

# The Car Club Beano



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One of 2 Triumph Spitfires nearing completion of a full restoration by Kwilikum Secondary students enrolled in the Metal-Mechanic Co-op Program...

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## Chairman's Report

The year is progressing well with lots of great runs and events coming up over the next few months.

The planning for the AGM and a weekend of entertainment is well underway and we are hoping that the last few details will be worked out shortly.

Brits on the Beach promises to be even bigger and better than before and we have now attracted some free radio coverage from Nanaimo. Although the Ladysmith Horseshoe Club is unable to provide the pancake breakfast for us, Steve Waring has kindly arranged for the Lion's Club to do the same breakfast at little extra cost.

On July 27<sup>th</sup> the BETI tour (Brits Enjoying The Island) will start and head off around Vancouver Island, stopping at several scenic points of interest until August 10<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is encouraged to take part in either all, or just part, of the run. Please see Marg Sabourin for more details.

It looks as though most of our members will be going to the Qualicum Car Show on Father's Day this year with over 50 cars already registered - so if you are going, please make sure you have registered in advance.

**As a reminder, here are some of our Branch's events already planned for the year -**

April 20<sup>th</sup> is a tour of the 2 Triumph Spitfires being restored at Kwalicum College

May 19<sup>th</sup> Empire Days parade.

July 12 – 13 AGM weekend

July 14<sup>th</sup> Brits on the Beach

July 27<sup>th</sup> Open house at Steve Harris's with a tour of his garage.

July 27<sup>th</sup> Start of the BETI run

August 25<sup>th</sup> John Thomson has a run to the Black Goose Pub.

Also, Brian Collings has asked if members are interested in going on a run to Richmond to see some electric car manufacturing plants. Please let Howard or Brian know if you are interested, and depending on numbers, Brian will make arrangements.

*...Malcolm Hargrave, Chair.*

## Membership Report

To date we have 96 memberships with 177 members. Just a reminder that you need to renew your membership before May 1, 2013.

Thank you,  
...Melba

## OECCSIB Restoration fair April 14th 2013

It is a great day anytime you can get together with friends and fellow British Car enthusiasts.

The Restoration Fair that was organized by the South Island Branch was no different. There were 12 cars that left in convoy from south Nanaimo and a few joined on the way, while others met us at the fair.

As a special treat the South Island branch arranged for the Miniature Train to be in operation for the day. As usual there were cars up for sale and many parts to be had at a reasonable price. A few of our members sold some unwanted parts, purchased some needed or desired parts and I believe there was even a car purchased and sold by a couple of our members. All in all it was a very enjoyable and productive day.

Happy Driving  
...Geoff.





## Kwalikum Secondary Spitfire Restoration April 20 2013

This tour was well attended with nearly 40 members. The tour began with an update on the spitfire rebuilds and how our donation has been put to good use. As you can see from the pictures this one is nearly done.



Our Host, Rob Gibbs, explained how he and his students used creativity and searched the world over for parts, upholstery and other obtainable bits.



We were then shown some of the brilliant creations, such as a come-along, clamps and little steam engines, the students made using their machining and other skills learned in Rob's class.



All the items on the table (excluding the vice in the foreground) were made in this shop.

After touring the shops and looking at other projects in progress we were treated to demonstrations (for those unobtainable parts) of powder coating, computer plasma cutting and computer routing.



After the tour we were treated to a "Silly-Like-A-Goose Scavenger Hunt". We were given directions and released every 15 seconds which eventually led us to the Black Goose Inn where the food was fantastic and fun was had by all.

... Cath



## Minutes of Feb. 21st , 2013 General Meeting

Malcolm called to order at 7 pm

54 members attending.

Motion to accept the January minutes as circulated; Ken Tanguay, seconded by Marilyn Tarry

- Motion passed with no amendments

Oops! We forgot to pass the agenda

**Treasurer's report** by Al Ramsey: Balance in the bank \$XXXXX as of tonight. There are no changes to the budget for the year. They are still in the process of changing over the signing authority.

**Membership report** by Melba Nelson: We have 85 registrations with 156 actual members.

**Events report by Howard Lockhart:** There is still nothing planned for March. We are looking for a member to plan a short run. (We all like to drive and eat)

**April 14th is the Restoration Fair in Saanich.** It is a great event, especially if you are looking for parts or would like to relieve yourself of a few spare parts. The registration form was circulated previously by email. Al Thompson has volunteered to be the wagon master. More details to follow with particulars.

Al reminded everyone of the Empire Days Parade on May 19th – More info to follow.

**BET/BATI** – (a tour around the Island) Margie Sabourin July 27th – August 10

You may do some or part of this Island tour. Please let Margie Sabourin know what parts you would like to join in for the dinner arrangements. She is still looking for some volunteers to help plan sites to see for the days. With some places having limited accommodations, an invitation has not been sent out to the other branches yet, giving our members the first opportunity. An invitation will be extended to the other branches at the end of April.

**Tour of the Spitfires under restoration at Kwilicum Secondary School.** Robb Gibbs will arrange a Saturday tour sometime in April. We are looking forward to it.

