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Doug's Newest Oldie!



Former Chairman Doug Bainbridge just can't seem to resist buying old English cars. The photo shows his latest acquisition – a nice-looking 1970 split-bumper MGB (*with Overdrive yet!*). Doug and Jacqui still have their fancy-looking '79 Lotus Eclat, but the new 'B' follows on from several other old English cars the Bainbridges have had, and parted with, recently. Let's see ... there was the '76 Mini, a '73 Jag XJ6, a nice little '60 Austin Healey Sprite, and a previous ('69) red MGB. What's next, Doug!!

Disneyland - Here We Come!
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The Beano Mystery Cars!

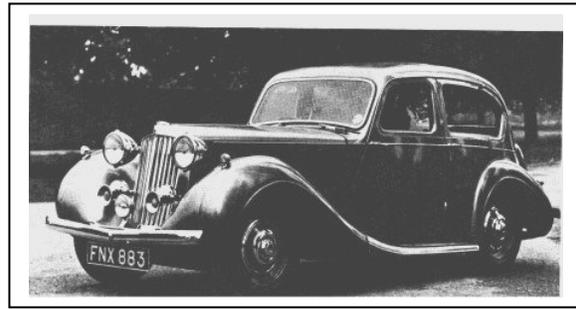
Readers might remember that, back in our May-June Beano, we published a picture of a mystery car (*see repeat photo below*) and offered a prize to the first member who could correctly identify the year, make and model of the car. Well it took a while but eventually one of our members, Adèle Hedges, sent in the correct answer to the correct email address and stood to win the \$20 prize donated by the kindly benefactor who had sent in the car picture. That kindly benefactor – who incidentally had also been the owner of the car depicted in the photo – is member Shirley Greenwood’s husband, Alex. And the car? Well – as Adèle correctly guessed – it’s a 1933 Austin 12/4 (*in the original photo published last June, I airbrushed out the Austin nameplate on the radiator – just to make the guessing a bit tougher...Ed*). Alex Greenwood tells us that this Austin was his very first car; he bought it in 1939 (when he was just 19) for £37.10s. (about \$90 Canadian.



Alex Greenwood’s 1933 Austin 12/4

Many thanks to Alex for the photo - and to Adèle and others for playing the game. As discussed at the club meeting 17 January, Adèle has been asked to choose another old English car for publication as a Mystery Car.

Her choice is the car in the photo below. Guess it correctly first, and you could get your 2007 club membership for free. You must send your guess of the year, make and model of the car to this email address: akhedges@shaw.ca



Guess this Car right and Win your Dues

In the event of more than one correct guess, the email with the earlier date/time will take precedence. Let’s have your guesses folks...Ed

Brits ‘Round BC 2006

As many of you already are aware, the popular Brits ‘Round BC (BRBC) adventure will run again this year. The tour last year was fantastic and the one this year looks like it will be equally as great. The main tour starts from Kamloops – following the OECC Annual General Meeting (AGM) – on June 24, and finishes in Penticton July 3. There is also a ‘pre-tour’ for Island members, which starts from Duke Point and Swartz Bay ferry terminals on June 22, to meet up with Vancouver Branch members in Tsawwassen, and then on to Kamloops arriving June 23. You can get application forms for all, or a portion of the tour as follows: through the internet at www.oecc.ca/brbc, or from Adèle Hedges, at phone number 250-468-5828, or email: akhedges@shaw.ca

Disneyland - Here We Come! ³

This 'run' is a very ambitious undertaking. The approximate distance is 1550 miles, and the plan is to do an average of 258 miles per day and take 6 days and 5 nights for the trip down. So far, 12 people in six cars have joined up for the trip. The key parts of the plan are as follows:

1. Suggest each day we have breakfast and are on the road not any later than 9, stopping along the way as we wish.
2. Have a designated meeting place for lunch between 12 and 2.
3. Stop for the evening no later than 6pm at a set location, again stopping along the way as we wish.
4. We will endeavour to keep the cars together as much as possible, with a potty break every hour to hour and a half. - but some people may wish to travel as individuals rather than with the group, stopping where they want, leaving as early or as late as they want, meeting for lunch or at our reserved location to have dinner and talk of the day. If one car wants to stop for a potty break or to look at a view the rest are not obligated to stop also. That car can catch up later - at lunch or in the evening.
5. Each car should carry a walkie talkie with an agreed on frequency so we can have some communication within the range of the walkie talkies. Each night location, and each lunch location (where possible), will have a telephone number where you can leave a message if you are having problems.
6. All rates are approximate (see following) and some are fluctuating constantly. We suggest confirming hotel reservations and holding with a credit card. Cancellation is always possible closer to the date, but booking now will confirm a better rate. I have found rates can be negotiated somewhat. Don't wait too long. If you are not sure you can come you can always cancel later.

7. Also suggest taking a small cooler and having a picnic lunch wherever possible. This is cheaper, more fun and quicker. We all know how long it takes to feed us in a restaurant.

