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What's under *your* Christmas tree?

Chairman's Report

As we draw to a close for 2011 we can all reflect on a very successful and enjoyable year. During the spring, summer and fall we had lots and lots of fun-filled events, car shows, and runs to go on. I would personally like to thank everyone who arranged an event for us, and encourage our newer members to get involved and consider organizing an event for next year – it's always good to get new ideas and do things a bit differently.

For those of you who came to the Christmas Party on November 26th, I'm sure you will agree that it was a great night, and I think everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves. A special thank you to the organizers: Kelly Beenham, Marilyn Tarry and Janet Hargrave, who did an absolutely fabulous job! We had great food, tons of prizes, a lively DJ, loads of dancing and lots of fun! For those of you who didn't attend this year, you missed a wonderful evening and hopefully you can make it next year.

During the evening we gave out 3 Restoration Awards to: Roger Killin (1970 MGB), Adrian Rice (1952 MG TD), and Steve Harris (1961 Morris 1000 Traveller) as recognition of their hard work and meticulous restorations. Geoff and Candy Francis awarded the "Member of the Year" Award to Adrian Rice and Steve Wareing for their excellent contributions throughout the year, and Jim Gislason awarded the "Piston Broke" Award to Doug Unia as a consolation for his breakdown on the BATS tour.

Please remember that we do not hold our regular monthly meeting in December - instead we go out for a meal on that night. This year Marge Sabourin is once again organizing the night, which will be at Alexander's Restaurant on December 15th.

The first event for 2012 will be our 3rd Annual Polar Bear Walk on Sunday, January 8th. We will meet at Canadian Tire at 10:30 and head out to Rathtrevor Beach for our brisk walk around the park. Anyone who wants to meet at Rathtrevor can do so around 11:15. After the walk we will be going to Smitty's in Parksville for brunch.

On behalf of your Executive and me, we would like to wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a fun-filled New Year!

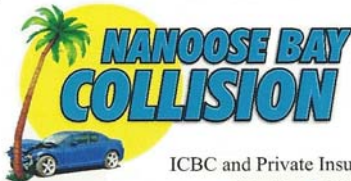
...Malcolm Hargrave, Chair.

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Scuttlebutt

Steve Hutchens, Past President
Brits 'Round BC 2012 and the OECC Roundup

This time of year we start planning our holidays and two special events to put on your calendar are Brits 'Round BC 2012 (June 24 to July 5) and the 2012 OECC Roundup (June 22 to 24). The OECC Roundup, to be hosted by the Vancouver Coast Branch in Delta, will be full of fun and include a short AGM (details will follow next month).

Ric MacDonald of the Vancouver Coast Branch has volunteered to serve as Wagonmaster for Brits 'Round BC 2012. He is the fifth BRBC Wagonmaster and follows the tradition of bringing new leadership to each tour.

Ric had his first full BRBC in 2010. Initially he had planned to do only a few days of the tour but the evening he had planned to turn toward home he realized that he was having so much fun that he decided to continue a few more days. At that point he was having such a good time that he decided to do the whole tour. Then, having had such a great experience on BRBC 2010, Ric volunteered to be the Wagonmaster for BRBC 2012.

BRBC 2012 promises to be another special tour old English car enthusiasts who enjoy driving our cars. Ric has a route planned that is both new and exciting. Overnights include Hope, Osoyoos, Kaslo, Kimberley, Revelstoke, Nakusp, Kelowna, Kamloops, and Pemberton. He is so enthusiastic about putting together a great event that he has driven the entire route and looked at all of the motels and restaurants we will utilize on the tour. Ric tells me that he plans to drive the route again before June.

New this year are two two-day stopovers where we will have two nights in the same town (Kimberley and Nakusp) with the days there filled with your choice of relaxation or still more driving on interesting loops that bring you back to your motel.

The attractiveness of BRBC includes the flexible schedule and choices available. It isn't a forced march in any sense. While most participants drive in groups of various sizes, there is the flexibility to stop and enjoy points of interest as you and your friends please. The Wagonmaster provides you with lots of options.

Visit the OECC website for more information on Brits 'Round BC 2012 or contact Ric if you have questions (home 604-966-0660, cell 604-710-9506, email ricmacd@telus.net). We're looking forward to another great experience on Brits 'Round BC next summer!

OECC CIB Annual Banquet & Awards Nov 26th 2011



Members of the Year Adrian Rice & Steve Wareing (absent)



Piston Broke Award Doug Unia



Restoration Awards

Adrian & Helen Rice 1952 MG TD



Roger & Marg Killin 1970 MGB Steve & Barb Harris 1961 Morris Traveller



Ennerdale Engineering Trip Oct. 23rd 2011

October weather can be cruel and unpredictable. With that in mind, an impressive number of cars, both classics and daily drivers with over 25 club members assembled at the Southgate Mall parking lot on Sunday the 23rd.

