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Our new 25th Anniversary logo by Gerry Parkinson

Chairman's Report

Well, the New Year is getting underway and it promises to be just as fun-filled as ever!

As you already know, Nanaimo is hosting the AGM this year and most of the arrangements are already finalized. The theme for this year's AGM is "The Beach". These festivities start on Friday, July 12th and continue throughout Saturday, followed by Brits on the Beach on Sunday, July 14th. As an added attraction to Brits on the Beach this year, we have arranged for a pancake, sausage and eggs breakfast to be served between 9 and 11 a.m. Coffee and tea will also be available throughout the day, followed by our regular BBQ at the horseshoe pits.

On July 27th the BETI tour (Brits Enjoying The Island) will start and head off around Vancouver Island, stopping at several scenic points of interest until August 10th. Everyone is encouraged to take part in either all, or just part, of the run. Please see Marg Sabourin for more details.

This year we are also planning on participating in two Father's Day events - the regular picnic at Beacon Hill Park, Victoria, and the other at the Qualicum Car Show - so if you feel that Victoria is a bit too far to drive, then there will be another one a little closer!

Some of the other events so far planned or proposed for the year are -

Empire Days parade - May 19th.

After April, Steve Harris is putting on another tour of his garage.

A tour of the 2 Triumph Spitfires being restored at Kwailicum College

John Thomson has offered to be wagon master for a Black Goose Pub run on Aug 18th.

Brian Collings has asked if members are interested in going on a run to Richmond to see some electric car manufacturing plants. Please let Howard or Brian know if you are interested, and depending on numbers, Brian will make arrangements.

Please note - if we want another Bowling afternoon again in February, someone will have to step up and take the lead! Likewise, the Bunny Hop run held in April each year will also need a new Wagon master as Dave and Linda Harris are "retiring" from this run after many years and would like someone else to take it on this year.

Remember, Your Branch Needs You! Please make this year as enjoyable as the previous years by participating in, or organizing, an event – our success is really down to you! Thank you.

... *Malcolm Hargrave, Chair. February 16, 2013*

Membership Report

We have 78 memberships with 148 members. I would like to welcome all the new members.

Please take a moment a look at the roster to see if there are any changes or errors in your information.

Perhaps you would like to add your spouses name or email or if you have added or sold one of your vehicles. If you find any changes that need to be made, please email me at oeccmelba@gmail.com

Thanks,
... *Melba*

2012 Branch Awards

Member (s) of the year

Doug & Judy Unia

Piston Broke Award

Susan Jones

Restoration Award

Bob Higgins
1955 MG TF

Ron Milton
1964 GSM Dart

4th Annual Polar Bear Walk Jan. 13 2013

Slight flurries of snow descended on the 32 members who showed up for the 2013 Polar Bear Walk just before we all set off from Southgate Mall to our destination. Luckily, the snow had stopped by the time we reached the Nanaimo River Regional Park to start our 2.5 km hike. It was good to see 2 English cars show up for the short run – a TR7 and MGB – which were unfortunately besieged by the many SUV's and daily-drivers!

Before the walk commenced, we held the “Bear Legs” competition with 4 of our members showing up in shorts. After careful measuring, it was declared that Dave Harris won with a whopping 16.5” of exposed leg (without the roll-up)! In second, third and fourth places were Neil Rich with 14.25”, Graeme Cook with 9”, and Jeff Dowler with 8.5” respectively.



I believe everyone went on the walk and made it the whole way around, despite a few groans and sighs, with a great deal of delight and satisfaction at the end of a nice leisurely walk!

When we returned to Smitty's for lunch we were joined by 3 more members and were accommodated in a separate room, which added to the congeniality and relaxed atmosphere. During lunch we held a raffle for the adoption of our OECC/WWF Polar Bear for a 12 month period, along with some other prizes. The bear didn't have to travel too far from Melba Nelson's home, as her husband Bob won the draw! In all we raised \$135 from the raffle, and were able to donate \$103, after expenses, to the Canadian Wildlife Federation for the protection and support of polar bears and their declining habitat.



Thanks to everyone who participated and helped support this meaningful Canadian project while having some great fun!!

