

A BRIEF HISTORY OF OECC

In 1986 Ian Cox began a registry of Okanagan British car owners. He founded the OECC in 1988 and in 1990 organized an All British Field Meet in Penticton to bring members together. Officers were elected with Ian as president and the Old English Car Club and Registry was formalized. Branches were established in Kelowna and Kamloops, soon followed by Salmon Arm. The Club supported all British marques and grew steadily. Branches were established later in Vancouver, Victoria and Nanaimo.

In 1993, the Club registered with the British Columbia Registrar of Societies as the Old English Car Club and Registry of British Columbia. Since then, branches have been formed in Comox and Prince George. We are currently about 350 families strong and have six active branches.

OECC ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

OECC is administered by a Board of Directors consisting of the chairperson of each branch, officers elected at our Annual General Meeting (president, vice president, secretary and treasurer), and the immediate past president. Additional non-voting officers are appointed by the president.

The Wheel, the organizational book for OECC&R, describes all aspects of Club operation and has a complete history of the organization. It is available to members at oecc.ca along with the *OECC&R By-Laws*. *The Spanner*, our newsletter, facilitates communication among branches of the Club with news of importance to all members as well as items of general interest.

Each branch of the club elects its own chairperson, vice chairperson, secretary and treasurer, and appoints other positions as it chooses. Annual dues range from \$20 to \$30.

OECC REGALIA

Numerous regalia items are available to members, including a popular cast OECC badge that looks great on the front of an old English car. Other popular items include hats, shirts, and jackets. Regalia items are available from branch vice-chairpersons who are the regalia officers for each branch.

OECC AUTOJUMBLE

Autojumble ads (English cars and parts for sale and wanted) provide both members and non-members with free listings. These ads are available on our website (oecc.ca) and in local branch newsletters. OECC does not verify claims made in Autojumble ads and consequently assumes no responsibility for their veracity.

OECC PUBLICATIONS

THE SPANNER (published three times per year by the OECC) - Articles on historic English vehicles in British Columbia and OECC members.

BEANO (published bimonthly by the Central Island Branch in Nanaimo) - Reports on branch activities and other topics of interest to members.

DYNAMO (published monthly by the South Island Branch in Victoria) - Reports on branch activities, restorations, and events.

ROUNDABOUT (published bimonthly by the Vancouver Coast Branch in Vancouver) - Reports on branch activities and events, member restorations, and technical topics.

You can access all publications at oecc.ca/newsletters.

OECC AWARDS

OXO Cup: A perpetual trophy recognizing a member who has made a significant contribution to the Club as a whole that has been felt beyond his or her own branch.

Link Trophy: A perpetual trophy given to the most deserving member of the branch hosting the Annual General Meeting. Each year a link is added to the key chain on the plaque.

Montagu of Beaulieu Award: An annual Club award recognizing a member's dedication to our old English car hobby and who leads by example in the restoration of English cars.

Restoration Award: An award presented at the discretion of each branch for members who have completed a full restoration of an English car in the previous year.

WANT TO START AN OECC BRANCH?

Do you live in an area without an OECC branch? There are probably more owners of old English cars in your area than you can imagine and these enthusiasts often enjoy getting together to share their interest.

We can help you with suggestions on how to organize a club and structure successful meetings and events. To learn more about how you can start a branch of the OECC&R and grow this great hobby in your area, please contact the Club's president at oecc@oecc.ca.

CONTACT OECC

Contact with the OECC&R: Please email the Club at oecc@oecc.ca or call our president at 250-741-0221.

Contact with individual branches of the Club: Branches can be contacted through oecc@oecc.ca or through information on the reverse side of this document.

THE OLD ENGLISH CAR CLUB AND REGISTRY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA



WHAT IS OECC?

The Old English Car Club and Registry is a club for people who are enthusiastic about English cars. Our members aren't all English, they aren't all old, and some of the English cars they own aren't old either.

Our mission is the preservation, restoration and enjoyment of English vehicles of all marques and years. Our club includes some 350 member families who own about 612 vehicles representing over 50 marques of English cars, trucks and motorcycles.

We enjoy finding others who own (or would like to own) English vehicles and share our enthusiasm. Guests are always welcome at our meetings and events. If this seems interesting, we would love to have you join us!

BENEFITS OF OECC MEMBERSHIP

Socialization: Members participate in meetings, rallies, drives, social events and car shows and have an opportunity to participate in planning and organizing events.

Membership Roster: Members receive a roster of the members of all branches to facilitate networking with others who own similar vehicles. Take the roster with you on tours.

Newsletters: The Club publishes *The Spanner* three times per year and several branches have monthly or bimonthly newsletters. Newsletters report on past and upcoming events, member vehicle restorations, and may have technical articles. All newsletters are available at oecc.ca.

Technical Advice: If you have a problem, ask another member. Chances are others have had the same problem.

Insurance: All branches are members of the Confederation of Autosport Car Clubs and are covered by ASDN Canada FIA insurance for Club-related events.

Discounts: Members receive a discount from a variety of car-related businesses by presenting their membership card.

Appraisals: Informal appraisals of value may be available.

OECC: Six Branches of Enthusiasts Preserving, Restoring and Enjoying English Vehicles of All Ages

CENTRAL ISLAND BRANCH (NANAIMO)

Basics: The Central Island Branch was incorporated December 2, 1994, and covers the central area of Vancouver Island. It has about 72 members who own about 112 cars.

