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**1934 Morgan Super Sport**

I was recently in Las Vegas and took the time to drop in to 'The Auto Collections' located at the Imperial Palace hotel. There were many fine automobiles displayed there and probably at least half of them British. I took quite a few photos and will share them in the Beano in the coming months. Almost all the cars were for sale but I'm afraid most were quite out of reach. For those interested in Rolls Royce, there were at least 24 of them present

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## Chairman's Note

### Greetings and Salutations

A great big welcome to all our new members.

We currently have 73 paid members, and, looking for over 100 again this year.

Once again the touring season is upon us.

The Briits Around BC, our premier run for this season, is well in hand with Rob Brodie doing the honors, and, lining up all the necessary Motels, and, contacting all the other branches we will be meeting with, as we travel the great province of British Columbia. I know it will be as successful, maybe even exceed, the prior ones. Even if the sunshine gods are not co-operative, the congenial company will make up for any weather blips.

Candy once again has a line up for at least one short/long tour each month during the driving season. You will not be disappointed with any of the runs as we have some great wagon-masters again this year, and, great company.

While I write this there is still a lot of our members "southing" for various lengths of time, but from what I hear they will all be back in March or earlier, so we should have good turn-outs for the early runs.

We just had great bowling "tourney" last Sunday the 21st of February with Candy looking after all the details.

Prior to that Malcolm arranged a "Polar Bear" run. This seemed to be a very interesting run, and, I hope that all their heater were working!

That seems to bring me to the end of my report for this issue,  
may the weather gods look after us, and the automotive gremlins keep their fiendish ways, away from us.

Norman Hall

Chairman, O.E.C.C. Nanaimo Branch

## Membership

We currently have 71 members who have submitted their 2010 Dues to date and our sincere hope is the other 35 will find it in the hearts to re-new and support the Central Island Branch of the OECC.

In February we welcome Deiter Schwetz, Wayne Keil, Amanda Avendar to our friendly Car Club and invite them to join our next Club event so that we can get to know them beyond "just a name" on the Roster. A Bentley, an MGB and Mini are added to the Club. Please send your renewal \$20 payable to OECC-CIB to Membership Guy Mike Bull @ 381 Cottonwood Dr, Qualicum Beach, BC. V9K-1M2.

Cheers

Mike Bull

## OECC Polar Bear Run Jan. 24 2010



We had 22 members show up for the 1st Annual Polar Bear Walk and I was very impressed with the number of English cars present. The weather was good for the run and walk, albeit a bit "nippy".

Not only was this the 1st Polar Bear Walk, but the first club event held in January, and I must say it was a resounding success. Everyone really enjoyed the day and almost everyone did the walk, with some very athletic souls completing the whole trail at Piper's Lagoon - a distance of over 2 kilometres!

We all went for lunch at Swiss Chalet and had a great meal and excellent service. A cake (and birthday song) was served up by the staff to Dave Nish for his birthday on Jan 25th.

We raised \$30.00 by raffle for the Polar Bear toy, and this will be donated to the Canadian Wildlife Federation in support of polar bear survival. Darla and Dennis Millard were the lucky winners.

I think this new fun walk in January will become a continuing annual event. The comments I heard were very enjoyable and supportive.

Malcolm & Janet Hargrave



...with Jags, Bentley's Aston Martins and a few race cars. The 1934 Morgan Super Sport at left is one of the more odd vehicles displayed.

For those of you with perhaps a more modest budget *or* looking for some new living room furniture, may I suggest the '57 Chevrolet couch shown here. This could make a great conversion project for that 'unrestorable' clunker out in the back yard with no need for mechanicals and only minimal bodywork and paint :) ...*Jim Gislason*



### **CAR CLINIC for OECC members for their British Classic Cars.**

**Sussex Automotive Ltd.** is delighted to offer members a chance to have their vehicle inspected by Alan and/or Eric and to discuss any issues with you on **Saturday April 24<sup>th</sup> 2010**. A *free* General Inspection and report and if necessary a road test will be performed. (Value normally \$85 plus tax) You will be invited to look underneath your car should you wish to do so after the inspection has been completed. We would be happy to discuss your maintenance requirements, especially if you are planning on going on a trip such as 'Brits Round BC'. Please feel free to ask for an estimate on any remedial work found necessary.

Due to the wonderful response last year we will start to book appointment times from 9.30 am on Saturday 24th April. Please e-mail [sussexauto@gmail.com](mailto:sussexauto@gmail.com) if you are interested in coming, space is limited, so get on the list now.

Please give us your name, phone number and e-mail address and the details of the car you will be bringing for an inspection.