8. The 'Getting There' Schedule, and accommodation pricing (all approximate) is as follow:

Saturday May 6 Day 1: 209 miles plus ferry. Nanaimo to Victoria: Coho Ferry to Port Angeles leaves 10:30 \$47.00 US Funds car, driver and passenger. Suggest leave Nanaimo (Southgate Mall) no later than 7:30 a.m*., park in line at ferry and breakfast nearby. Picnic lunches on other side (purchase on ferry or bring). Port Angeles to Olympia via Hood Canal on the 101. Nite #1 Stay at Econolodge Olympia, 1211 Quince St S.E. Rates range from \$61.00 CDN 1 queen, to \$70.00 CDN two queens; Fridge Microwave. Phone number 306-943-4710. (**Note: Some of us may leave Nanaimo the day before – departing at 3pm from Southgate Mall – and staying the night in a Victoria hotel; leave the cars overnight at the Coho berth.*)

Sunday May 7 Day 2: 306 miles to Florence. Olympia on I-5 to Longview then to McMinnville via various secondary roads -155 miles. Stop for lunch and a visit at Evergreen Aviation Museum. (Yes the real Spruce Goose) www.sprucegoose.org gets you info. (they have a café – very inexpensive – and a tour can be arranged.). Continue on 12 to 101 at Lincoln City. Continue on 101 to Florence. Nite #2 Best Western Pier Point Inn. \$75.60 US double or quad. 1-800-780-5733; can be viewed and booked on line thru Search engine: Florence Oregon Lodging then Hotels & Motels, then Best Western Pier Point Inn.

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Disneyland *Cont'd*

Monday May 8 Day 3: Approx. 328 miles from Florence to Garberville, California. Travel the 101 from Florence to Brookings (I would suggest a picnic on a beach for lunch). Continue on the 101 to the Avenue-of-the-Giants:

www.avenueofthegiants.net. This starts just below Scotia and ends just above Garberville (click map for route). Our night stop for Nite #3 is Sherwood Forest Motel - rates are \$60.00 US single and \$80.00 US double plus taxes. I spoke to the owner - really nice man and very enthusiastic about having us. www.sherwoodforestmotel.com phone 707-923-2721.

Tuesday May 9 Day 4: Approx 313 miles from Garberville to Santa Cruz. Travel the 101 to the 1 to Fort Ross

www.mcn.org/1/rparks/fortross (Authentic Russian Fort); about 154 miles. Stop for a visit and a picnic lunch (no café). Continue on the 1 to San Francisco and the Golden Gate Bridge (89 Miles), stop for a break and a photo op. Continue to Santa Cruz for the night (70 Miles). Nite #4 at Continental Inn, 414 Ocean St., Santa Cruz; \$60.00US per nite to be confirmed - 831-429-1221. Can be viewed on line thru a search: Continental Inn Santa Cruz California. (She quoted me a higher rate, but when I told her I had already been quoted this rate she gave it to me.)

Wednesday May 10 Day 5: Approx 246 miles Santa Cruz to Solvang. Travel the #1 from Santa Cruz to San Simeon and Hearst Castle (132 miles) for a minimum 2 hour stop including lunch and a pre-booked tour. www.hearstcastle.com This is a must see. Continue to the Danish town of Solvang - 115 miles. Nite #5 overnight at the Best Western King Fredrick Motel about \$80.00 U.S...www.solvangusa.com phone 805-688-5515.

Thursday May 11-14 Day 6,7,8,9: Approx 160 miles Solvang to Anaheim. We will travel Hwy 101 to Anaheim. It should be possible to stay together. But if not, we will have to be sure we all know how to get to our accommodation. I have booked us into Portofino Inn & Suites because the Millards have already booked into there and it will be more fun if we are all together. We paid \$80.00 US per night plus taxes. Their e-rate special is \$89.95, but when I told her expedia were quoting \$80 she matched that price. Phone 1-800-398-3963. They have an extensive website which explains discount packages for Disneyland and gives other interesting information:

www.portofinoinanaheim.com. There is a shuttle bus from the hotel to Disneyland. Some of us are going to stay two nights and three days in this area, although I booked three nights just in case. We will probably go to Disneyland the evening we arrive and again the morning and afternoon of the next day. After that some are going to Universal Studios for a day.

9. Last, but not least: It is vital anyone going into the United States has adequate identification, medical coverage and maximum liability coverage on their vehicle. Not to do so puts all of us at a risk ...Marge Sabourin (Contact me if you would like to go, or if you need more info .phone753-9168; or mgsabourin@shaw.ca)

Up to press time the following people have booked on for the trip: Sabourins ('76 MGB), Millards ('70 MGB), Cumberlands ('71 TR6), Hedges ('75 MGB), Muggerridges ('72 MGB), and Thompsons ('72 MGB). Why don't you join us!...