Meetings: 7:30 pm on the third Tuesday of each month at the ABC Country Restaurant, 6671 Mary Ellen Drive, Nanaimo. See the branch website for regularly scheduled events of this very active group.

Dues: \$20, \$10 after July 1, and \$25 after October 1 which includes the following year

Premier Annual Event: Brits on the Beach on the third or fourth Sunday in July at Transfer Beach in Ladysmith

Contact Information: cioecc@shaw.ca

Website: members.shaw.ca/cioecc

COMOX VALLEY BRANCH (COMOX)

Basics: The Comox Valley Branch was incorporated August 1, 2002, and covers the northern area of Vancouver Island. It has about 26 members who own about 39 cars.

Meetings: 7:00 pm on the third Wednesday of each month at the Edgewater Pub, 1805 Beaufort Ave., Comox. See the branch website calendar for regularly scheduled events.

Dues: \$20

Premier Annual Event: All British Meet at Filberg Park on the third weekend in August in Comox

Contact Information: oecc@telus.net or 250-338-2102

Website: oecc-comox.com

NORTHERN INTERIOR BRANCH (PRINCE GEORGE)

Basics: The Northern Interior Branch was incorporated August 1, 2002, and includes Prince George and the surrounding area. It has about 14 members who own about 14 cars.

Meetings: 6:00 on the third Thursday of each month February through September. October through January, Supper Night at 6:00 pm every Thursday at a restaurant selected by a different member each week with notification by email.

Dues: \$30 for new members. Renewals are \$25.

Premier Annual Event: The British Car Show on the weekend after the May Long Weekend, at Princess Auto in Prince George

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Website: www3.telus.net/NIBAC

SOUTH ISLAND BRANCH (VICTORIA)

Basics: The South Island Branch was incorporated December 2, 1994, and covers the southern portion of Vancouver Island as far north as Cobble Hill. It has about 104 members who own about 202 cars.

Meetings: 7:30 pm on the third Monday of each month at The Old Schoolhouse, Saanich Historical Artifacts Society, Heritage Acres, 7321 Lochside Drive, Saanichton. Meetings are informal and may feature a presentation by an automobile-related enterprise or by a member with an auto-related topic. They promote the exchange of technical information and experiences. There is a run on the Sunday following each meeting, most of which are family-friendly. See the branch website calendar for regularly scheduled events.

Dues: \$30, \$15 for new members joining after June 30

Premier Annual Events: Restoration Fair & Swap Meet in April and English Car Affair in the Park in September

Contact Information: dpsparks@telus.net or 250-658-8614

Website: oecc.ca/sib

THOMPSON VALLEY BRANCH (KAMLOOPS)

Basics: The Thompson Valley Branch was incorporated December 2, 1994, and covers the interior of British Columbia. It has about 25 members who own about 33 cars.

Meetings: Regularly scheduled meetings, social and driving events provide opportunities to meet other British car owners to share common interest and friendly support. The group gives commiseration, encouragement and the shared experiences of owning these beautiful, if challenging, machines! Call 250-828-0128 for information.

Dues: \$30

Premier Annual Events: The Punctually Challenged Xmas Party in February and the Thompson Valley Rally & BBQ in early June, both in Kamloops

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Website: oecc.ca/tvb



VANCOUVER COAST BRANCH (VANCOUVER)

Basics: The Vancouver Coast Branch was incorporated December 2, 1994, and covers the Lower Mainland from the Sunshine Coast on the west to Hope on the east and from Whistler on the north to the U.S. border on the south. It has about 101 members who own about 212 cars.

Meetings: 7:00 pm on the first Tuesday of each month at locations throughout the metro area. Venues include car-related businesses with informative presentations, tours of private automobile collections, and presentations by knowledgeable professionals. Please visit our website for meeting location information. See the branch website calendar for regularly scheduled events.

Dues: \$25 the first year, \$12.50 for new members joining after June 30. Renewals are \$20 through December 31 and \$25 after that.

Premier Annual Event: London-Brighton Commemorative on the first Sunday in November

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Website: oecc.ca/vcb

PREMIER ANNUAL EVENTS (VISIT ANOTHER BRANCH)

February: Punctually Challenged Xmas Party, Thompson Valley Branch, in Kamloops.

April: Restoration Fair & Swap Meet, South Island Branch, in Victoria at Heritage Acres.

May: The British Car Show, Northern Interior Branch, at Princess Auto in Prince George

May: The Vancouver All British Field Meet at VanDusen Gardens, the third weekend in May (not an OECC event)

May or June: OECC&R AGM and Mini-Monte, hosted by various OECC branches on a rotating schedule.

June: Thompson Valley Rally & BBQ, Thompson Valley Branch, in Kamloops.

June or July: Brits 'Round BC, a Club-wide seven to ten day biennial tour of British Columbia (even number years).

July: Brits on the Beach, Central Island Branch, the third or fourth Sunday in July at Transfer Beach in Ladysmith.

August: All British Meet at Filberg Gardens, Comox Valley Branch, the third weekend in August in Comox.

September: English Car Affair in the Park (ECAIP), South Island Branch, the second or third weekend in September.

November: London-Brighton Commemorative, Vancouver Coast Branch, the first Sunday in November.