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Merry Christmas and a happy New Year to all Members

Chair Report

Winter weather has definitely settled in –Island style. This means rain, rain, sideways rain, and more rain. Not really old English car weather! We had quite the cold snap just before so thank goodness it warmed up before the precipitation or we might have ended up with....you know, the “S” word. In spite of that our stoic members continue to attend meetings in record numbers, anywhere between 40 and 60 every month. This makes for some very lively discussion during the meetings. We currently have 120 memberships with a total of 220 members.

Since our last BEANO Report we did not have any outings. Our Christmas Banquet was a great success even though it was fraught with problems at the last minute. Our original location was flooded out (hotel plumbing disaster) but we weren't notified until weeks later – almost too late to find another location. But our banquet committee kept calm and carried on, finding us a lovely location at Fairwinds Golf Club. They also regaled us with a new rendition of Do-wa-ditty. It was priceless!

The award presentations are always fun. Bob and Melba Nelson presented the well-deserved, Member of the Year trophy to Terry and Jerrie MacFarlane. The Piston Broke award was presented by me, under Tony Dowell's direction, to none other than Dave Harris for that harrowing, brakeless downhill ride during the BATS tour.

Alas my trusty gavel was officially handed over to the new chair, Steve Roebuck. It was a great experience serving on the executive especially with the great support I had behind me from the executive, the past chair, and the membership. A special thanks to everyone. I look forward to the next season sitting on the other side of the podium.

Cathy Gislason



Membership Report

As 2015 draws to a close, our Central Branch has 119 memberships with 218 members for the current year. The past year has been very busy with many events taking place. Please note that the deadline for 2016 memberships is February 29th 2016. If you have not paid your 2016 membership by this date your name will be taken off the OECC Roster. The annual membership fee is \$25.00 and if you have paid prior to December 31st 2015 you are eligible for the Early Bird Draw to win your membership. This draw will take place at the January 2016 meeting. To date we have received 66 paid memberships for 2016 with 123 members.

I would like to thank Melba Nelson for her hard work and dedication as Membership Registrar for the past 3 years.

Your membership fee can be mailed directly to the Membership Registrar and your receipt and membership can be picked up at the following meeting.

Thank you
Bob Thompson
Membership Registrar

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Christmas Banquet, Saturday, November 28th 2015





For all men and women that remember the past,..... how different we are.

A woman was curious when she found an old negative in a drawer and had it made into a print.

She was pleasantly surprised to see that they were of her at a much younger, slimmer time, taken many years ago on one of her first dates with her husband.

When she showed him the photo, his face lit up.

"Wow, look at that!", he said with appreciation,... "That's my old TR!"

*Some interesting snippets courtesy of the Newsletter of the
'Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs'*

The comprehensive photo reportage of the [Land Rover Series One Club](#) in Ashbourne which would appear to have enjoyed excellent weather – which no doubt contributed to the very high turnout of the beasts. The [DAF Owners' Club](#) magazine has a critique of keyless cars and the opportunities that have been created for larceny. The [Sunbeam Talbot Darracq Register](#) Newsletter reminds us that 2016 sees the 90th anniversary of Segrave's land speed record at Southport. The celebrations will take place on 16 March and Tiger, the four litre V12 Sunbeam, will be in attendance.

A nice little story in the magazine of the [Jupiter Owners' Auto Club](#): a certain Dr Harry Brierley sought to retain the registration mark FNL 300. He had failed to register his Jupiter by the cut-off date of 30 November 1983 and was informed by DVLA that he would have to accept a different mark unless he could justify exceptional circumstances – such as association with famous persons. Rising to that challenge, Dr Brierley assembled a portfolio of endorsements for his cause including well-known personalities associated with Jowetts as well as a hand-written letter of support from Raymond Baxter. The *coupe de resistance* was writing to Lord Rievaulx – probably better known as Harold Wilson - and securing his support. So, that's what you need to do to secure your registration mark.

