at the winery, but most took the train all the way to Harbour Quay for ice cream as the weather



turned out to be quite hot and sunny. In the end there were 9 cars and about 15 motorcycles. The Minters took the prize for People's Choice with their '52 Austin A40, and the Knols took the prize for the Mayor's Choice with their '64 Land Rover Ila.

...Cathy Gislason

Membership Report

It has been a very productive time since the June BEANO. This issue: Please welcome the following NEW MEMBERS to our popular Club:

Pat Staniforth - 1975 Triumph Spitfire, Judy Wall - 1966 MGB

Hans VanderGugten - 1959 TR 3a, 1997 Jag XJ8, Andrew McNeill - 1975 MG Midget

Jim Steward - 1992 Jag XJ12, Gary Knol - 1964 Landrover Ila

Rick Elves - 1958 Morris Minor Convertible, Bruce Bell - 1971 Morgan 4+4

Mike Porter - 1974 MGB, Dr. Verne McShane - 1952 MGTD

Gary Reynolds - 1975 MG Midget, Doreen Yanick - 1972 MGB

Donald Coates - 1954 Jaguar MK VII, Ken Pidwyssocki - 1978 & 1973 MGB

Ken Wright - 2000 Jag S Type, Paul Scott - '74 MGB, Roger Wall - '94 XJ6 Sovereign

And the later renewals for 2010 we also welcome are:

Cale Spence, Ron Spence, Glen Kemp, Will Radelet, Ian MacPherson

Brits-On-The-Beach produced 15 members in one day, and credit for this goes to ALL Club Members, who spoke with enthusiasm about our popular Club, then steered all to our membership table, and the "persuasive" Registrar.

At 120 members our Club is a major part of the OECC Society, who knows we may soon become the largest Branch! Thank you for your willing support.

Cheers ... Mike Bull, membership guy

Ladysmith Parade July 31st 2010

A beautiful day shone down on the Ladysmith Parade which was well attended by the good people of the town on July 31st. Twelve old English cars turned out for the occasion as well as a Triumph Motorcycle and Sidecar. Many of those who arrived early went down to the Ladysmith Credit Union for a free Pancake Breakfast before lining up on Dogwood Drive for the start of the parade. By 9:30 AM everyone was in place and enjoying a good chat and get together with old friends and new members. Then we attached our OECC banners as well as other paraphernalia to our cars and were ready for the start. The parade proceeded down Dogwood and along First Street to the Aggie Hall. As it was a very hot day and we were traveling at a walking pace, overheating was a concern for some of us. The temperature gauge in my 1952 MG TD went right off the dial so I don't know exactly what temperature it got to, but I certainly was relieved when we got to Aggie Hall and I could park the old jitney and let it cool down. At Aggie there was a reception with light refreshments and cold drinks for all of the participants after which we all departed for home.

We are all invited to display our cars at The Ladysmith Show & Shine, August 21st, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM, on Ladysmith's main street which is First Avenue. The fee is \$10 until August 10th and \$15 thereafter. Part of the money is donated to The Ladysmith Food Bank, so I plan to show my TD. You will need a form to preregister or you can register on First Ave. at 9:00 AM on the day of the event for the extra \$5. I have a few forms if anyone needs one and would gladly mail you one out.

... *Adrian Rice*

Father's Day Picnic, Victoria June 20th 2010

Once again this year - as we have done for many years - a group from our branch went down for the annual Fathers Day Picnic and English car gathering in Beacon hill Park, Victoria. We set off bright and early (8 a.m) from Southgate Mall, in 12 cars, and picked up a 13th car in Duncan. After a good run down, we arrived at the Park right at the show-opening time, 10 a.m, and were able to park all together. The weather was quite reasonable - cloudy and cool, although the sun did shine later in the afternoon. As always, the event attendance was very good with close to 300 English cars showing up. It was a great day for chatting with old friends, meeting new ones, admiring all the interesting old cars, and just wandering in and around the Park. Some of us even took in the cricket match going on in the next field over. Everybody seemed to enjoy their picnic lunches too. After the show, about half of us took the slow road back to Nanaimo, stopping in Chemainus for ice-creams en-route

...*Al Thompson*

Circle Tour to Port Renfrew July 25th 2010

Geoff & I have always loved to drive around and explore the roads on the Island. There are many roads we would love to take the members down, but unfortunately they are not paved and we would never travel down them in our sports car. The Port Renfrew Circle Tour was among these until we discovered that the logging road had finally been paved. We made the trip ourselves in our daily driver to be certain that this was correct and that the road was in good enough condition to bring our beloved cars through.

