

To Whistler, Lillooet...and Beyond



The Whistler Lillooet Team: *(Standing, from Left to Right)* Francis Muggeridge, Dave Harris, Linda Harris, Marge Sabourin, Darla Millard, Ray Sabourin, Wayne Peddie, Irene Thompson, Jan Peddie, Ken Hedges, Adele Hedges, Lynne Cumberland, Bob Cumberland. *(Kneeling, Sitting, Slouching, from Left to Right):* Nigel Muggeridge, Geoff Francis, Candy Francis, Al Thompson, Dennis Millard. Also a doggie passer-by.

Sixteen gallant early risers, in 8 fine old British sports cars, made it to the Departure Bay ferry terminal for the 6:30 am ferry to Vancouver on Saturday 17th September. Two hours later, and in good humour, induced no doubt with huge cholesterol-loaded breakfasts consumed on the ferry, the intrepid 16 arrived at the North Vancouver Jaguar dealer, the assembly point for the *(Continued Next Page)*

thirteenth Annual Vancouver-Whistler All British Run. There they were joined by a 9th car carrying a pair of not-such-early risers who had elected to make their ‘sea voyage’ the night before and hotel it overnight to avoid rising at an ungodly hour. Along with our 9 cars, there were about 100 other British steeds all snorting and eager to get the official send-off on the run to Whistler. The weather looked a bit dodgy at first, but once we got started it seemed to clear up and many tops came down at our first stop, the beautiful Shannon Falls near Squamish. After a bit of a wander and much photo taking, it was on up to Whistler Village to gawk at all the other English cars and/or the up-scale shops – depending on one’s preference.

After a couple of hours at the Whistler show, it was on up to Pemberton for a latish but scrumptious lunch and then on to our overnight stop at Lillooet. Small town thought it undoubtedly is, Lillooet did us proud. The hotel was friendly and comfortable and the 18 of us had a fine dinner together in one of the local restaurants. There was a certain amount of good-natured larking about in the hotel common room and corridors that evening, but eventually everyone settled down to a good night’s sleep, and we were ready to hit the road again next morning. Needless to say, our 9 sports cars, all parked together in front of the hotel (and, local employment office – see photo) attracted a fair amount of attention from local passers-by out walking their dogs.

On crossing the Fraser river just outside Lillooet, our happy band split into two parts with the main group of six cars (3 Triumph

TR6s and 3 MGBs) heading south along the Fraser to Lytton, Hell’s Gate Canyon, Hope and beyond to Vancouver and home on the ferry (*Ed’s note: I was not with this group, but I heard later that the Peddie’s Triumph TR6 started coughing and spluttering unhealthily enroute and, in the end, had to be left with friends in Mission - to be retrieved another day!*). The other group, of three MGBs, headed north and then west to Kamloops via Cache Creek. Twenty-five kms east of Kamloops, the Muggeridge’s MGB, with much waving and horn-blowing, disappeared into the distance – headed for new adventures in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba, while the Sabourins and the Thompsons turned south east to Vernon and Kelowna. Happily, all the adventurers and their chariots – even the recalcitrant TR6 - are now back safely in their Central Island homes. It was certainly a run to remember...*Ed*

Editor’s Note: During a stop for gas in Princeton on the way back from Kelowna, the Sabourin and Thompson MGBs attracted huge interest from two bus-loads of Dutch tourists, that happened to be at the same stop. It seems that old English sports cars are very popular in Holland. I got the feeling we could have sold both cars on the spot! See Marge’s photo below.



YE OLDE ENGLISH CAR RUN

Ye olde Announcement

O-Yea! O-Yea!

On Sunday August 28th in the year of our Lord 2005, thou art invited to join in the fun-filled festivities of an outing to the fair city of Victoria in the New World of the Americas, where thou shalt be entertained and amused in true Olde English style. Thou shalt meet at the Southgate Mall in the maiden city of Nanaimo at 10:00 of the hour in the morning and set off to the hamlet of Mill Bay, where thou shalt stop at the world-renowned Tim Horton's Coffee Shoppe before proceeding to Victoria. Wherefore thou shalt receive a map of directions to guide thee to the places of interest thou shalt visit throughout that day.



Ann Hathaway's Cottage and (above) Malcolm in Stocks (*Was it for misuse of Ye Olde English Language?*)

Thou shalt be amazed at the wonderful places en route and thou art truly encouraged to partake of thy camera to capture these magnificent sights. At the lunch hour of that fine day, thou shalt stop at a mystical inn alongside the ocean of the Pacific and feast upon traditional English fare, while drinking an array of well-brewed ales and beverages, served by the welcoming wenches therein.

