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Be careful out on the road this summer...



Chairman's Report

Today is the official start of summer and we are already underway to a good start with lots of outings and events planned over the next few weeks.

In May and June the main events were the ABFM at Van Dusen Gardens on May 20th, the Empire Day Parade, and Father's Day Picnic in Victoria. Upcoming events are:

June 23rd – The AGM in Delta. Please attend if you can and show your support.

June 24th – Start of Brits Round BC.

June 25 – 29th – Austin Healey club has a big round up at Parksville. They will also be in Port Alberni on the 27th.

July 1st – Salt Spring Vintage Car Show.

July 7th – Parksville Aero Club Fly In and car Show.

July 15th – Brits on the Beach. Hopefully we now have enough volunteers and donations of wine for the gift baskets.

July 22nd – Geoff and Candy's Run.

Please don't forget tonight's meeting in the upstairs room at the Legion. See you all then.

...Malcolm Hargrave, Chair.

Membership Report

Registration is pretty much complete for the year. All membership renewals were due in by May. We now have 187 members in our branch. We always manage to pick up some new members at our Annual Brits on the Beach.

...Candy

Bunny Hop Run April 21 2012

Well, we finally had nice weather for our event this year. Twenty-two British cars and two non British ones made the trip. Thankfully, no one broke down, although Don and Peggie Badger came close. We made our regular stop at Barton Leier Gallery where we were greeted by Big Bunny. This year our volunteer was Taylor Niks and she did a wonderful job of handing out chocolate eggs to everyone. They were delicious. Good to see Oscar's and Laura's Midget running again. Thanks go to Jim and Geoff for their help and expertise helping out a fellow club member. One of our members from Victoria, Susan Jones, joined us for the rest of the run through Cedar and Yellow Point. Brunch was at the Cottonwood Golf Course and it was terrific as usual. After our meal was done, we did some prize draws with Doug and Sandy Groth winning the grand prize, a Makita power screwdriver from Napa Auto Parts. Other sponsors included Lordco Auto Parts, Long Lake Nursery, Country Club Dairy Queen, Octagon Motors, Diana's Nursery, Alexandra's Bistro, Kal Tire, Canadian Wholesale Sports, Sharecost Rentals, A & W, and Barton Leier Gallery. Please support these businesses for helping us. In closing, Linda and myself would like to thank everyone for joining us to make this event so much fun.



...Dave & Linda Harris



Empire Days Parade May 20th 2012

Even though the weather was not the best, an enthusiastic group of OECC members showed up to take part in the annual Nanaimo parade. We had 18 interesting cars in our entry, and even managed to win the 1st runner-up prize ribbon for the classic car category (don't know what won the top prize). All of our cars made it through the parade route successfully - no breakdowns this year! After the parade 25 of us went on to the Howard Johnson Hotel restaurant for a very good late brunch together. All in all, a most enjoyable event, despite the dodgy weather

...Al Thompson



Geoff's new mobile car detailing service !! Thanks Geoff !



Father's Day Picnic at Beacon Hill June 17th 2012

It was a nice drive, (if not a little early), to Victoria for the Annual Father's Day Picnic at Beacon Hill Park. Steve Wareing came to see us off from Southgate Mall on his way up to Qualicum. Most tops were up because of the chill in the air and chances of rain, but they came down once we were in on the field. The field was full with the usual assortment of British Vehicles and it was a great chance to visit with friends, and share some tech talk with others.

The excitement came after the show on the way home, when Geoff suggested we stop in Langford for some cheap gas, (\$1.11 a litre). When we arrived close to the gas station the lineup was so long we decided not to wait. First Ray Sabourin left with Al Thompson following right behind. They decided to make a U-turn at the intersection with Al still following right behind, apparently not noticing the Police car sitting off to the side of the road. Lights came on and Al was nabbed. Ray managed to evade them by ducking down a side street. The police car asked Al to go after them, so he SPED away. Oops! Not noticing which way they went, he went flying down the road in search of them. In the meantime, Ray realized that his escape was foiled and he went down a dead end. Oops again! A little while later, after the Police caught up with Al once again, along came Ray to be directed off the road by the Policeman standing in the road ahead. Ray was given a lecture on how he not only endangered his friend following behind, and others on the road, but his daughter who was with him. (Really it was his wife Margie). Al had tried to explain that he was just following a professional driver. He was told, "An old git like you should know better, if your friend drove off the edge of a cliff would you follow them off there too?" Al's reply "Yes officer" The rest of us, left in true British fashion, not recognizing them at all. It did disperse our travelling together. All made it home safe & sound if not perhaps a little lighter in the pocket book.