**Father's Day Show 'n' Shine** in Qualicum; Ken Tanguay is coordinating. The organizers would like to have more of a British Car presence at this event. We must preregister and the cost is \$25. Ken passed around a sheet for anyone interested to sign up. If you missed the meeting, please contact Ken Tanguay if you are interested in attending. He will submit the entrants together and arrange a meeting place so the cars are parked together.

**Tony Dowell** is planning a trip up to Port McNeil April 4-8th. Contact Tony Dowell if you would like to join them. There is lots to see and do in the area around Port McNeil.

**Website report:** Cathy Gislason has changed the banners on all the pages to reflect the 25th anniversary of the OECC. The first album has been added for the year (the Polar Bear Walk).

The events page is now in a calendar format. Just click on the bold #'s and a pop up

will appear with the details. There is no Classified at the moment, so if you have something you would like to sell, contact Cathy. The awards page has been updated and she apologizes to the award winners for taking so long. The latest issue of the BEANO has been posted.

**Regalia:** Judy Unia – For those who ordered new name tags they are in. If you are a new member or you need a new name tag, please see Judy. Regalia are on our Main Club website and you will be able to purchase using PayPal. Judy will be ordering 25th Anniversary pins. Every member who attends the AGM meeting will receive a free 25th Anniversary pin.

**AGM Update: Mark this on your Calendar and plan to attend.**

**Date:** July 12th -14th

**Event location:** Nanaimo & Ladysmith, BC

**Accommodation Options:** If you are interested in billeting members from other branches, please contact Judy Unia.

**Theme: A Weekend at the Beach**

**Planned Events**

**Friday, July 12th** is a Welcome & Kickoff party at The Longwood Brew Pub.

Free with Appys served. (AGM registration is required)

**Saturday, July 13th** – Royal Canadian Legion –

Earlybird registration: \$25 per person before April 30th

\$30 per person starting June 1st

Registration cutoff date is June 30th

11 am - Official meet & greet

12 pm - lunch

1 pm - AGM meeting – **a Free 25th Anniversary pin to all attending the AGM meeting.**

2 pm - Start of the Mini Monte

6 pm - Happy Hour

7 pm - Dinner & Award Ceremony

8 pm – Dance

**Sunday, July 14th** is the Annual Brits on the Beach – Free registration

Location is Transfer Beach in Ladysmith.

Pancake Breakfast (eggs, pancakes, bacon or sausage) \$5

**Door prizes:** Bob & Melba Nelson are soliciting businesses for door prize donations or small donations that we can use for goody bags. If you know of a business, please see Bob or Melba for a donation letter. We are not going into Ladysmith at all to avoid conflict with Brits on the Beach.

**Wine Baskets:** We are collecting wine or other items, (wine related) to make up the wine baskets for the wine basket draws at Brits on the Beach. This annually raises



\$450-\$500 for the branch. Candy Francis is collecting the items and will put together the baskets.

**Volunteers:** There will be a lot of volunteers needed for the entire weekend to make it all a great success.

**Awards:** We are looking for nominations for the following awards. These are awarded at the AGM banquet. **OXO Award:** This cup is awarded annually to a member who has made a significant contribution to the Society as a whole. **The Montague of Beaulieu Award:** An annual award for a member (or member team of husband & wife) for their historic preservation & dedication to our great hobby. This is someone who has a good track record of saving and restoring project vehicles. The recipient could also contribute to the hobby by other means such as leadership and organization which would be taken into consideration. **OECC Link Trophy:** This trophy is presented to the most deserving member of the Branch hosting the AGM.

**Please have all nominations to Malcolm Hargrave before May 17th.**

\* **Restoration Award:** This prestigious award will be presented to each member of the of the Central Island branch who fits the following criteria. Has completed a complete restoration in the past year, has driven this car to and attended Brits on the Beach and has photographic evidence of the restoration. There may be more than one Restoration award presented in any given year. (\* This is awarded at our Annual Banquet in Nov/ Dec)

### **Other Business**

Les Foster is the new editor of the Spanner newsletter. He is looking for any articles of interest. Please email them to [oeccspanner@gmail.com](mailto:oeccspanner@gmail.com) The deadlines are April 1st , August 1st , and December 1st

Malcolm has purchased the banner that can be attached to the tent that Wayne Peddie donated to the branch. It was displayed at the meeting. Wayne Peddie was in attendance and was thanked for his contribution.

**OECC Club Executive Meeting:** Held on February 10th at Gerry Parkinson's home in the lower mainland. We welcomed Cliff Blakey from the new Kootenay Branch who is working hard to build their membership. The 2013 budget was finalized. Discussed ways to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the OECC – articles are to be put in the local papers, so keep an eye out for them. It was agreed that PayPal will be set up on the website for the ordering of regalia. There has been over 9000 visitors the club website in the past year, with 50% of that viewing the classifieds.

**Brian Collings** gave an Ethanol gas update;

Lose 1/3 of your energy

It absorbs more water into your gas

Corrosive to rubber fuel lines & pumps

Chevron, Shell & Co-op have ethanol free gas.