The magazine of the [Gay Classic Car Group](#) has a thought-provoking article on electrically powered transport and informs us that the emissions from diesels in Paris are now drifting across the Channel and polluting the South of England. The splendid tome that is the magazine of the [Bristol Owners' Club](#) gives us details of the relationship between Bristols and Vincent-HRD. Firstly, owner Philip Vincent drove a Bristol 400 and, secondly, the Bristol Aeroplane Company manufactured the L40 aluminium alloy front fork blades for Vincent motor cycles. Another anniversary! The [Riley Motor Club](#) Magazine informs us that 2015 is the 80th anniversary of the Riley Sprite. In the same magazine we are enlightened as to the connection between Spitfires and Rileys. R.J. Mitchell – the designer and Cpt. Joseph Summers, the first test pilot, were both keen Riley owners.

The journal of the [Fire Service Preservation Group](#) tells the sad tale of the demise of Dennis, once the country's leading manufacturer of fire appliances: an all too familiar story of financial manoeuvrings. There is a reference to the collection of fire appliances kept at RAF Scampton, near Lincoln. The collection is not readily accessible, but organised visits can be arranged. The newsletter of the [Colchester Vintage Motor Club](#) tells us that in 1984 only 15% of India's population had ever ridden in a car, the country had 23,000,000 bikes, 17,000,000 bullock carts, but only 1,000,000 cars (who counted them?)

The [Wolseley Register](#) informs us that Lady Nuffield's Wolseley Eight is up and running once more at Nuffield Place in Oxfordshire. There is also an article on the Wolseley restaurant in Piccadilly, London, built in 1921 as the London showroom for Wolseley Motors. There is also an intriguing story concerning BSM 923 – a 16 hp Super Six Wolseley which emerged from a long hibernation – only to disappear once more. Where did it go? Staying with Wolseleys for a moment, there is detailed account of a car re-engineered to two litres in the magazine of the [Wolseley Hornet Register](#). At the club's AGM recently, their registrar speculated that an estimated 400 Hornets survive.

There is a detailed description of an Arrow Competition 75 in the [London Austin Seven Owners' Club](#) magazine – and staying with Austin, there is a reprint of a 1950 article which appeared in Picture Post on the rigours of a taxi driver's lot - very topical with the appearance of Uber in the City in the [Vintage Austin Register](#) journal.

The [Armstrong Siddeley Owners' Club](#) magazine takes us back to the International Motor Show of 1957 and the launch of the new Vauxhall Cresta, reminding you how easy it was to crack your knee-cap on the wrap around windscreen as you entered or exited the front seats. A thought provoking observation in the newsletter of [East Anglian Practical Classics](#): if you are silly enough to turn a Gullwing Mercedes on to its back, the doors were impossible to open - just imagine a fire. There is an account of a visit to Shelsley Walsh in the journal of the [Buckler Car Register](#), highlighting continuing programme of improvements to the venue and the restoration of the watermill and its conversion into a restaurant.

Rumcar News, the periodical that ventures into areas of motoring that others fear to tread for the [Register of Unusual Microcars](#) has an in-depth article on Aixam microcars, products of a French company which take advantage of some of the arcane French laws relating to cars with very small engines. There are several suggestions for preservation and cosmetic treatments for canvas roofed cars in the newsletter of the [Vauxhall Owners' Club](#). A product sold under the name Storm appears to solve leakage problems whilst both black boot polish and black emulsion paint have been recommended to restore colour - but not on a vinyl roof! An interesting little tip in the [Historic Caravan Club](#) newsletter. One of those cook's torches, the ones that are

used to brown crème brûlée and the like, are ideal sources of heat to free off seized components whilst minimising the risk of excess heat setting things on fire.

Two useful articles in the magazine of the [Land Rover Series 2 Club](#) magazine: suggested procedures to follow in recommissioning a dormant vehicle and where you *ought* to be able to find engine, chassis, gearbox and rear axle numbers on your pride and joy. We tend to overlook the existence of historic road rollers powered other than by steam. The [Road Roller Association](#) magazine corrects any misapprehensions with a series of articles in the latest issue – including brief biography of the famous engineering name, Peter Brotherhood. There is a thought-provoking article on steering wheels in the magazine of the [Midget and Sprite Club](#) which provides a sound argument for retaining the original sizes.