...Candy

FATHERS'DAY PICNIC RUN

by Irene Thompson

When driving home on Fathers' Day,
Our two amigos Al and Ray
Decided they would hang a "Ü-e e"
Until the cops came, then, "Ah phooey"
Cried Al as he received his ticket,
"This really is a sticky wicket!"

At Alexandra's that night he
Told his story plaintively,
Of how he had been led astray
By that professional driver, Ray.
Whose" daughter" felt so badly that
She felt obliged to pass the hat.

Well, Al he shouted, "Stop this minute
Thank goodness there is not much in it.
With all my Yessirs and my fawning
The cop let me go with a warning.

The moral of this story was,
Don't ever follow Ray because
He'll lead you astray, he'll lead you false
He'll lead you in a merry waltz
In his quiet way, and all the while
He will be smiling his quiet smile.

Pass the Pozidriv(er), not the Phillips!

I made an interesting discovery the other day while working on my Tiger. The large screws holding the door hinges to the body were in fact Pozidriv... not Phillips! Of course, I had to look into this further...

The story starts when Henry Phillips purchased a crude form of the recessed screw head concept from an inventor named J.P. Thompson. Phillips developed that screw into a workable form. He founded the Phillips Screw Company in Oregon in 1933, but never actually made screws. He had called on every established screw manufacturer in the US and was told simply that the screw could not be made

Phillips then called on the American Screw Company, a newcomer to the industry whose president personally became interested in the new product despite the opposition of his engineers who, like others in the industry, had insisted it could not be made. According to one printed report, the president of American Screw Company said: "I finally told my head men that I would put on pension all who insisted it could not be done. After that an efficient method was evolved to manufacture the fasteners and now we have licensed all other major companies to use it."

Use of the Phillips Screw spread through the automobile industry at a rapid rate. By 1939 it was used by all but two automobile manufacturers. By 1940 Phillips screws were used by the entire automotive industry. Although one major manufacturer still would not use them on its passenger cars. Gradually the Phillips screw and screwdriver worked their way into other industrial applications. Then consumer products, and eventually showed up in hardware stores.

American Screw Company spent approximately \$500,000 in the 1930s to produce the Phillips screw, and obtained patents on the manufacturing methods. It was the sole licensor of the process. By 1940 10 American and 10 foreign companies were licensed to manufacture the screw. The first off the assembly line were plated with gold and silver and made into a necklace for the president's wife and into a set of cufflinks.

American Screw Company advertised that these fasteners could speed up auto assembly lines because they could be used safely with power drivers--tools that might slip and mar a car's finish if used with conventional slotted screws.

These screws could also be driven with more torque and would hold together tighter than slotted screws. Phillips screws also centered more quickly and easily.

Mr. Phillips had come up with a recessed cross screw designed for efficient installation on an auto assembly line. The idea was that the screwdriver would turn the screw with increasing force until the tip of the driver popped out--which brings us to the real reason behind the invention of this screw: It was designed to come out as it was driven in by screwdrivers so the screw head would not be ruined or broken off. When tightening a Phillips screw with a Phillips screw driver you will notice that when the torque gets to be too strong, the screw driver winds

itself out of the screw--a feature built into the design of the system. A recent evolution of the Phillips design resulted in the patented ACR Phillips II(R)--a screwdriver that has ribs on both the driving and removal faces on the wings, making it ideal for assembly line and home use.

Development of a screw that would not "torque out"--the Pozidriv screw--came as the result of a joint effort of American Screw Company and the Phillips Screw Company. Since the Pozidriv screw will not torque out. any damage to the screw or tile surrounding surface is minimized. Phillips drivers should not be used with Pozidriv screws (and vice versa) as they tend to ride out of the recess and round the corners of both the tool and screw recess.

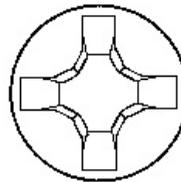
I've now found that in fact, most British cars will have some Pozidriv screws somewhere... a late Healey, for example will have Pozidriv fasteners for the door lock handle: door lock. door striker. heater control panel. vent windows. window frames, trunk stay brackets. truck lock. hood stay bracket. shroud brackets. hood striker bracket. regulator. and fuse box !

A Phillips screw can be identified by having 4 slots, needing a 4 prong screwdriver to be torqued. This is the type of screw we usually see everywhere, from our homes to our gadgets.