**Merv Steg:** Car of the Month was the Rover Sterling. Ken Tanguay guessed correctly.

**Ken Tanguay:** Has started a Video Library of British car related videos. He brought in approx.. 20 video's for loan. He will look at making up a list to what is available. If you have a video that would be good for the library, Ken will copy it and return your original. Roy Burns has some floor mats available for a small donation to the branch. (not sure what they are for)

**British Car Industry:** Tony Dowell gave a very brief report on the British Car industry. He will come more prepared for the next meeting.

Brian Collings has found a shop that you can purchase Jaguar parts at a very reasonable price. Please contact Brian if you would like the contact information. He will also send a link to Cathy to put on our website.

The 50/50 was won by Paul Mansel. The pot was \$25.50 and he collected the extra \$5 for wearing his OECC name badge.

Dave Sampson gave the technical presentation on Insurance & Vehicle appraisal.

Meeting adjourned at 9 pm

...Darla

## Minutes of March 21st , 2012 General Meeting

Candy Francis opened the meeting at 7 p.m. with 39 members present.

Motion to accept the February minutes as circulated was Motioned by Mike Davies, seconded by Doug Unia and **Carried**.

The signing authority has been updated.

A warm welcome to new member Norm Laidlaw and his 1977 MGB.

Howard reviewed the Newsletter of Events, for full details see Events on our website [http://oecc.ca/cib/branch\\_events.htm](http://oecc.ca/cib/branch_events.htm) Al Thompson will send around a sign-up sheet for the April 14th Restoration Fair sponsored by the South Island Branch. Robb Gibbs has arranged the Tour of the Spitfires currently under restoration at Kwalicum Secondary School for Saturday, April 28th. Meet at Canadian Tire at 10:15 am. Anyone interested in participating in the June 22nd Chemainus Rotary Summer Fest Parade should get in touch with Howard. A Wagon master is needed for the Victoria Father's Day Picnic.

Cathy Gislason reported that the website is current and encouraged all members to advise her of any updates. Candy asked what the members thought about just having a link on our classified page to the main club classified page. But if you put in a classified ad, it will either be on the branch website or the club website but not both (I'm not sure why it can't be on both sites). This would save work for Cathy, as she would just forward the ads to Gerry to post and not have to update the classified page. It would show other classified ads from other branches. Cathy says if someone wants to put up an ad it takes five minutes and we are not short of bandwidth. It was discussed and put forward to the members to consider.

Judy Unia sent around a sign-up sheet for anyone willing to Billet out of town members

attending the AGM and/or Brits on the Beach, July 12th and 13th. If you have a spare bed, please consider billeting and contact Judy.

Judy also reported that she is working with Ken Tanguay to design a commemorative license plate for the OECC 25th Anniversary. It should be available in the near future.

Candy encouraged members to consider putting forth nominations for Club President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Nominations for the OXO Cup, Link Trophy and Montague of Beaulieu need to be received by Malcolm no later than May 17th.

Please submit your nominations to [malcolmhargrave@shaw.ca](mailto:malcolmhargrave@shaw.ca)

Ken Tanguay reported the organizers of the 20th Annual Seaside Cruizer's Father's Day Show and Shine in Qualicum Beach are ecstatic that the Brits will be attending. The 2 Spitfires will be front and center and the organizers have waived the registration fee for these two vehicles.

Merv gave a review of a Journalist Pros and Cons of the TR. The Mystery Car of the Month was Jaguar XKR identified by Dave Kelsey. Dave also announced that there is an XKR currently for sale in the \$9 - \$12k range

Ken Tanguay circulated a list of titles available in the Video Library and encouraged members to submit any videos they may have to share.

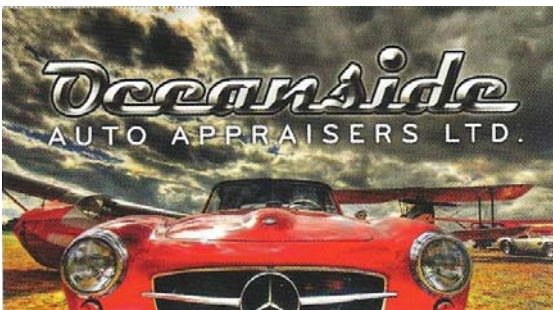
Dave Harris is looking for a MG Midget for yard art.

Ryan Goebers was the lucky winner of the 50/50, and he was wearing his name tag!

As part of the Technical Presentation, Terry McFarlane shared information about valuing your car for insurance purposes.

Meeting adjourned at 9 pm.

...Darla



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## Upcoming Events

**May 18**

**ABFM**

VanDusen Garden Vancouver

**May 19**

Empire Days Parade

Wagon Master Al Thompson?

**June 16**

Beacon Hill Father's day picnic

Wagon Master Howard Lockhart

**June 16**

Qualicum Beach Seaside Cruisers

Car Show

Contact Ken Tanguay for details

**June 22**

Chemainus Rotary Summer Fest

Parade

**July 12th & 13th**

**AGM** 'A weekend at the Beach'

See OECCCIB website for reg. info

**Upcoming Monthly meetings...**

May 19th, June 20th & July 18th

7:00 P.M. @ Lantzville Legion

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