... *Malcolm and Janet Hargrave*

BETI 2013 Events

Sat July 27

leave Nanaimo for Campbell River **154 km to Best Western Austrian Chalet 1-800-667-7207 includes breakfast**

– Steve & Barbara Harris have agreed to open their home 'Faulty Towers', garden and shop to kick off BETTI. Would be great site for a picnic lunch. *Wagonmaster needed for this portion of the run. Suggest arriving in CR about 3 (or checkin time).*

Sunday July 28

- Dave Harris is going to arrange a short run and a lunch at April Point
- <http://www.aprilpoint.com/>

Monday July 29

leave Campbell River for Gold River **84 km Ridgeview Motor Inn 1-800-989-3393 includes continental breakfast**

– *need wagonmaster to arrange a suggested tour of the Campbell River Museum for those who are interested. <Http://www.crmuseum.ca/>*

– *Suggest leaving Campbell River no earlier than 2 as Gold River is only 1 ½ hours away unless someone has another idea.*

Tuesday July 30 Breakfast included at motel in Gold River

– Uchuck 111 Leaves Gold River at 9 returns at 6. Tickets \$65 senior and group rate for 10 or more. Nootka Sound Day Cruise. Booking to be made at least 3 weeks in advance. <http://getwest.ca/get-tour>

Wednesday July 31 leave Gold River to Port McNeil 283 km Black Bear Resort 1-866-989-3393 breakfast included

– *Suggest Gold River to Kelsey Bay (159km) for picnic lunch. Possible whale watching from the shore. – anything interesting to see along the way?? may need wagonmaster*

Thursday Aug 1 breakfast included at Black Bear Resort in Port McNeil

– Telegraph Cove and Whale Interpretive Centre for those interested <http://www.killerwhalecentre.org/> and/or a rest day – leave late morning for Telegraph Cove and lunch.

– *Wagonmaster needed to get us there and ensure parking, bookings etc.*

Friday Aug 2 Breakfast included at Black Bear Resort in Port McNeil

– Alert Bay Ferry leaves Port McNeil 8:40 and returns 3:15 Long House show is at 1 (very well done) world class museum <http://www.alertbaybc.com/> <http://www.umista.org> The town of Alert Bay and Cormorant Island are very interesting with shops and galleries etc as well as a few lunch spots or a picnic on the beach.

Saturday Aug 3 leave Port McNeil for Quadra Island **224 km Whiskey Point Resort 1-800-622-5311**

all rooms have kitchenette good for light breakfast stuff purchased before getting on the ferry or on Quadra Island.

– to be arranged by volunteer wagonmaster ie: interesting sites along the way, possible ferries, picnic lunch stop etc.

Sunday Aug 4 Quadra Island all rooms have kitchenette good for light breakfast stuff purchased before getting on the ferry or on Quadra Island.

– relax day self guided tours <http://www.quadraisland.ca>

– great day to discover Quadra Island and all it has to offer.

Monday Aug 5 Quadra Island all rooms have kitchenette good for light breakfast stuff purchased before getting on the ferry or on Quadra Island.

– Cortez Island to be arranged by volunteer wagonmaster ie: ferry, tour of the island, lunch location (picnic or otherwise) etc. – Dinner possible at Herriot Bay Lodge??

Tuesday Aug 6 early start for ferry and Sidney **The Cedarwood Inn 1-877-656-5551 most rooms have kitchenette**

– take Mill Bay ferry. Purchase tickets in Mill Bay at Thrifty's Foods for a reduced rate. If not cash only at the terminal

– this will be a long drive. Suggest making our own way and at our own speed.

– <http://thecedarwood.ca> for location of motel.

Wednesday Aug 7 Sidney & The Cedarwood Inn 1-877-656-5551 most rooms have kitchenette

– Brodies are arranging a fun day - more to follow

Thursday Aug 8 Lake Cowichan Lodge 1-800-887-1288 <http://www.lclodge.com/>

Each unit appears to have a kitchenette

– desperately need a wagonmaster to get us from Sidney to Cowichan via Port Renfrew. It will be a full day with either a picnic lunch or an arranged cafe along the route.

Friday Aug 9 Lake Cowichan Lodge

- suggest a slow float tubing down the river or an afternoon at Gordon Bay Provincial Park on Cowichan Lake (great swimming hole and picnic site)

Sat Aug 10 HOME

Minutes of Jan. 17th , 2013 General Meeting

The first meeting of 2013 was opened by Chairman, Malcolm Hargrave with 47 members present.