The [Bristol Austin Seven Club](#) bulletin has an article describing the Tapley meter, a 100 year old design which is still in use in the MoT test for vehicles that are unable to use a rolling road. The [Light Industrial Truck Club](#) magazine recounts the unusual origins of the Roses chocolate brand name. The journal of the [Ford Sidevalve Owners' Club](#) makes interesting reading: there a brief account of the rescue and restoration of Lancing- Bagnall tow tractor, which used a Ford engine. (There was a nest of Lancing-Bagnall trucks serving the late lamented New Holland-Hull Ferry. Did any survive?) The [Austin Healey Club](#) journal tells us that there were 21 Healeys in this year's Mille Miglia Historica with a total of nine different models covering some 22,000 miles on 1,222 gallons of fuel and 168 pizzas.

An interesting (and very inconvenient) phenomenon is described in the [Traction Owners' Club](#) magazine: galling, the process by which metal surfaces cold weld under load. Making a change for all the stories of exporting to foreign climes, the [Routemaster Association](#) magazine recounts the repatriation from France of RM 28 from a gruesome fate of being used as a Pizza Bus. The [Chiltern Vehicle Preservation Group](#) magazine has a description of the concept tyre produced by the Kumho Company that not only is airless, but which is designed to switch between a number of different surface configurations to cope with anything from dry to snow covered roads (I doubt that it will cater for idiots, however.)

The magazine of the [Preston and District Vintage Car Club](#) tells us that a recent survey carried out by a classic car insurer indicated that the Lancashire area has the most dense population of owners of classic cars in the whole country. There are also brief histories of the curious Seal, a sort of cross between a motorcycle combination and a light car - an example of which is in the [National Motor Cycle Museum](#), the origins of the Vulcan company which had its origins in Southport and the 'Bell' made in small quantities in Ravensthorpe, near Dewsbury.

Annual General Meeting, Thursday, October 15th 2015

Chairperson Cathy Gislason called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm

There were 48 members in attendance

A motion was made by Bob Thompson, seconded by Candy Francis to accept the minutes from the 2014 AGM, as forwarded to all members via email. All in favor. Motion carried.

No new business arising from the 2014 minutes.

Financial Report: Terry MacFarlane

As our fiscal year is still in progress (year ends Dec. 31, 2015) Terry has numbers from 2014 accounting.

Total Revenue was \$**** with Expenses at \$**** for a profit of \$***.

Motion made by Steve Roebuck, seconded by Bob Thompson that the Financial Report be accepted as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

Cathy now turned the meeting over to the Past Chair Malcolm Hargrave who will conduct the election of officers.

Elected Positions:

Chairperson: Cathy Gislason is stepping down as Chair. Steve Roebuck has been nominated. Malcolm asked if there were any further nominations from the floor and no nominations were put forward. Steve Roebuck was elected by acclamation.

Vice Chair: Al Ramsay has agreed to stand as Vice Chair for another term. Accepted by acclamation.

Treasurer: Terry MacFarlane has agreed to stand as Treasurer for another term. Accepted by acclamation.

Secretary: Jerrie MacFarlane has agreed to stand as Secretary for another term. Accepted by acclamation.

Membership Chair: Melba Nelson is stepping down as Membership Chair. Bob Thompson has been nominated. Malcolm asked if there were any further nominations from the floor and no nominations were put forward. Bob Thompson was elected by acclamation.

Events Coordinator: Paul Mansell has agreed to stand as Events Coordinator for another term. Accepted by acclamation.

Presentation Coordinator: Doug Unia is stepping down as Coordinator. Brian Collings has

been nominated. Malcolm asked if there were any further nominations from the floor and no nominations were put forward. Brian Collings was elected by acclamation.

