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Port Alberni Car Run

Geoff & I thought if we planned the Port Alberni run in April we would have nicer weather. No such luck we were graced with the same weather as in March. It was cloudy, cool and we had a few raindrops. Some of us still braved the weather and journeyed forth to Port Alberni. We all enjoyed a tour of the Red Dragon Forge, owned by OECC members Mike & Linda Lyle. Mike fired up the forge and demonstrated his blacksmith craft.

After the hospitality of Mike & Linda we had a leisurely drive on the roads around Sprout Lake and lunch at the Dolce' Vita Restaurant. We would like to thank everyone who attended and help Geoff celebrate his 50th Birthday.



...Candy Francis



Our host Mike & Linda Lyle



Are these people lining up for donuts?

Note from the Chairman

Irene and I had to miss the Nanaimo Empire Days Parade on May 20th because we were in Vancouver for the OECC AGM weekend. Irene has written about our weekend there elsewhere in this Beano. However, I have one important thing to tell you concerning the outcome of the AGM, and that is that our own Wayne Peddie was elected (by acclamation yet!) as President of the Old English Car Club (OECC) and Registry Society of British Columbia. Congratulations Wayne. As well, Adèle Hedges was re-elected (again by acclamation) as Treasurer of the Society for another year – thank you for standing again Adèle. I think it is a good indication of how our OECC branch has expanded in scope that, in addition to our taking a leading role in the Society, we were able to support two major events on the same day. We had 7 of our cars showing up at the All British Field Meet in van Dusen Gardens, Vancouver (actually there were only 6 cars in the show, but the Thompsons' MGB was parked on the street just outside), while 9 more of our cars took part in the Nanaimo Parade at the same time. A good showing from the branch. Switching to another event, Irene and I will be leading a group going down to Victoria for the Fathers' Day Picnic in Beaconhill Park on Sunday 17th July – still ahead as I write this on 28th May. Twenty people have so far indicated they will be joining in, but we are hoping that more folks will join us before Fathers' Day rolls around. That's all from me, folks.

Have a great summer...*Al Thompson*

Note from the Editor

This is the third issue of the BEANO that I have put together, and I hope that the club members, and those non members who read the newsletter on line find it to their liking.

It is a challenge to provide articles that will interest all readers, and to get some feedback from you it has been suggested that we have a "Letter to the Editor" section. This would give you the readers an area to voice your comments and promote discussion on the newsletter, and other club related matters.

...*Ken Hedges*

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Club Minutes April 17, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 pm with 36 members and partners present.

Chairman Al Thompson thanked past chairman Doug Unia for taking the last meeting as he was unable to attend due to travel.

Al reported that there will be a meeting of the OECC Society at his house on April 22. The minutes of the last meeting were read by past chairman Doug Unia.

As Mike Bull was absent, Adèle deputized and reported there are now 69 paid up members.

Guests present were Lyle and Marie Cedar who have a 1975 MGB, Cliff Nash owner of a 1954 Nash Metropolitan and Len Smith with his 1958 MGA.

Adèle Hedges gave the treasurers report with a balance of \$1843.57 and net income of \$599.77. As far as regalia, the new coffee mugs are available at \$6.00 each.

Editor Ken Hedges reported the latest addition of the Beano was available.

Doug Bainbridge asked if anyone knew of secure storage available for a Jaguar MK4.

Geoff Francis advised of the upcoming Port Alberni run starting at Canadian Tire at 9:30

The OECC Society meeting will be combined with the ABFM taking place May 19-20.

There will be lunch at the new Pipers Lagoon Pub following the Empire Days Parade, see Mike Minter or Al Thompson for details.

Tony Mantell advised he is taking an ex-RCAF ferry pilot to Comox to view the Y2K Supermarine Spitfire project.

The upcoming Rally for the Haven, taking

place on June 3, needs an entry from the branch.

Wayne Peddie has agreed to run for Society President.

The April editions of the Dynamo and Roundabout were circulated.

There were some suggestions as to how to keep people together on club runs. Keep an eye on the car behind you; domestic vehicles should travel at the end of the group.

Adèle reported the we have 19 people for the BATS Tour, Tom Morris, a Vancouver Coast Branch member will join us on Sunshine coast, and Steve Hutchins will join us at Tsawwassen.

Airport Days will take place at Qualicum Airport on May 5.

Wayne Peddie reported on Brits on the Beach July 22, and asked members to bring food for the barbecue.

Tony Mantell advised, City of Ladysmith has Okayed the sign location again.

Wayne Paddie reported on the tour to Peter Welsh MG collection, RX Restorations, Octagon Motors, and Wilkinsons Automobilia.