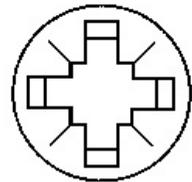
A Pozidriv screw, on the other hand, can be identified by having 8 slots for a 8 prong screwdriver. The 4 extra slots in this type of screw are actually quite hard to see as they are just very thin chamfered grooves between the 4 main slots. They do make the difference though, because they harden the head of the screw while giving a better surface area for contact, allowing more torque to be generated without the screwdriver slipping out. The top of a Pozidriv screw has 4 extra radial marks running downwards between the four main slots, making the Pozidriv type easy to identify.

Having said this, there are proper screwdrivers for each type of head and while a Phillips driver can be used on a Pozi head, the opposite may not be the case. In each case, if lots of torque is needed, the proper tool should be used, otherwise you'll end up chewing the head of the screw and/or the screwdriver.

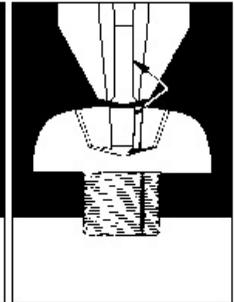
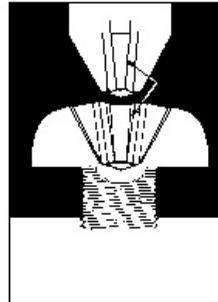
...Jim (with info shamelessly stolen from various web sites)



Phillips



Supadriv/Pozidriv



Minutes of April 19th , 2012 General Meeting

The meeting was opened by Chairman Malcolm Hargrave with 46 people present. A warm welcome was extended to two guests, Nancy from Ontario and Ryan from Qualicum Beach. Malcolm noted that the minutes of the March meeting had been circulated by Email. As there were no suggestions for changes, it was motioned by Dennis Millard, seconded by Al Thompson, that the minutes be accepted as circulated (**Carried**).

Treasurer Bill Grace then gave a brief overview of our financials stating there is \$xxxxx in the bank with a surplus of \$xxx.

Candy Francis confirmed 88 paid up members to date and introduced new members, Fred Carter and Neil Rich. Members were reminded that renewal membership dues not paid by the end of April will be removed from the email list.

Events Coordinator, Howard Lockhart reported that Norm Hall's Brunch Run was very enjoyable and some members participated in a leisurely walk after a hearty brunch. There were 10 cars in convoy and another 12 or so independents attended the sway meet. Several cars were for sale, some sold some didn't..... not Al's. Upcoming events include: May 19th is the ABFM at Vandusen Gardens; the Bunny Hop Run. Sunday, May 20th is the Nanaimo Empire Days Parade with the Queens Diamond Jubilee as this year's theme. Line up on Victoria Road at 11 a.m. Al will send out more information. Still looking for a volunteer to wagonmaster the Kitty Coleman run. BRBC starts June 24th. Remember to check the website for updated information.

Steve and Adrian have Brits on the Beach well organized and have 6 vendors confirmed, most will be donating baskets. The BBQ is being sponsored by the 49th Parallel, providing the Burgers and Buns etc. Steve and Adrian will be looking for Volunteers at the May Meeting. The Sign will be ready next week.

There was interest in attending the Sidney Air Museum as they commemorate the Battle of Britain on August 4th. More information to follow.

A & W Cruisin' officially starts 24th May.

Tony Dowell will be attending the Royal St George's Society lunch in Cowichan Bay on Saturday 21st April and invited interested members. There is also a celebration locally at the Black Bear Pub.

Malcolm congratulated Jim and thanked him for the excellent productions of the BEANO.

Cathy reminded members that the web is fluid and always changing and advised them to check the event page for accurate up to date information.

Adele encouraged members to send in any updated pictures of cars or themselves for the Gallery.

Marilyn Tarry volunteered again this year to take on the Annual Banquet. Malcolm volunteered Kelly and Janet.

Malcolm updated members about the March 17th Club Executive meeting with newly-elected President Candy Francis chairing the meeting and representatives from each Branch. This is an excerpt of his report (see the BEANO for the full report):