A short confirmation e-mail or phone call will be received nearer the time.

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## President's Update

### Scuttlebutt

**Steve Hutchens**

**THANKS CIB:** When Doug and Judy Unia invited us to your Central Island Branch Christmas Dinner, there was only one answer, "Yes!" The dinner was great and the camaraderie first rate. Every visit to your Branch we meet a few more members and I count this as one of the real pleasures of being your Club President. Thank you, Central Islanders for a great evening! The picture of a Morgan Celia won in the drawing is now a prized piece of art in our dining room!



**DRIVING:** February is almost over and what a fantastic month weather-wise it has been. Our English cars are usually safely garaged at this time of the year to avoid the elements, but they need not be put away this month. Driving is a big part of the fun of these cars, and exercising our cars lifts our spirits. The ultimate spirit lifter will be this summer when BRBC IV promises to whet your appetite for motoring adventure. Consider participating in Brits 'Round BC 2010, June 25-July 5. Rob and Elaine Brodie, wagonmasters this year, are putting together a great event.

The Island's big events (Restoration Fair on April 25, your Brits on the Beach on July 18, Filberg Park All British on August 14 and 15, and ECAIP on September 12) not only are drawing more Island participants but an increasing number from the Vancouver Branch as well. This will be especially true at Filberg since it is paired with our 2010 OECC AGM. The VanDusen ABFM, May 22, will include a Vancouver Branch post-event gathering with English car enthusiasts from Calgary. All members of OECC are invited, so look for more information as VanDusen draws near.

**LEADERSHIP:** Shifting gears, I'd like to share a few thoughts about leadership, a topic that confounds all volunteer organizations. Jim Morrison identified the issue in his January Dynamo message when he asked SIB members to run for positions. It takes people to run clubs, people who have an interest and are committed to the task.

**Too few, too long:** Recently I've been thinking about the Vancouver Branch Executive. Good people all, yet, looking at the current Executive, I realized that the same people have been carrying the leadership load for a long time. A spreadsheet of VCB Executive positions back to 1996 confirmed my observation: too few people have been doing a disproportionate part of work for far too long and it is getting worse. "Too long" in my mind has to do with the individual and the position. If a person is still enthusiastic about a position, that's great. If that person has lost vitality for the position but can't put it down out of habit, that's too long. In either case, I believe it is better if most positions turn over more frequently in order to build a leadership base.

**Leadership base:** Thinking about leadership, I have come to the conclusion that an organization should be concerned with its leadership base and bringing in fresh blood to maintain vitality. Rotating individuals through positions promotes freshness and avoids burning people out. Individuals may move to different positions or cycle through the same position later, but the Branch benefits if more people are carrying the load. While it may be comfortable to attend meetings and events without taking any responsibility, if too many do the comfortable thing a group suffers from inertia.

With regard to finding candidates for positions, the worst thing a nominating committee can tell a potential candidate is that "This position doesn't take much time." At the very least, one has to think and contribute. If there is anything to do, of course it takes time to do the task well. As you approach your Branch AGM, think about this. Several positions on the VCB Executive are changing this year and that is good for the Branch health.

**ENJOY OECC:** The more you become involved with OECC, the more you'll enjoy it. The proverb "many hand make light work" first appeared in English in the 1300s, but it is still true.

I hope to see you on the road!

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## Converting From Mechanical to Electric Fuel Pump

As a Jaguar and former MG owner, I prefer an electric fuel pump as fuel pressure is there as soon as the key is on. Also if the car has not been run for some time, The float bowls fill up quicker. You just turn on the key for a few seconds before starting.

I recently converted my Dolomite Sprint, but the job would be similar on any car with a mechanical pump.

Lordco had an electric pump (1.5-3psi) made by Mr. Gasket on sale

for \$42 minus our discount. As most electric pumps work better when pushing the fuel, rather than pulling, I mounted the pump in the boot close to the tank. I ran a positive red lead to the unfused side of the ignition supply on the fuse block. The original hole in the floor of the boot next to the tank was sealed off and a new one opened up two and one half inches closer to the front. That way I could use the existing fuel line with out modification. I have included two photos, one of the installation and another of the blanking plate for the block where the mechanical pump was mounted.