We were both excited to be able to offer this scenic route to our branch and we extended the offer to the South Island branch. We became a little nervous when we seen how many members were interested in joining us on the tour. There was 24 cars that joined us, including Robert & Anne Brodie from Victoria. This made it not only the longest drive that we organized, but also the largest attendance since we joined the OECC. Now the challenge was not to lose anyone along the way.

There were 21 cars that left the Southgate Mall, bright and early on a gorgeous, sunny Sunday morning after having the essential drivers meeting, explaining the next stop. We knew we would be split up going through the towns. It was exciting to see the new faces that had not joined us on a car run before. We had two cars that joined us in Ladysmith and we made our way down to the first stop, Tim Horton's in Mill Bay. Many of us had to fill our systems with coffee as some had to fill their cars with petrol.



The Brodie's joined us as we passed Goldstream Park. We left the Island Highway at the first set of lights after the park and found Humpback Road.

This is an amazing road. At first you feel that you are actually driving on a pathway then it joins together and becomes a very narrow, windy road through a park. At times it is only one lane and you need sound your horn as you pass to alert oncoming traffic.



Our next stop was at French Beach Provincial Park. For those of us who took a stroll down to the beach, we enjoyed the rollers coming in and the beauty of the area. As we were leaving the parking lot, we received a call on the radio informing us that Ken's old car, (currently owned by Bob & Melba Nelson), had a flat tire. The group pulled off the side of the road to wait. Geoff & Ken, (he really stands behind his product), joined the group chang-

ing the tire to see if they could help. The tire changed, we continued to enjoy our drive to Port Renfrew. We arrived at Port Renfrew Hotel for lunch on their patio where everyone had a great meal and a magnificent view. So far all was good, we had not lost anyone and managed to stay together. Now for the trip back over the logging road.



After lunch we headed out on the Harris Creek Main logging road. This is a narrow road that winds its way past Lizard Lake and Fairy Lake, through a scenic valley. Along the way we stopped to show everyone the Giant Harris Creek Spruce tree. This is a legendary Red Creek Fir that is 73.8 meters high and 12.5 meters in circumference. It will take 15 people holding hands to form a human chain around the trunk. We continued on to finish our tour in Lake Cowichan. After a brief stop, some decided to leave us at that point and continue on home, while the rest of us headed out to Chemainus through the back roads to a much-enjoyed ice cream.

For those of you who could not or did not wish to join us, I am sure if you ask any who did they will tell you that you missed a great run. We enjoyed showing it to those who traveled with us.

...Candy Francis

Minutes of June 15th , 2010 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM by past Chair Al Thompson, substituting for absent Chair Norm Hall, with 51 members and guests present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read by Al and accepted. Motion by Wayne Peddie and seconded by Glen Stainsby.

Membership guy Mike Bull introduced guests Brittany Lockhart (Howards daughter) and Pat Staniforth-78 Spitfire . New members attending were Iain Cloquihoun - 53 MGTF, Keith Beuchler-76 TR6 and Hans Vandergugten 58 TR3A. He also discussed available regalia, and thanked members who helped at the Parksville swap meet. Treasurer Bill Grace advised of cash on hand \$2930 and surplus of \$1243.

Cathy Gislason, subbing for editor Jim, had copies of the latest Beano for distribution. She also thanked members for contributions to the newsletter.

Webmaster Geoff Francis reported the latest issue of the Beano is on the web. Past event reports were the Empire days Parade -Al Thompson.