There were lots of items on the agenda and it was good to see at least one representative from each branch in attendance. The major highlights of the meeting were the upcoming AGM on June 23rd, followed by the Brits Around BC Tour the following day. This year, Vancouver branch will be hosting the AGM and they presented a promotional summary sheet of the scheduled events starting off at Wellbrook Historical Winery for an 11.00 a.m. reception and registration. Lunch and the AGM follow on at noon, and will be held in the barn. The Mini-Monte rally gets underway at 2.30 p.m. and returns around 4.30, in plenty of time for members to get ready for a social BBQ dinner at Pat and Ken Miles home at 6 p.m. Early registration for the AGM, lunch and dinner is recommended as the price increases by \$5.00 per head to \$30.00 after April 30th. I would really like to encourage every branch member to attend the AGM this year as it is important that we get enough members to make up a quorum to vote on new motions, such as a proposal to reduce the number for a quorum at an AGM from 10% of OECC members to at least 20 voting members. Without achieving the existing quorum of 10%, the Club cannot approve any motions to move forward. Other points raised at the Club Executive meeting were to announce the rebuilt OECC website, and again, I would like to encourage all members to check this awesome revamped website out at www.oecc.ca. It was also requested that branch Chairs should submit nominations for the Montague and OXO Cup Awards to Candy by May 15th, and lastly, Steve Diggins, who has been the editor for the Spanner for many years, will be stepping down after writing two more issues, and we are now looking for a new editor. Our thanks go to Steve for giving his time and energy to such an interesting and worthwhile publication.

Jim Gislason correctly identified Merv's Mystery Car of the Month as the Nova SS.

Candy Francis was the lucky winner of the 50/50.

The 2nd Annual Brown Bag Auction once again had some fast and furious bidding. Auctioneer, Ken Tanguay did an excellent job of working the crowd into a bidding frenzy. For some strange reason I thought I was bidding on something 'girlie' like a British Spa treatment or maybe Adele's used iPad. Good thing I quit at \$90 when I got the 'look' from Denny. My competitor got himself a carburetor rebuild donated by Doug Unia. Judy Unia won some delicious chocolate again this year. Thanks to everyone who participated and a special thanks to Ken Tanguay for being a very entertaining auctioneer!

The meeting was adjourned at 9 pm.

.... *Darla Millard, Secretary*

Minutes of May 17th , 2012 General Meeting

Chairman Malcolm Hargrave opened the meeting with 46 people present. A warm welcome was extended to Ann and Ryan Geboers who have a 1978 Triumph Spitfire. Malcolm noted that the minutes of the April meeting had been circulated by Email. As there were no suggestions for changes, it was motioned by Adrian Rice and seconded by Dave Harris, that the minutes be accepted as circulated (**Carried**).

Treasurer Bill Grace then gave a brief overview of our financials stating there is \$xxxxx in the bank. The Brown Bag Auction raised \$xxx.

Candy Francis confirmed we have reached 100 paid up members to date.

The Christmas Party has been confirmed for December 8th at the Legion. Malcolm thanked Marilyn, Janet and Kelly for taking on the event again this year.

Events Coordinator, Howard Lockhart highlighted some upcoming events including: the A & W Cruisin' the Dub kicks off Wednesday, May 23; BRBC starts June 24th; The Filberg Car Show is August 19th. This is the Comox Valley Branch's main event and a volunteer for the Wagon Master is needed. Remember to check the website for a complete list of events and updated information.

Adrian circulated a sign-up sheet listing the areas requiring volunteers for Brits on the Beach. One or two people are required to co-ordinate the food and liaise with the 49th Parallel. A Malcolm will be away at that time the Executive needs to decide who will be making Opening Remarks, announcing draws, etc.

Cathy advised that our Branch and South Island Branch have Twitter and Top Gear is following us. The 'Spinal Tappets', emailed by Adele is worth watching.

Judy Unia advised that Name tags are here. We have new V-neck T-shirts for women available in various colours.

Brian announced that C & S Transmissions will be offering club members a discount.

Doug Unia advised that Carroll Shelby, an icon in the automotive industry passed away at age 89, in Dallas Texas this week.

Adrian told us about a 1977 MGB for sale with overdrive, in not bad condition. About \$2000 could take it away. Check the website or contact Adrian for information.

Peter Sparks thanked the members for all the help with his vehicle.

Bob Nelson was the lucky winner of the 50/50.

Doug Unia and Jeff Dowler's technical presentation on Electrical Upgrades was enjoyed by many members.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 pm.

.... *Darla Millard, Secretary*

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Upcoming Events

June 24

Brits 'round B.C.
Wagon master Ric MacDonald

June 24

Open for a run for those not on BRBC

July 1

Salt Spring Island Vintage Vehicle Show

July 15

Brits on the Beach - Ladysmith

July 22

Geoff & Candy's run details TBA
Wagon Masters Geoff & Candy

Aug. 5

Mt. Washington Run details TBA
Wagon Masters Ray & Marge Sabourin

Aug. 12

Ladysmith parade

Aug. 19

Filberg Car Show -wagon master needed

Upcoming Monthly meetings...

June 21st, July 19th & Aug. 16th
7:00 P.M. @ Lantzville Legion

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