Club Executive for 2006

With one important exception, the ClubExecutive remains unchanged for 2006. The exception is that Geoff Francis will be standing down as Events Coordinator. Thanks very much for a job well done, Geoff; it's not going to be easy to find someone to take your place. The Club Executive is now as follows:

Chairman	Doug Unia	751-8270
Treasurer	Adèle Hedges	468-5828
Membership	Mike Bull	757-8850
Events Coord	Vacant	
Web Master	Doug Bainbridge	756-2207
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Upcoming Events

Tue Feb 21 – Club Meeting, ABC Restaurant
 Sun Feb 26 – Bowling, Brechin Lanes 2:45pm
(Dinner after Bowling at the MGM Restaurant)
 Tue Mar 21 – Club Meeting, ABC Restaurant
 Sun Mar 26 – Port Alberni Run
 Tue Apr 18 – Club Meeting, ABC Restaurant
 Sun Apr 23 – Run TBA
 Fri May5/Sat May6 – Start out for Disneyland

Floggers Corner

1977 MGB: engine rebuilt in 2003; new wiring harness, windshield, battery, alternator and top; California car, no rust; asking \$4,000. Call Dick 754-6543

1979 Lotus Eclat, rare car, one of approx 1400 built, Rover 4 litre V8 engine, auto transmission. \$5,500. Call Doug 250-756-2207, or email dougbain@shaw.ca

2.5 Litre Austin A70 Engine: 1953 vintage. \$100. Call Derek Horsfall 250-746-1905.

1974 Rubber Bumper MGB Dismantled: Most parts for sale. John Bower 250-701-0162.

This and That

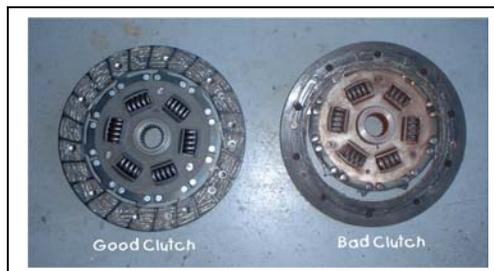
Ken Hedge's Triumph TR250 restoration is progressing well (*see photo below*). Ken tell us that, apart from the surprise with a botched lower front A arm bracket, and a poor repair on the front right fender /valance due to a front end accident, the car is in pretty good shape.



Nigel Muggeridge Readies Toyota 5-Speed Transmission for MGB Installation. The old 5-speed and the 1972 'B' Engine are lined up on the bench, together with all the new stuff that Nigel had to get/build, almost ready to be 'mated' for life! (*see photo below*).



Thompson '72 MGB Suffers Catastrophic Drive Failure. Well, yes – but that was at Christmas time, and it's well on the way to being fixed now. The Clutch plate broke!



Club Meeting 17 January 2006

The Meeting, at the ABC restaurant, was started by Chairman Doug at 7.35 p.m. with 23 people attending. Membership Registrar, Mike Bull, noted that two guests – Garnet Hunt and Harold Grass – were present. He also welcomed back John Davison who had just rejoined after an absence of a couple of years. 48 members had paid up for 2006 prior to the end of 2005, and thus were eligible for the Earlybird membership draw. Last year’s Earlybird winner, Linda Mick, drew the lucky winner of this year’s draw; it was long-time OECC member Dennis Watson, who will now get his membership for free. *(Congratulations Dennis...Ed)*. Treasurer Adèle Hedges distributed sheets giving our year-end financial status. Current assets (bank account and cash) totalled \$2,221.53. Adèle also gave an overview of the preparations for “Brits ‘round BC 2006” and passed around a sheet with details *(see note elsewhere in this Beano...Ed)*. Chairman Doug spoke of the following: (1) New Central Island OECC nametags are being introduced; they will be a society-wide pattern and can be ordered for \$4.50 each *(check with Adèle 250-468-5828)*; (2) a Chairman’s article, plus photos, has been submitted for inclusion in the first issue of the new “Spanner”, the Society’s newsletter due out soon; (3) a new society-wide award

named ‘The Lord Montague of Beaulieu Award’ has been introduced for the best restoration of an old English car – details will be in the Spanner; (4) the location of the 2006 Annual Banquet has been under consideration for some weeks – when Doug called for a show of hands to indicate members’ preferences between Tigh na Mara and the Nanaimo Golf club, a majority voted in favour of the Nanaimo Golf Club *(this outcome will be passed to Tony Dowell, who has kindly volunteered to organize the 2006 Banquet...Ed)*. Nigel Muggeridge advised the group of the Club’s Bowling Event coming up Sunday 26 Feb, with dining out afterwards. Tony Mantel gave an update on early preparations for this year’s Brits on the Beach; as Tony does not have the time, a volunteer Coordinator is needed for the 2006 event. Tony mentioned that entry would likely be free again this year. As a Beano Newsletter report, I told everyone that the Quiz car that had appeared in the May 2005 issue, had been correctly guessed by Adèle Hedges *(see article in this Beano...Ed)*. It was agreed that Adèle will try and come up with a new Quiz car for publication in the Beano, and the club will offer a \$20 prize for the first member who correctly identifies it. Merv Steg’s ‘Car of the Month’ for January was James Bond’s personal car, a 1930 Blower Bentley. Merv then reviewed all of the cars that James Bond had driven in the various Bond movies. Linda Mick won the 50-50. The meeting ended at 8.35 p.m....*Ed*

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