The November Meeting Minutes had been circulated by email and as there were no changes or revisions, Candy Francis motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Jim Gislason. (**Carried**).

Malcolm noted that this year is the Old English Car Club's 25th Anniversary.

The new members of our Branch Executive were introduced:

Vice Chairman - Graeme Cook

Membership/Roster – Melba Nelson

Treasurer – Al Ramsay

Outgoing Treasurer, Bill Grace reported the bank at \$XXXXX which includes prepaid memberships, the surplus is \$XXXXX. The projected budget for 2013 will be circulated at the February Meeting.

Membership/Roster Co-ordinator, Melba Nelson confirmed 73 paid up memberships equating 114 individual members. Mike Gilbert has rejoined after being away for a few years, he has a mini. Yours truly and Dennis Millard won the Early Bird Membership Draw.

Events Coordinator, Howard Lockhart reported Malcolm & Janet Hargrave's 4th Annual Polar Bear Walk at the Nanaimo River Regional Park was well attended and a huge success. The "Bear-Legs" Competition for anyone who dared to expose their legs for the walk - the more naked the legs the better the prize, was won by a "Beary Bear-Legged" Dave Harris. Lunch was at Smitty's after the walk.

February usually features an afternoon of five-pin bowling at Brechin Lanes, followed by dinner. Historically, this event has been coordinated by either Marge Sabourin or Al Thompson. Will anyone step up to organize the event or introduce another activity for February?

The Annual Bunny Hop Run with Wagon Master Dave Harris featured a half hour stop at Barton & Leier Gallery followed by lunch at the Cottonwood Golf Club. Always a wonderful event! After organizing for 12 consecutive years, Dave has retired the bunny. Will anyone step up to organize an activity for March or April?

Steve Harris will host a Garage Tour sometime after April, featuring Tea, Cookies, Cars and Gardens. He will send the information to Howard for distribution.

The Black Goose Inn, Parksville is interested in having a mini car show. John Thompson will co-ordinate this event and send the information to Howard for

distribution.

Brian Collings will send information to Howard regarding a run to Richmond to view an Electric Car Manufacturer.

Candy suggested sending an email asking for Wagonmasters to co-ordinate events. Don't be shy. If you have an idea for a car run or an event on the Island that you think some members would be interested in, we encourage you to get involved, throw the idea out to the membership, you'll get some members eager to participate. Events can be as simple as a drive for lunch....we all seem to like to drive our cars and eat.

Len Smith is restoring a 1956 MGA 1500.

Our Branch contribution to Kwalicum Secondary School is going a long way in the restorations of the Spitfires. Rob Gibbs gave an overview of the progress to date. Both cars have been painted and students are starting to do the interiors, hoods are ready to go on, they're cutting the dash boards and chrome plating is being done. The 1970 is Burgundy with Tan Seats. Rob will organize a run to the school and tour sometime in April.

Ken Tanguay volunteered to build a video library so we can share interesting media/ videos related to the British car industry. Please let Ken know what you have to share.

Merv shared interesting highlights about David Knowles' book - Triumph TR7: The Untold Story and also the Triumph Wedge Owners Calendar.

Roger Tarry identified the Vauxhall Viva HA as Merv's Mystery Car of the Month.

Iain Colquhoun won the 50/50.

Several members enjoyed Doug's presentation on Maintaining Heating and Cooling Systems.

Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

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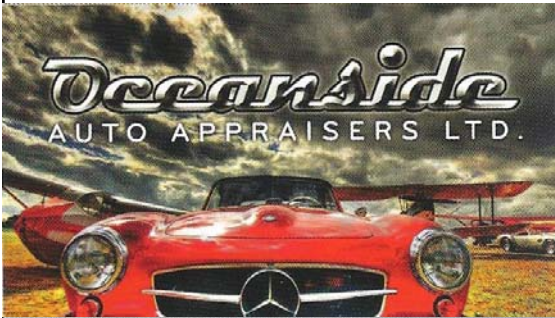
Upcoming Events

April 14

O.E.C.C. South Island Branch
8th Annual British Car Restoration Fair
& Swap meet at Heritage Acres
Saanich

Upcoming Monthly meetings...

Feb. 21st, March 21st & April 18th
7:00 P.M. @ Lantzville Legion



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