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Wings & Wheels June 4th 2011

On a glorious Saturday morning, several of our members made the short trip to Nanaimo Airport for this event. The turnout of cars (and spectators) far exceeded what the organizers had planned for but it was all sorted out by about 11:00 a.m. There were many R/C and model plane displays along with probably ... *continued on page 3*

Chairman's Note

There was a Club Executive meeting on Saturday, May 30th, held at Pat Sparks home in Victoria. Judy Unia, Bill Grace, Wayne Peddie and I attended from the Central Island Branch.

The main points discussed were:

- Proposed activities for the upcoming AGM in Kamloops on July 23rd
- AGM agenda and Awards
- Nominations for next President and other officers
- Future locations for AGM's bearing in mind the significant costs involved
- OECC Gearbox inventory and sales
- Nominations for various awards at the AGM
- New OECC introductory cards for members

In summary,

It was decided that there would be no official kick-off to the AGM, and members could use their own time on Friday evening and Saturday morning to check out the farmer's market and explore Kamloops. The scheduled events would begin at 1.00 pm on Saturday, July 23rd, starting with an Area Tour Roundtrip followed by the AGM at 4.30 pm. Commencing at 6.00 pm the banquet, awards presentations and entertainment would take over, and then on Sunday morning from 10.00 am to 12.00 there would be a Departure Tour ending somewhere nearer to Vancouver.

There was some discussion around the high costs of members attending an AGM when it didn't coincide with the bi-annual BRBC tour. It was the general feeling that attendance at an AGM is important to allow various branches and members the opportunity to get together and mingle, and the idea of virtual meetings was discounted. Malcolm and Pat Sparks were to propose how future AGM's could accommodate both attendance and keep costs to a minimum.

Judy reported that having inventory items readily available did result in increased sales and also proposed a "starter kit" inventory for each Branch at a cost of approx \$400 - \$600. It was further decided that all Club regalia could be sold to the public if requested.

Dave Whitworth of the Comox Branch brought several boxes of printed OECC Introductory Cards, which were allocated to all Branches based on membership levels. I will be handing these cards out at our meeting on Thursday, June 16th for all members interested.

Malcolm Hargrave, Chair.

Membership Report

The weather has finally arrived to get out in our cars. We now have 87 paid up members and more expected in the mail, (pending the strike). Our newest members are Adam Walker, who own a 1980 Triumph Spitfire, and Tom & Susan Milne who own two Jaguars. A 1971 XKE Convertible and a 2009 XF Supercharged Jaguar. I am sure everyone will extend them a warm welcome. We look forward to seeing them out sometime in their cars.

...Candy

...over 200 cars and of course many full sized planes ! There were some R/C demos and then the main 'aerial' part of the event started at 2:00 p.m. Unfortunately, the first pilot had a mishap and put his home-made biplane into the ground. Luckily, he survived the incident and the co-ordinators cancelled the rest of the days events. A sad ending to what was shaping up to be a great event...

...Jim G.



Bunny Hop Run April 24th 2011

On a wet & cool Sunday, April 24th, Forty-two brave souls set out to search for the elusive Easter bunny. If this sounds familiar, it is. Only the weather and numbers change. I'm happy to report this year that no one broke down. We made our regular stop at Barton Leier Gallery and I must say they are always happy to see us. After the run through the country roads of Cedar and Yellowpoint we arrived at Cottonwood Golf Course for a lovely brunch with a lovely bunch.

At the conclusion of our meal a draw was held with 11 prizes in honour of our 11th anniversary. Graeme and Susan Cook won the bonus prize which was of course, a garden duck.

A big thank you to Lordco, Longlake Nursery, Smitties and Alexanders for their donations.

In closing, Linda and I would like to thank everyone for coming out and making this annual get together great fun. SEE YOU NEXT YEAR

...Dave Harris



Flesh Electric Tour May 7th 2011

I make no apology if this write up comes across as a little 'over the top', such is my enthusiasm and enjoyment of these practical field trips. They are such excellent value and provide a new aspect to our already fine club.