Tops down, sun roofs open, optimism was in the air as members milled around, chatting and sipping on coffee from the local 'Timmy's', before setting off in good spirits to our destination, Ennerdale Engineering in Chemainus.



Warmly received by the owner operator and host for the day, Mr David Saville Peck (AMI Mech.E), our tour of his purpose built facility began. David is an impressive fellow with a friendly and easy going manner, trained in mechanical engineering in the British Armed Forces (RAF), he now has several decades of experience with all aspects of auto repairs, service and restoration, with a particular interest in British automobiles. The 'jewel in the crown' some might argue, would be the development, building and sales of 'Caterham Super 7 Cars', volumes of facts and performance figures flowed seamlessly from David, these cars are amazing! If you haven't already, I urge you to call up the website www.super7cars.ca and read the performance stats of each model, they are almost unbelievable yet true they are! I think it re-



-kindled the boy (and girl) racer in all of us. Great interest was shown by many members in Super 7s near completion, eagerly awaited by customers around the world, as well as several 'exotics' for sale in the showroom such as Lotus and Ferrari, particular attention was paid to a very smart, mid 60s Jaguar 340. Gently pressing David for more details on his background, we discover that he once owned a successful European car franchise in Duncan in the mid 80s. The crippling interest rates of that time period forced him to seek this more practical present location where we now gathered. The tour concluded when we were invited to wander out into the 'back forty' and make an offer on anything (automotive) that we saw. Our eyes feasted on the rather sad sight of several Brit



classics quietly rusting away and being consumed by tall grasses and blackberry. Mr Ken Hedges himself was both seen and photographed lingering a tad too long by the side of a once majestic Daimler 250, a withering glance from wife Adele soon brought reality back into focus!



Our visit at an end, we thank David for his time and hospitality and leave with his business card for future reference.

Arriving at the 'Crow & Gate' for our planned lunch stop, chins and hearts sank with the sight of a packed to capacity car park. Those who ventured inside had their suspicions confirmed, the pub was bursting at the seams. Persistence often pays dividends, we were all served eventually and even managed a seat outside in the sun and we all enjoyed an excellent lunch complimented with fine beer. Yes, October weather can be cruel, but on this particular Sunday it was wonderfully accommodating! Sincere thanks to David Saville Peck on behalf of OECC Mid Island Branch.



Minutes of Oct. 20th , 2011 General Meeting

Chairman, Malcolm Hargrave started the regular monthly meeting with members identifying themselves and their vehicles.

Minutes of the September meeting had been circulated by email and there being no suggestions for changes, the minutes were accepted as circulated (**Carried**).

Branch Treasurer, Bill Grace, reported the bank balance of \$xxxx.

Vice Chairman Candy Francis reported that we now have 103 members and welcomed David Kelsey from the Comox Branch. Membership fees are due and if you renew and pay by January 31st you will be entered in the early bird registration draw. The Membership Fee is \$25, all one - single or double, and in the case of double memberships, both are eligible to vote. Allan Wilson was introduced. Allan has been a member for several years and resides in London, Ontario.

Events Coordinator, Adele Hedges reported that we are starting to wind down after a very busy year. The Rally organized by Malcolm and Janet Hargrave on September 25th was a huge success with 44 people participating. Congratulations to Pat and Russ Heughan who paced first. Susan and Graeme Cook took the 'booby' prize because they were lost and arrived one hour after everyone else. Brian Collings is organizing a tour of Ennerdale Engineering on October 23rd then off to the Crow and Gate. Adele and Ken will be away for the winter and Adele encouraged members to email ideas for events to her at hedges.al@gmail.com

Janet, Kelly and Marilyn have an excellent evening of Fun, Food and Entertainment planned for our Annual Banquet being held at the Legion on Saturday, November 26th. They hope you don't eat and leave. Tickets are \$30 each with Drinks at 6:30 and Dinner at 7:30 followed by entertainment. Contact Kelly at 250.390.7675 or email her at kbeenham@hotmail.com no later than November 17th for tickets.

Cathy Gislason reported that the Photo Contest is over but asked members to

please send pictures for the BEANO albums.

Ken thanked Cathy for doing a great web page for the branch.

Wayne Peddie questioned why the need for a license and guidelines for Brits on the Beach. Malcolm explained there are a number of vendors interested, some not suitable for our event and it will help the organizers to have standards and guidelines for interested vendors. Brits is getting so big and is now very public that it is prudent to obtain a license for the 50/50 draw.