It was reported the Lucas has manufactured a lot defective points for Minis.

The 50-50 draw for \$24.00 was won by Al Thompson.



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NEW, USED AND PERFORMANCE PARTS FOR TRIUMPH, MG, AUSTIN

Club Minutes May 15, 2007

Chairman Al Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM with 35 members and partners present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by past Chair Doug Unia.

Mike Bull membership chair reported we now have a total of 72 members.

Guests introduced were Dan and Sue Doucette owners of an Austin Healey 100-M.

Mike reported regalia available includes hats (beret style), grille badges, and mugs.

The new rosters will be available after the upcoming AGM on May 20.

Mike Bull indicated the Parksville Swap meet will take place June 10 from 8:00 AM to 4:00PM.

Tony Mantell suggested a donation of parts to the club, for sale to increase club coffers.

Treasurer Adèle Hedges reported \$1878.70 cash on hand and a net income of \$672.98.

Editor Ken Hedges indicated the next BEANO will be ready for next month and he is always looking for articles, cars for sale, etc.

Events Coordinator Marge Sabourin reported Al Thompson has been looking after the upcoming club entry for the Empire Days Parade. As Al will be at the Society AGM, Mike Minter will assume responsibility for the OECC entry. Check in is at Victoria Road and Needham St at 11:00 AM where judging will take place. Following the parade, there will be lunch at the new Pipers Lagoon Pub.

Tony Mantell reports there will be a viewing of the Y2K Supermarine Spitfire restoration project at Comox on May 20.

The Society AGM will take place on May 20 in Vancouver, Hedges, Thompsons, Unias and Steve Harris will be attending from the Central Island Branch.

The Fathers Day Picnic at Beacon Hill Park is on June 17, meet at Tim Hortons south at 8:00 AM.

The Bats Tour will begin at 8:45 AM after Breakfast at the ABC Restaurant on Saturday June 23 and finishes on Saltspring  Island on July 1.

Marge asks for members to volunteer to put on a run.

The Rally for the Haven takes place on June 3, the club will sponsor Malcolm and Janet Hargrave.

Wayne Peddie reminded everyone of Brits on the Beach at Ladysmith July 22, he has posters and info sheets for handout. He also mentioned the All Triumph Drive In, August 10-12 is at Steveston with base at the River Rock Casino in Richmond. Wayne was working in Kamloops for two weeks and visited a restoration on a 1951 Austin Sheerline Ambulance with High Country Chair, Geoff Akhurst in his 1950 Jaguar XK120.

Merv Steig's car of the month was the Jowett Javelin, and he also talked about the Triumph Italia a Victoria resident has recently donated to a museum in England.

Dennis Millard mentioned club jackets are available at Five Star on Mostar Road.

The 50-50 draw was \$25.00 and won by Ken Tanguay.

Bob Day is looking for a spare wheel for a Sprite or Midget.

Upcoming Events

Brits Across the Sea

Date: June 23

Place: A nine day tour of our islands

Contact: Marge Sabourin or Adèle Hedges

Saltspring Antique & Classic Car Show

Date : July 1

Place : Ganges Saltspring Island

Black Fin Run to Comox

Date : July 15

Place : Meet at Canadian Tire @ 10:30 AM

Brits on the Beach

Date : July 22

Place : Transfer Beach Ladysmith

Ladysmith Parade

Date : August 4

Time : TBA

Place : Ladysmith

All British Show in Filberg

Date : Aug 18 & 19

Place : Comox

Rally for Haven

We had a good run, the weather was very hot and there were many teams participating. Most teams had a theme and were in some kind of fancy dress costume. Janet and I went as the OECC Nanaimo Team and wore our coats and flat caps (backwards).



We set off in groups of 6 cars and they had divided the run into two. One went the regular way and the others went the reverse route, which allowed for each team to be well separated from the previous one. The run lasted anywhere from 2 to 3 ½ hours depending on how good you were, how many were in the vehicle, and how seriously you took the rally. We did well for the first hour and then started to lose clues, only to find there were 2 roads with the same name and we took the wrong one, which certainly didn't help. Eventually we found out our mistake and double-tracked, but by then we were almost 2 ½ hours into the run and getting very hot and "crabby". We decided to return to the Finish Line Party before we ended up filing for divorce!

We got back around 3.15 and certainly weren't the last team back.

Thanks to everyone at OECC for the opportunity to go on this run for the club.