Saturday May 7th, 2011, 10 am, eight stalwart members assembled at the premises of Flesh Auto-Truck Electric at 1814, Northfield Rd, Nanaimo at 10a.m. where we were cordially greeted by Gerry Flesh, owner/operator of this establishment. He explained that 'Flesh' was started by his Father and that he had carried on with the business after his Father retired. Gerry's pride was evident when he said that his son Ryan had now joined the business, now making it third generation.

At the rear of the reception area is a compact, well stocked and well organised parts inventory, solenoids, carbon brushes, diode packs, relays etc. Leading off into the workshop is a lathe, test board, a computer terminal where just about every auto electric diagram can be accessed through a comprehensive software program. Work benches with many repairs in progress, starter motors, alternators and bilge pumps were proof that this is a very busy place indeed.

A parts cleaner, glass beader and paint booth is housed in a small room off the main shop.

At 'Flesh Auto-Truck Electric' they fix things, stripping items down to their component parts, replacing defective parts as necessary, making new ones in some cases. My impression was that they don't subscribe to the practice of 'plug and play till the problem goes away' and by that I mean, they don't just keep replacing parts until they find the problem. That philosophy in my mind does nothing but empty your bank account and fill up the landfills! Gerry and his staff have the expertise and equipment to quickly diagnose the fault and rectify the problem. He deals with a variety of commercial vehicles, marine and domestic autos. This is a man pickled in volts and amps who clearly knows what he is doing and enjoys what he does. Iand I think I speak for all of us, were very impressed with the operation. Men like Gerry should inherit the earth! A well established, local business that provides an excellent service and well worth supporting. I've already decided where I shall be buying my next battery from.....'Flesh Auto -Truck Electric'.

The tour completed, Gerry provided coffee and fielded many questions from our members. We could have extended the day by retiring to Nanaimo Bakery for a breakfast brunch, but could not reach a consensus. Come on guys it's the most important meal of the day!

If I may conclude by thanking Tony Dowell for putting the visit together. Speaking as someone who couldn't organize a 'snack in a sandwich shop', I have great respect and admiration for the Doug's and Tony's of this world that can make these field trips happen.

...Al King

Empire Days Parade May 22 2011

Parade day this year started out dull and cloudy, but the sun managed to shine on 12 of our members' nice old English cars as we paraded through Nanaimo, and everyone seemed to be in good spirits. The theme for this year's parade was "Nanaimo's Royal Connection" to highlight the royal wedding earlier this month. The crowd and the people on the official reviewing stand loved seeing cutouts of Wills and Kate prominently displayed on the lead car, Acting Wagon Master Dennis Millard's MGB. A procession of lovely old English cars included Mike Minter's ever-present '52 Austin van driven by Marilyn and Roger Tarry, the '63 Humber Super-Snipe of Michael and Carolyn Davies, Susan and Graeme Cook's TR4A, Adele and Ken Hedges' TR250, Linda and Dave Harris's TR6. Joyce and Norm Hall's TR7, Peggie and Don Badger's XJ6 and the MGB's of Candy and Geoff Francis, Roger Killin, Marge and Ray Sabourin, and Dave Nishioka. Apologies if I've missed anyone. A late lunch at the Black Bear Pub was enjoyed by 22 members.

..... Dennis Millard



Kitty Coleman Gardens Run May 29 2011

We awoke to a wonderfully sunny day on the 29th of May and it was full steam ahead for a great run. There were 9 cars raring to leave from the Canadian Tire parking lot in Nanaimo at 10 a.m. After a quick dip through Lantzville we were on the highway and on our way to Qualicum to pick up our second contingent at the Beach. Rob Gibbs, Kevin Noga and Mike Green were there to chat and to send off the 13 British cars and three daily drivers that continued down the road. We had an uneventful trip as far as Courtenay. However, someone was not watching behind them and a few got temporarily lost on Headquarters Rd. They did find us again in time for the “Wave by” at Spur Rd. The final leg was from Howard Rd to the old highway and back to The Gardens. It was 1 p.m. by then and the picnic lunches emerged very quickly. After lunch some of us lounged with sighs of contentment in the wonderful sunshine while other more energetic types followed our host on a tour or wandered by themselves through the trails enjoying the rhododendron blossoms among the trees and glades. It is a truly wonderful sight at this time of year. Many of us retired to the “Cone Zone” on our way home. It felt like the season had finally changed!