Black Fin Pub run -Candy Francis and Adele Hedges.

All British field Meet-Doug Unia

Kitty Coleman Gardens-Peg Badger.

Events Co-ordinator Candy Francis said some members emails need to be updated as she has had some returned. She mentioned the plans for the trip to Beacon Hill Park Picnic on Sunday June 20 Al Thompson will act as wagon master.

Adele talked about Brits Around BC with Rob Brodie as wagon master.

Wayne Peddie, assisted by Adrian Rice and Steve Wearing, discussed arrangements for Brits on the Beach. Candy mentioned the British Heritage festival at Beban Park July 10. Meet at the parking lot at Northfield Road and the Parkway at 11:30 AM. Mike Lyle discussed the upcoming Maclean's Mill events and display for August 7. Al Thompson asked all attending to identify themselves and what cars they own, for the benefit of new members.

Tony Dowell talked about the Cruisin' the Dub event on Wednesdays at the A&W on Turner Road. Merv Steig did a presentation on cleaning and resealing gas tanks. Tony Dowell presented his British Car report.

Merv Steig's car of the month was the Hillman Imp.

Winner of the of 50-50 draw of \$25.50 was Dave Harris. He missed out on the extra \$5.00 for no name tag. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.

...Doug Unia

Minutes of July 20th , 2010 Meeting

The meeting was opened with 47 people present and Chairman Norm Hall in charge. The Minutes of the June meeting were read by Doug Unia, and accepted as read. Norm then thanked Wayne Peddie, Adrian Rice, Steve Wareing, Laura Taylor, and all others who worked hard to make the 2010 Brits-on-the-Beach such a success. A vote of thanks was proposed by Dennis Millard, seconded by Jim Gislason, a unanimously approved. Mike Bull gave the Registrars report and told us that we had 119 members. He introduced new member Kevin Wall (Kevin said he was standing in for his wife Judy!). Mike also introduced two guests: Stan Stevenson and Clyde Plummer. Treasurer Bill Grace gave the financial report, which showed a healthy \$2055 cash on hand. Beano Editor, Jim Gislason, told us that the next Beano would be out for the August meeting. The Webmaster had a nil report. Moving to Past Events, Jim Gislason gave an outline report on the Brits 'Round BC tour, followed by Wayne Peddie who reported on Brits-on-the Beach (there were 206 cars and 18 motorbikes this year). While on his feet, Wayne also spoke on the Society AGM coming up on 14 Aug, and encouraged as many CIB members as possible to attend it, and the Filberg show the day after. Still on Past Events, brief reports were given on: the Father's Day Picnic in Victoria (by Al Thompson), the British Heritage Festival at Beban Park (Candy Francis), and the Salt Spring Island Car Show (Doug Unia). On Upcoming Events, Candy Francis advised us about the Port Renfrew Circle Tour on 25th July, the Ladysmith Parade on 31st July, the McLeans Mill Car Show on 8th Aug, and the Cowichan Valley Run on 9th August. As an item of Old Business, Tony Dowell reminded us again of the old car gatherings at the Northridge A&W on Wednesday evenings; he went on to give us a brief overview of happenings in the British car industry. Merv Steg's quiz car of the month was the Enfield E8000 ECC – which nobody guessed! Malcolm Hargrave won the 50/50 draw. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

...Al Thompson

Upcoming Events

Aug. 22

A Day at Denman Island— Wagon masters Janet & Malcolm Hargrave

Sept. 4-6

All British Field Meet - Portland, Oregon

Sept. 12

English Car Affair in the Park—Fort Rodd Hill, Victoria

Sept. 18th & 19th

Whistler All British Car Run
Wagon masters Geoff & Candy Francis

Nov. 7th

London Brighton Commemorative Car Run—Vancouver Coast Branch

Nov. 20th

OECC-CIB Annual Banquet

... please e-mail/phone Candy to verify all dates ,times and Wagon master info ...

Upcoming Monthly meetings...

Aug. 17th, Sept. 20 & Oct. 18

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