...*Malcolm Hargrave*

The AGM Weekend in Vancouver

Damp weather did not deter nearly six hundred car owners from bringing and displaying their classic cars in Van Dusen Gardens, which were resplendent not only with the English cars, but with rhododendron blooms. When we arrived on Saturday afternoon, 19th May, a band was playing a jolly tune, creating quite a festive atmosphere. One of the first things we noticed as we approached the display, was a small group of people clustered around something in admiration. It turned out to be Ken and Adèle Hedges newly restored '68 Triumph TR 250. The car looked beautiful, inside and out; Ken can be very proud. It was a good day for Central Island Branch. Coveting the following positions.

Doug Unia first place in Class 9, his beautiful 1977 Jaguar XJ6C.
Steve Harris first place in Class 37, with his Rover P10 special
Ken Hedges first place in Class 29, with his 1968 Triumph TR250
Bill Grace second place, with his 1980 Triumph TR7

Other members and their cars in attendance were;

Michael Cane with his Rover 100 P4
Bill Dean with his 1968 Austin Cooper S
Bill Rathlef with his 1963 Lotus Elan

Later that day a large number of OECC members from various branches met up to socialize and have dinner at the Cheshire Cheese Inn. Somehow, we all squashed in. Some of us went back to the Sylvia Hotel on English Bay for the night.

The next morning, 20th May, Hedges, Unias and Thompsons met for breakfast in the hotel restaurant overlooking the beach, and watched the rain steadily getting heavier. Later we gathered under our umbrellas at the Totem Poles in Stanley Park, where we started off on the Mini Monte rally. This was a lovely drive, in spite of the weather, all around the Park, then through one of the “toniest” neighborhoods of Vancouver, before ending up at the Seasons restaurant in Queen Elizabeth Park. After a very good lunch, the AGM was held, followed by the election of officers. As it was time to leave for Horseshoe Bay and the ferry home, the heavy rain turned into a torrential downpour. As so often happens with “new” old cars, Ken’s had a small hiccup, unfortunately his windscreen wipers had quit, so we blazed a trail for them across Vancouver and out to the ferry terminal. Luckily, when we arrived at Nanaimo, it was quite dry for the final ride home



...Irene Thompson

Fathers Day Picnic in Victoria

The annual fathers day picnic in Beacon Hill Park—Victoria turned out to be a real success after the less than promising weather on the Saturday before the day.

There were 13 cars that set out from the Southgate Mall at 8:00, with Dennis Watson in his daily driver, Mike minter sporting 2 vehicles with friend driving his 1952 A40 Countryman, and Mike driving his newly acquired 1975 TR6 (I think Mike likes driving the TR). There was also a 1947 Humber Pullman owned by Steve Harris—very stately and Doug & Sandy Groth out on their first outing in a 1973 MGB. We scooped up others en-route, Nigel and Francis Muggeridge 1972 MGB, Merve Steg with his 1980 TR7 Spider and a couple who joined around Duncan in a white MG Sprite.

Already at the park were Tony Mantel with his 1974 Spitfire and Norm Marshall with an Aston Martin .

When we arrived at Beacon Hill there were already many cars on the field, with the Jaguar Club with their fine cars all in neatly parked rows, the Morgan group staked out a spot along side the cricket pitch, and the Nanaimo Crowd managed to stake out a spot where we could be together. Out came the



folding chairs and tables, Jan Peddie immediately started working on her needle point, as she was well rested after sleeping in the car on the way to Victoria (so I was told by Wayne).

Some went walking around the field admiring the fine cars, others took off into town



Editors choice picture.
Our granddaughter Zoe

for a coffee, others were content to sit in our circle and chat with each other and passers by answering questions about their cars.

The time just seemed to fly by, and we were all packing up and making our various ways home. There were a few cars travelling together, when we encountered a Jaguar stopped along the road on the climb to the Malahat, apparently one of the rear brakes had seized and was locked on. There was a passer by who already had the wheel off, and was attempting to pry the brake pads away from the disk, we lent all the assistance we could without getting our hands dirty, and partaking of home made cookies. Once the wheel was back on, the brakes were still binding after driving a few feet, so I loaned the driver our cell phone who called the BCAA.

...Ken Hedges



Dave supervising

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1968 Triumph Spitfire fitted with GT6 2-litre 6-cyl engine. \$6,000.
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Membership

Membership is at 73 at day of printing.

A request from Mike,
Need a little help finding my lost dog and wonder if members would keep an eye open when in Nanaimo.
His description is as follows:
Doberman, has only three legs, blind in left eye, large scar on throat, bullet wound behind right ear, left ear missing, tail broken in three places, no teeth, recently castrated.
Answers to the name of LUCKY.

Test your observation

There are five English car logos hidden throughout the pages of this edition, see if you can find them! Send logo manqué name and page number that it appears on to the editor for an honourable mention in the next issue of the BEANO.

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