...Peg



Minutes of April 21st , 2011 Meeting

Chairman Malcolm Hargrave opened the meeting with 38 people present. Malcolm noted that the minutes of the March meeting had been circulated by Email. As there were no suggestions for changes, it was proposed by Marge Sabourin, seconded by Roy Burns, that the minutes be accepted as circulated (**Carried**).

Treasurer Bill Grace then gave a brief overview of our financial status. He also circulated the detailed financial sheets for all to view. Ken Tanguay suggested that we do not put our bank balance on the website.

Our Events Coordinator, Howard Lockhart, has resigned due to employment commitments. Adele Hedges agreed to step in and was nominated by Wayne Peddie, seconded by Merv Stegg (**Carried**).

Dave Harris sent around a sign-up sheet and outlined the 11th Annual Bunny Hop taking place on Sunday, April 24th. He announced there will be lots of prize draws. Tony Dowell has arranged a visit to Flesh Electrical Shop on Saturday, May 7th at 10a.m. A sign-up sheet was circulated.

On the matter of club membership, Vice Chairman Candy Francis reported 78 paid-up members so far for 2011 and expects to have a couple more by the end of the month. All memberships not renewed by 30th April will be removed from the email list.

Malcolm reviewed the Skills Inventory, Tools Inventory and Parts and Service Suppliers spreadsheets. Anyone wishing to be on list should contact Steve Wareing/Adrian Rice.

Arrangements are in place for Brits on the Beach; however, a volunteer to coordinate the BBQ is required. This will be looked at when Steve and Adrian return from vacation.

Marilyn Tarry, Janet Hargrave and Kelly Beenham will be co-ordinating the Christmas Banquet for the membership. Candy suggested a budget be allocated – Bill will advise the amount available. Doug Unia volunteered to look after the music.

New Business

(1) Malcolm and Bill will be attending a Club Executive meeting in Victoria on May 28th. Members are encouraged to email Malcolm with any suggestions they may have for the Executive.

(2) Our Beano Editor is on vacation but has indicated that Wagonmasters are not always coming through with reports and/or pictures of events. As a result he has to chase after them for the information. Malcolm reminded everyone that the Wagonmasters or designate, needs to submit the event report and if possible pictures to Jim for the Beano in a timely manner.

(3) Regalia: Judy Unia had a nice display of items available to members; denim shirts, fleece jackets and vests and spiffy new Club Jackets. Contact Judy with requests for anything you would like to see/order.

(4) Mike Minter brought Shop Manuals, books etc. that belonged to John Davidson. These were available to interested members for about \$10.

(5) Tony Dowell brought his camshaft and followers to show premature camshaft wear even with zinc in the engine oil. The engine was done about 10 years ago and had 14K miles on it.

Merv Steg's Car of the Month was the Connaught Syracuse – identified by Ken Tanguay.

Len Smith won the 50/50 draw.

The **Brown Bag Auction** had some fast and furious bidding. Auctioneer, Ken Tanguay worked the crowd into a bidding frenzy. Rob paid \$15 for what turned out to be a 2011 calendar – but it had some pretty nice pictures of Old English Cars on it. Kelly was not being outbid as the auctioneer pushed the bidding up to \$33 for the privilege of unwrapping a very nice Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance Event Poster featuring a Bentley. The auction raised \$225. Thanks to everyone who participated and a special thanks to Ken Tanguay for being a very entertaining auctioneer!

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

... *Darla Millard, Secretary*

Minutes of May. 19th , 2011 Meeting

The meeting was opened by Chairman Malcolm Hargrave with 40 people present. Malcolm noted that the minutes of the April meeting had been circulated by Email. As there were no suggestions for changes, it was proposed by Jim Steward, seconded by Roger Tarry, that the minutes be accepted as circulated (**Carried**).