Appointed Positions:

Web Master: Paul Tilroe agreed to stand one more year.

Beano Editor: Graeme Cook agreed to stand one more year

Regalia: Marilyn Tarry agreed to stand one more year

All Elected and Appointed positions will take effect on January 1st, 2016, with the exception of the Membership Chair as Bob Thompson will take over these duties immediately.

No New Business

Motion made by Steve Roebuck, seconded by Paul Mansell that the AGM meeting be adjourned. All in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Jerrie MacFarlane,
Club Secretary.

Minutes of Oct 15th, 2015 General Meeting

Chairperson Opening Remarks: Cathy Gislason

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm

Cathy asked for any new members in attendance - None

Cathy asked for any guests in attendance - One from Nanaimo (Paul)

Secretary Jerrie advised that there were a couple small errors in last month's minutes, as follows:

One Guest in attendance – Graham Howitson was visiting us all the way from Australia
Brian Collings name was misspelled twice in the minutes

Merv's Car of the Month was the Jensen 541S (Not 5415)

My sincere apologies.

A motion as made by Roy Burns, seconded by Candy Francis that the minutes be accepted as corrected. All in favor. Motion carried

Treasurer's Report - Terry MacFarlane

Bank Balance as of Sept. 30th was \$**** and will be increased today date as we received a donation of \$*** and have received membership dues plus money for Banquet tickets etc. at the meeting tonight.

He also advised that we will be subsidizing the Xmas Banquet by approximately \$*** this year.

Motion made by Candy Francis, seconded by Bob Thompson that the Treasurer's report be accepted as presented. All in favor. Motion accepted.

Membership Chair: Melba Nelson

We currently have 118 memberships with a total of 217 members to date.

Dues this year are again \$25.00 and if you pay your dues by Dec. 31st, you are eligible for the 'early bird' draw (which gives you your membership free).

Club Events – Paul Mansell

There are no events planned for the near future, except for the Xmas Banquet. Malcolm reported on the last run to Cowichan Lake which was well attended and fun was had by all, picking up clues etc. Lunch also fine.

Beano: Graeme Cook

BEANO is not yet out – Graeme still waiting for reports.

Website: Paul Tilroe

Nothing to report

Regalia: Marilyn Tarry

Marilyn has a couple sets of club badges that she is holding on to....and would like them picked up. Nothing else to report.

Xmas Banquet: Peter Sparke

Everything is on board for the Banquet, with a slight change in the paperwork and Terry is aware of this. We went with the premium package for the meal and tickets are \$30.00 each this year.

Please bring an unwrapped toy for the kids and some door prizes could be used. Terry advised that we DID receive the \$200.00 deposit check back from Coast Bastion.

New Busines: None

Merv Steg not in attendance tonight so no Car of the Month.

Adele Hedges got up to Thank both Cathy and Melba for their work with the club over the last few years. Very much appreciated.

50/50 Draw: Brent Crossley won \$49.50, plus the \$5.00 extra for his name tag.

Motion made by Steve Roebuck, seconded by Melba Nelson that the meeting be adjourned. All in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm

Jerrie MacFarlane
Club Secretary.

Minutes of Nov 19th, 2015 General Meeting

Chairperson: Cathy Gislason

Cathy called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm and welcomed all. 46 members in attendance. Cathy asked if there were any new members tonight: 2 new memberships

- Chuck and Sharon Easton and
- Michael & Johanna Brockelbank

A motion was made by Paul Mansell and seconded by Richard Rue that the minutes from the October 15th meeting be accepted, as forwarded by email to the membership. All in favor – motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Terry MacFarlane

Club Bank Balance as of October 31st, 2015 was \$****.

Bank Balance as of today date is \$**** which shows a cheque of \$*** as a deposit to Fairwinds re our banquet and a cheque of \$** to the Printer for the banquet tickets.

Terry advised that we should end up with a surplus of approximately \$**** for the year – after all expenses for the Banquet have been paid.