Ye Olde Run Report

There were 11 olde English chariots in all on yonder run and our firstest stop was at the English Inn on Lampson Street, Victoria. We had a good looksee around the 5 acre grounds and at ye olde Shakespeare Manor and Ann Hathaway's Cottage. Your humble servant got put in the stocks twice! We continued into the grand city of Victoria along Beach Drive and into the Snug Pub at Ye Olde Oak Bay Hotel. We had luncheon repast around 1.30 of the clock and around 2.30 there was a "mad-dash" by all owners of convertible chariots for tonneau covers! Honourable winners of Ye Olde England historical questions were charioteers Ken and Adele Hedges and winner of the best Team Name wast Tony Mantell with "Lord Anton of Ladysmith with his trusty steed Spitfire, under the Order of the Oily Leek"... (scribed by Malcolm Hargrave, editorial muck-ups by Ed)

Filberg Run & Show, 14 August

Thirteen cars joined in for the drive up to The Filberg Park, in the Comox Valley. The highlight was the All British Meet in the beautiful Filberg Park and Gardens. There were 77 cars in total, arranged by the decade in which they were built. The public was invited to come and enjoy the show and vote for their favorite car. It was hard to select between a beautiful 1929 Rolls Phantom, a sleek Lotus, and an MG TD, when there was a cute Austin A40 and a gutsy Cobra 427 there also. How do you choose one over another?

The day was fun, with people taking their lunch under the trees or at the wonderful Tea House, and strolling around the beautiful park. There were a few gate prizes awarded and the all-important top cars of the decade. Some of our club members received recognition for their love of their cars. Notably, Mike Green won 2nd prize in the Pre-1950s category for his beautiful 1939 BSA Scout; Bob Cumberland won 3rd prize in the 1970s category for his 1971 TR6; and Vic Defargo won 1st prize in the 1980s category for his 1987 Mini. Congratulations to our winners...*Candy Francis*



Relaxing in the Shade at the Filberg Show

Fort Rodd Hill, 18 September

Pat and I went to the 11th Annual English Car Affair in the Park, (*in Victoria*) last Sunday. It was well attended with over 100 vehicles. The weather was kind, and it was a most enjoyable day. In the absence of notice of a "convoy", we went solo, and being "new boys" were not sure if any other of our local members were there...*Martyn Green*

(Ed's Note: Yes Martyn there were at least three other cars from our branch at Fort Rodd Hill; Doug and Judy Unia were there with their Jag, as were Tony Mantell and Dennis Watson with their Spitfires. Eighteen of us were on the mainland doing the Whistler run Plus)

Wildlife Centre Run, 2nd October

On Sunday Oct 2, twenty-three fearless souls set forth on a wildlife adventure. Within 2 minutes of leaving the gathering place (*Cdn Tire*) half of them went missing and stayed that way until the parking lot of the **North Island Wildlife Recovery Centre!!** We did manage to pick up 4 brave souls along the way. In all 29 attended the Centre and 31 the lunch. Despite the perils of the wind and rain, the vultures, eagles, falcons, owls, black swans and other assorted wildlife, all seemed to enjoy themselves and even learn a thing or two. Brian the eagle with the prosthesis was a great hit as were the many stuffed animals seen leaving the gift shop in various bags. The Qualicum College was initially expecting 12 of us for lunch, which quickly grew to a reported 22. What they thought when 31 walked in the door is anybody's guess. Although meals were slow in coming and not always what was ordered, the service was cheerful and the time spent in such a lovely setting well worth the delays. Another successful adventure for the OECC....*Marge Sabourin (Photos next page)*



(Above) Brian the Eagle and his fancy prosthesis



I hope you're paying attention back there, Dave!

Disneyland – Here we Come!

A few Club members have decided to bravely drive their old English cars to Disneyland in May 2006. This is a major undertaking and planning is well underway. If any CIOECC members would like to consider joining in this adventure, they should contact Marge or Ray Sabourin as soon as possible for a copy of the tentative itinerary and plan. The Sabourins' email address is: mgsabourin@shaw.ca and their phone number is 753-9168.