*...submitted by Doug Unia*





## Minutes of January 19, 2010 Meeting

Al Thompson chaired the meeting for Branch Chair Norman Hall who was away. Thirty seven people were present. The Minutes of the 17<sup>th</sup> November meeting were read by Al, after which it was moved by Candy Francis, seconded by Mike Minter, that the Minutes be accepted as read. Membership Registrar Mike Bull told us that 62 members had paid up for 2010 so far. Of these, all but five had paid before the end of 2009 and were eligible for the annual Early Bird draw. The draw was then held and the winners were as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> Prize, a free 2010 membership – Geoff Francis; 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize, a yellow Mini – Ray Sabourin; 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize, a 'Golf' game – Peter Sparke; 4<sup>th</sup> Prize, a Magazine – Graham Miller; 5<sup>th</sup> Prize, a Map – Malcolm Hargrave. The Financial report followed with treasurer Bill Grace telling us we had finished 2009 in good shape. A detailed year-end financial statement was circulated showing that the Branch had \$1,592 in the bank plus \$574 cash on hand; we had finished up the year with a minor over-expenditure of \$247. There was no Beano newsletter report as the Editor was not present. The Webmaster, Geoff Francis reported that the Web Classified Ad Page was working well – several advertized cars had sold – but reminded members who advertize a car for sale to cancel the Ad once the car is sold. The next report was from the Events Coordinator, Candy Francis. Past events (the Annual Banquet and the Nanaimo Christmas Parade) were reported on, and then Candy covered Upcoming events, including a new "Run and Walk" on 24<sup>th</sup> Jan (wagonmaster Malcolm Hargrave), and the annual Bowling and dinner on 21<sup>st</sup> Feb. Candy also circulated a detailed listing of all the events coming up in 2010; she asked for someone to fill the gap and organize a run in March 2010. As New Business, Doug Unia demonstrated one of the new OECC shirts that the President, Steve Hutchens, had shown us during the annual banquet; members wishing to order any of these shirts should contact our regalia contact, Mike Bull. Doug also passed on the information that Nigel Matthews, who was the head of the ICBC Collector-Car programme for a long time, had retired from that position – the name of his successor is not yet known. Mike Minter gave us an interesting overview of the early days of John Haynes, the originator of our much-used Haynes workshop manuals. Tony Dowell provided his regular insight on the status of the British car industry, and then Merv Stegg did his usual mystery Car-of-the-Month quiz - this time the Berkeley, correctly guessed by Mike Minter. The 50/50 draw was won by Debbie Van Otterloo. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

...Al Thompson

## Brits 'Round B.C. 2010



Hi All

As you were on the Brits round BC 2008 this is being sent to you in anticipation that you will join us again on the BRBC 2010

Attached is our Hotel / Motel agenda for BRBC tour 2010.

It starts in Victoria on the 24<sup>th</sup> June and ends in Hope 4<sup>th</sup> July.

The intent of the tour is to visit every Branch of the Old English Car Club. In the past some members have done the whole tour, others have done part of the tour and some have come out for the day.

The Island Tour will be one day, starting in Victoria and ending in Comox.

From there we stay at Harrison Hot Springs, 2 nights in Kamloops, 1 night in Prince George, 2 nights in Valemount, 1 night in Merritt and finish in Hope.

At Kamloops we intend to do a circle tour to Salmon Arm.

At Valemount we will do mini drives and do some Canada Day Celebrations.

There is 20 rooms pre-booked in each hotel / motel, so phone the hotel / motel and book your room.

There is also a licence plate as before included in the registration fee.

Also would you return e-mail me if you going on the trip.


At the beginning of March you will get an update on the trip route and detailed happening on each day trip.

Rob Brodie  
Wagonmaster.

**MAPQUEST.**

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 **Starting Location**  
Victoria, BC

 **Ending Location**  
Hope, BC

Total Travel Estimate: 32 hours 20 minutes / 1648.33 miles Fuel Cost: [Calculate](#)



## Upcoming Events

**March 21**

1st car run of the season TBA

**April 24**

Sussex Automotive car clinic

**April 25**

5th annual restoration Fair & Swap meet, Heritage Acres, Central Saanich

**May 23**

Vancouver ABFM at Van Dusen

**May 24**

Nanaimo Empire Days parade

**June 20**

Father's Day Picnic, Beacon Hill Park

**June 24th-July 4th**

Brits 'Round B.C.

**July 1st**

Salt Spring Island Antique & Classic Car Show

**July 10**

British Heritage Festival. Beban Park, Nanaimo

**July 18**

Brits on the Beach, Transfer Beach, Ladysmith

**July 25**

Circle Tour to Port Renfrew—Wagonmasters Geoff & Candy Francis

**July 31**

Ladysmith Parade

**Aug. ?**

Mc leans Mill British Car & Bike Show

**Aug. 14 & 15**

Filberg Car Show Comox Valley Branch

*There are many more events scheduled for later in the year... please e-mail Candy for a complete list*

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