Doug cautioned Jag V8 owners about timing chains and tensioners made of plastic coated material they can create a \$4,000 repair bill.

There's an estate sale in Victoria.

Rob Gibb has an engine analyzer up for grabs for anyone with room in their garage.

Merv stumped everyone with this month's Mystery Car - the MOSS MAMBA – no one guessed it.

I did not win the 50/50....again. It was won by a lucky member from Gabriola, and I apologize for not getting your name, however if I had an **iPad** these minutes might be more complete.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

..... *Darla Millard, Secretary*



Minutes of Nov. 17th , 2011 General Meeting

Chairman, Malcolm Hargrave opened the meeting at 7 p.m. with 42 members present.

Minutes of the October meeting had been circulated by email and it was noted that membership fees paid by **December 31** would be eligible for the early bird registration draw not January as stated in the minutes. As there were no other changes, it was motioned by Dennis Millard to accept the minutes as revised, seconded by Kelly Beenhams, (**Carried**).

Malcolm attended the Club Executive meeting where several points were raised including:

The Annual Budget was proposed, revised and adopted.

There was \$xxxx in Regalia Sales, special thanks to Judy Unia for her hard work and dedication.

Rick McDonald is organizing Brits 'Round BC taking place the end of June 2012.

Details will be available soon.

Next AGM is June 22/23 2012 in Vancouver.

Each Branch is to develop spending limits for approval by the membership.

Discussion ensued regarding the reason and amount the executive would have authority to spend before going to the membership for approval.

MOTION: The Executive has discretionary spending up to \$500. Proposed by Malcolm Hargrave, seconded by Al Ramsay. (**Carried**).

Adele Hedges noted that the Club has raised dues to Branches by \$2 per membership. Bill Grace has reviewed the budget and this will not impact our current Branch Membership Fees.

Treasurer Bill Grace reported cash in the bank is \$xxxx with a surplus of \$xxxx

Vice Chair, Candy Francis reported 103 members in 2011. There are 34 early birds signed up for 2012. If fees are paid by December 31 you will be eligible for the Early Bird draw of a Free Membership.

Events Coordinator, Adele Hedges reported the visit to Ennerdale Engineering in Che-mainus, organized by Brian Collings was a great day. The Events Calendar is on the web and January 8th is the first event – Malcolm and Janet Hargrave's 3rd Annual Polar Bear Walk. Meet at Canadian Tire at 10:30 a.m. for a leisurely back road drive to Rathrevor Beach, followed by a walk around and brunch at Smitty's. Rain or Shine, unless the roads are bad.

Adele is pleased with the number of car pictures coming in for the Gallery, however, head and shoulder shots of members is suffering, so please send in your pictures for the Members Gallery.

Howard Lockhart is back and willing to take back the role of Events Coordinator. Adele will continue with the Galleries. Malcolm thanked Adele for stepping in for Howard.

To date, 63 Tickets have been purchased for the Annual Banquet.

Ken Tanguay correctly identified Merv's Mystery Car, the MG Midget 1500.

Doug Unia won the 50/50.

Members enjoyed the video of the 2011 Goodwood Historic Races that was provided by Ken Tanguay.

The meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

..... *Darla Millard, Secretary*

Membership Report

It was an exciting past year. We are ending 2011 with 103 members, who enjoyed fresh new meeting agendas, in a new meeting place and many fun events to participate in, including one of the best Brits on The Beach. Let us know if you are interested in organizing an event for 2012, sharing some information or wish to become more involved with the branch. We are always interested in new ideas & more helping hands. I am looking forward an even better 2012 season.

So far we have 40 paid members who are eligible for the Early Bird Draw of one free membership. Be sure to have your \$25 membership dues in by December 31st to be entered in the Early Bird Draw. Please let me know if there are any changes in your information, such as the addition of your spouse's information and/or the addition/deletion of a new vehicle. Mail your membership dues to 4325 Ashbury Place, Nanaimo, BC, V9T5S3

Wishing you and your families a Very Merry Christmas!

... *Candy Francis*



Upcoming Events

Jan. 8

3rd Annual Polar Bear Walk
10:30 am @ Canadian Tire
Wagonmasters Malcolm & Janet
Hargrave

April ??

Heritage Acres Restoration Fair & Swap
Meet. See SIB for details

May 20

All British Field Meet-VanDusen Gardens
Vancouver

MAY 21

Nanaimo Empire Days parade

June 22-23

AGM in Vancouver - to be confirmed

June 24

Brits 'round B.C.
Wagonmaster Ric MacDonald

Upcoming Monthly meetings...

Jan. 19, Feb. 16, Mar. 15, April 19
7:00 P.M. @ Lantzville Legion

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