Cathy and Terry wanted to remind you that there is “Run” money available to anyone planning a club run and wishes to draw on this money for prizes etc. for their run.

The “Brown Bag” event was questioned as to why we still have the evening as the club does not particularly need the money it generates. The event, however, is a real ‘fun’ evening and the members would like to see it continue, with the proceeds being used for other club events. It has become a real ‘club’ events evening.

Motion made by Steve Roebuck, seconded by Doug Unia that the Treasurer’s report be accepted as presented. All in favor – motion carried.

Membership Chair – Bob Thompson

We currently have 120 memberships, with a total of 220 members to date.
Please be reminded of the Early Bird Draw – deadline Dec. 31st, 2015.
Also be reminded that the deadline for membership renewal is Feb. 29th, 2016.

Club Events – Paul Mansell

Club Xmas Banquet – November 28th, at the Fairwinds Golf Club.
Nothing much happening in the way of events in December.

Jan 17th, 2016, The Polar Bear Run. Sign up sheet making the rounds tonight. This year the theme is all about “White”. More information to follow.

Paul would really like to see many more runs for the Club put on this year.

Beano Report – Graeme Cook

Nothing to report.

Website Report – Paul Tilroe

Paul advised that he had a problem with the Main Web Site and some confusion occurred regarding the site. Paul forwarded to me on Nov. 21/15 an “Addendum to Minutes” as follows: “There was a huge problem with the main site and in order to correct it I mistakenly mentioned that the new link is /VCB. What I didn’t realize is that the same template is used for both the Vancouver Coast Branch and the main branch (they look the same except for the name). So to make a long story short it is still oecc.ca as before.”

Also just to advise that Melba Nelson has been deleted as the contact for forwarding the club’s emails.

Regalia – Marilyn Tarry

Marilyn does the ordering for the Club Badges. They are \$8.00 each and she needs to have the money up front prior to her placing the order.

Xmas Banquet: Peter/Sylvia Sparke

Everything now in stone for the Banquet Nov. 28th, at Fairwinds Golf Club.
Cocktails – 6:30 pm with Dinner at 7:30 pm.

Please bring an unwrapped toy for the Children's Toy Drive.

Also, please bring a 'wrapped' gift for the members gift exchange.

There will be a continuous slide show running throughout the evening with pictures from the year's events and runs.

75 Tickets have been sold to date.

New Business:

The 'Long Distance' award (sponsored by the main club) is now accepting entries. If you drive a total of 4000K during the next year you are eligible for this award, you can sign up by having any executive member take a current reading (Picture) of the speedometer in your car.

Business Cards: Cathy has two large boxes of Business Cards for the club, giving information on the club and how to contact a member for further info. Please take a handful of the cards and pass on to anyone you think would be interested.

Sylvia Sparke advised the club that she has Coupon Books available, sponsored by her choir, which gives you good bargains in places all around Nanaimo, such as restaurants etc. The cost of these books is \$25.00 each.

Merv's Car of the Month:

The car of the month was the Reliant Scimitar. Malcolm Hargrave came up with the correct answer.

50/50 Draw:

\$51.00 was won by Paul Mansell (which included the extra \$5.00 for wearing his badge).

Question asked as to the whereabouts of the Club Tent. Answer was that Al Ramsay has it and Cathy also advised that she has the Club Banner.

A motion was made by Bob Nelson and seconded by Denny Millard that the business part of the meeting be closed. All in favor – motion carried.

Please remember that there is no Club Meeting in December. See you all in the new year.

Jerrie MacFarlane
Club Secretary.

Upcoming Events

Dec 25th 2015

Christmas Day

Jan 17th 2016

Polar Bear Walk, Moorcroft Regional Park
Nanoose

Jul 10th 2016

Brits on the Beach, Transfer Beach,
Ladysmith.

See Website for details of the above.

Upcoming Monthly meetings...

January 21st, February 18th & March 17th,
7:00 P.M. @ Lantzville Legion

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