Jaguar C-Type Replica Ready

(Member Chris Masterman writes)

Thought you could mention that I've finally finished construction of my Jaguar C Type replica, and perhaps include a picture. The car is powered by a 1967 4.2 litre engine from an E type, runs on triple SUs, has a 4 speed Moss gearbox with overdrive, and weighs just 1100KG so is very lively. It took 8 months to construct after receiving the body shell and chassis frame from the UK. I'll bring it along to a Nanaimo meeting before too long, provided its a dry evening. *(Here's the photo, Chris – it looks great!..Ed)*



Chris Masterman's C-Type Jag Replica

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Club Meeting 16th August 2005

The meeting started at 7:40pm with 19 people present. Treasurer Adele Hedges gave our bank balance as \$1513; she told us that Brits on the Beach 2005 brought in \$337 and had expenses of \$248 (there was more discussion on 'Brits' later). Mike Bull reported that we have 66 paid-up members. As Beano Editor, I reported that about half of our members have chosen to read the Beano on the Web, while the other half wish to continue receiving paper copies. Dennis Millard gave a brief report of the Filberg run and show (see separate report in this Beano). Chairman Doug told us about the Jaguar Concourse event in Victoria that he had attended. Malcolm Hargraves gave an overview of the "Ye Olde English Car Run", a report of which appears elsewhere in the newsletter. There followed a long (and inconclusive) discussion on whether Brits on the Beach should continue to be a no-charge entry, as it was this year. The 2005 revenue came only from the 50-50 draws. The discussion also dealt with distribution of the money left over after all expenses were paid. Eventually a motion to donate \$100 to the Ladysmith Kinsmen and \$100 to the Ladysmith Theatre group was made by Al Thompson, seconded by Mike Bull, and carried. The Chairman updated everyone on the proposed new society-wide newsletter, the Spanner. The matter of how the Spanner would be distributed was discussed and it was agreed that our branch would recommend that distribution should be electronic only. Chairman Doug will make our views known. Merv Steg told us that the car for his 'T-Shirt' of the month was the Vauxhall VX220, the new fast and expensive (\$57300) car from the UK. Tony Dowell

brought us up to speed on the two Chinese companies bidding for the UK's Rover car company. The meeting finished at 8.45pm...*Ed.*

Club Meeting 20th Sept 2005

Chairman Doug opened the meeting at 7:35 pm with 16 people present. Adele Hedges handed out the financial statement, which showed we had \$1351 in the bank. Mike Bull gave our current membership as 66. Mike also suggested we again have an early-bird draw for those who pay 2006 dues before end Dec '05 – all agreed. Dave Harris gave a brief report on the Whistler-Lillooet run (see article in this issue). Chairman Doug gave an overview of the Fort Rodd Hill car show – 4 cars from the club were there, but overall attendance was down this year. The Chairman also appealed for volunteers to make up the 2006 Brits on the Beach Committee – this item will be addressed more fully at the October meeting. The Society meeting will be held as Tsawwassen 25th Sep; the Chair noted that we needed a rep for our branch. He confirmed that the Society's Spanner Newsletter – which has been discussed over the past several meetings – will now be distributed in electronic format. The new Society Registry is now available and will be distributed to our members in the following weeks. Wayne Peddie gave a brief report on his visit to the Portland International Raceway. Ray Sabourin told us that the next club run, on 2nd October, would be to the Raptor Centre in Errington, with lunch to follow at the Qualicum College Inn; we depart from Canadian Tire at 10 am. The Chairman – with a smile on his face due to his having just won the 50/50 draw - closed the meeting at 8:40pm!...*Ed.*

Early Bird Draw for 2006 OECC Dues

Pay your 2006 Club Dues by 31st Dec 2005, and you could have your year's membership for FREE. Just send your \$20 cheque to Mike Bull, 339 Horne Lake Rd., Qualicum Beach, BC. V0R 1G0

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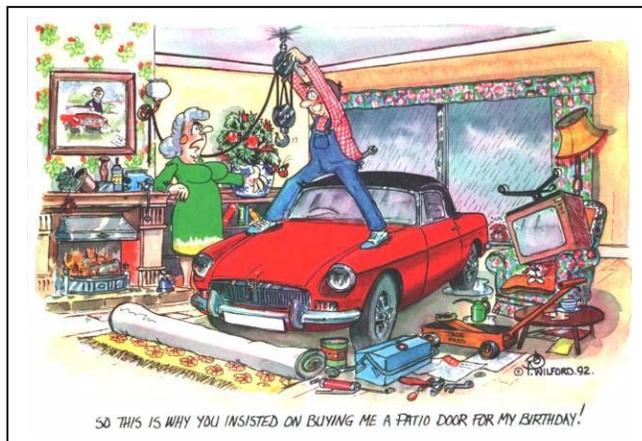
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