Treasurer Bill Grace gave a brief overview of our financial status. He also circulated the detailed financial sheets for review.

There are 82 paid-up club members for 2011 as reported by Vice Chairman Candy Francis. She also introduced new member, Tom Milne from Parksville.

Events Coordinator, Adele Hedges thanked Tony Dowell for the visit to Flesh Electrical Shop. The members really enjoyed the tour and gained some good information. She thanked Linda and Dave Harris for another fun 'Bunny Hop' complete with 11 lucky prize draws to commemorate the 11th annual run wagon mastered by the Harris'. Dave reported that the donor of the prize won by Kelly and Paul Beenhams really appreciated receiving their email of thanks. Adele outlined upcoming events: Whistler, Empire Day Parade, Kitty Colman, Wings and Wheels, BATS – California Tour, Coast Realty, Father's Day Picnic and Gold River. Tony Dowell sent around a sign-up sheet for an expression of interest for the August 13/14 weekend. Check the BEANO for events <http://oecc.ca/cib/> There are still events that need someone to step up and be the wagon master

Monthly Photo Contest - Cathy Gislason reminded everyone to send in club related pictures for the website. She will set up an online voting system.

Steve Wareing reviewed and passed around the updated Skills Inventory, Tools Inventory and Parts and Service Suppliers spreadsheets. Anyone wishing to be on list should contact Steve Wareing/Adrian Rice.

Arrangements are in place for Brits on the Beach. Volunteers will be needed to help with the Regalia, Membership Registration, 50/50 ticket sales and various odd jobs. A sign-up sheet will be circulated at the next meeting, or contact Adrian Rice or Steve Wareing to volunteer. Contact Candy Francis with your donation of wine, glasses, napkins, crackers, or any wine related items for the Wine Basket(s) she will be making up for the raffle. Tony Dowell advised that his friend volunteered to do the sound system for \$150. He will get the contact information to Steve.

The members sang a resounding Happy Birthday to Janet Hargrave!

Marilyn Tarry, Janet Hargrave and Kelly Beenham have been able to secure the Legion Hall for the Christmas Banquet being held on November 26th. They are reviewing menus, entertainment and seeking donations for prizes. A \$500 budget has been allocated.

New Business

(1) Tony Dowell advised that Columbia Fuels will be making a donation to the Branch in appreciation for our business. Several members have purchased cases of motor oil containing zinc.

(2) Roy Burns has parts for MGTDYTF and will send information to Cathy for the "Classifieds".

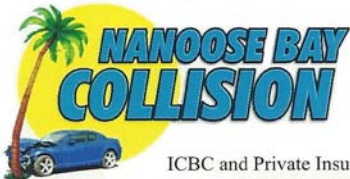
Graeme Cook identified Merv Steg's Car of the Month - the Westfield.

Susan Cook won the 50/50 draw.

Doug Unia's presentation on Stromberg Carburetors was very informative and well received by the participating members.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

... *Darla Millard, Secretary*




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Upcoming Events

Father's Day Picnic, Beacon Hill Park Victoria June 19th

Wagon masters: Al & Irene Thompson

Rob's Island Adventure June 20th-23rd

SIB event - Wagon master: Rob Brodie

Salt Spring Island Vintage Vehicle Show July 1st

Wagon master: Open

British Heritage Festival, Beban Park, Nanaimo July 2nd

Wagon masters: Ken & Adèle Hedges

Brits On The Beach, Transfer Beach, Ladysmith July 17th

OECC AGM , Kamloops July 22nd - 24th

Port Renfrew Run July 24th

Wagon masters: Geoff & Candy Francis

Ladysmith Parade July 30

Wagon master: Adrian Rice

Please refer to the branch website for the complete list and details...

Upcoming Monthly Meetings...

June 16th, July 21st , August 18th...
Lantzville Legion @ 7:00 P.M.

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