

## Brits 'Round BC 2018

Welcome to BRBC 2018.

First a bit of BRBC history. In 2005, I believe, the BRBC tour was conceived as a drive with other OECC members; it was decided that the purpose, (other than having a fun drive with friends), would be to visit all the various Club Branches. This worked well in spite of some 'far-flung' legs, i.e. to the Prince George Branch. However, the last couple of tours seemed to get away from this concept and with falling member participation, Stephen Way and myself thought that a return to the original plan of visiting all Branches would make for an easier drive and perhaps 'rejuvenate' the BRBC tour. I organised BRBC 2012, but with no volunteers for the 'Wagonmaster' of BRBC 2018, I decided to also do this one, with the provision that we have more organisational participation and responsibility by the individual Branches. To wit, where possible, the tour would spend 2 days at each Branch, one day to get there and a 'local' drive the second day and one group meal. 'Locals' usually know of some fun drives in the area. I commend the various Branch people who immediately got on board with this new (old) concept, recognising the help of the following who have made this possible: from the Southern Island Branch, Rob Brodie and David Bradley, Central Island, Al Ramsay, Thomson Valley Branch, Stephen Way, Kootenays, Cliff Blakey and kelvin Woodall, and last but not least in 2018, from the Vancouver Coast Branch, (the VCB will open the tour in 2020 with the AGM), Walter Reynolds, Ken Miles and Lorna Hoare. This is probably the earliest a BRBC has opened for registration and reserving accommodation, due to the help of many.

Following is the itinerary and accommodation for BRBC 2018. While some parts, mostly AGM and the daily drive details are 'To Be Announced' (TBA), the dates, route and accommodations are set, reservations may now be made. Although early, those who wish to participate, especially those who will be doing the entire tour, are strongly encouraged to make your reservation ASAP, I found when contacting several of the motels I was responsible for, due to what must be an increase in tourism, some motels are very reluctant to hold rooms at a discount for us. I suggest, make the reservation, you can always cancel, but if you must cancel, PLEASE give the affected motel as much notice as possible. Confirm the motel's cancellation policy when making your reservation. We would like to return in 2020! All rooms except the Riverland in Kamloops are under the OLD English Car Club (OECC), Riverland is under 'Brits Round BC'. Rooms will be held until April 1. Most motels are holding 20 rooms, except where noted as 20 were not available. Other accommodation available 'on-line'. Tax must be added to most prices.

Cost of registration will be minimal, only to cover the cost of the traditional 'licence plate' and the cost of the Route Manual and will be collected by me at the beginning of the Tour. When you have made your reservations, please contact me with your name (s), what part of BRBC you will participate in, car and colour, and cell phone number. I will be passing this info. to the various Branches.

In advance, Thank-you for your interest and participation in BRBC 2018, it is YOU who make this a fun drive!!

Itinerary and Accommodations (route details will be in the Route Guide)

June 22 & 23 (Fri. & Sat.) Victoria, OECC Annual General Meeting

-details TBA by the South Island Branch

June 24 (Sun.) Rob Brodie will be leading the drive to Parksville, lunch along the way,

- accommodation at the Quality Resort, Parksville, \$109 - \$129, 250-248-8333

- group dinner, please confirm dinner with Al Ramsay ([valandalramsay@icloud.com](mailto:valandalramsay@icloud.com))

June 25 (Mon.) Scenic drive to Courtenay

- Breakfast Buffet at the Memorial Golf Course in Qualicum \$14pp, please confirm with Al Ramsay

- accommodation at the Anco Inn, Courtenay, \$ 108.10 250-334-2451

- no group dinner

June 26 (Tues.) Drive to Comox and ferry to Powell River (reservation recommended 10:00 AM), continue to Gibson's for the night.

- accommodation, Sunnycrest Motel \$89.95 - \$109.95

- 15 ROOMS, contact Daniel 604-886-2419

- no planned dinner

June 27 (Wed.) Ferry from Langdale to Horseshoe Bay, (reservation recommended 8:40 AM), drive to Kamloops via Whistler

- accommodation at Riverside Motel, (2 nights) Kamloops, \$99 - \$109 250-374-1530

-no planned dinner

June 28 (Thurs.) Local drive guided by Thompson Valley Branch, return to Kamloops, group dinner TBA

- June 29 (Fri.) Drive to Kaslo
- accommodation at Kaslo Motel, (2 nights) \$80 - \$110 Caroline 250-353-2431
  - 14 ROOMS available here, other accommodation available 'on-line'
- June 30 (Sat.) - Drive to Creston with lunch at the Creston Museum, please confirm with me. Return to Kaslo. Group Dinner, details TBA by the Kootenay Branch
- July 1 (Sun.) - Canada Day! Drive to Nakusp to join the Canada Day Parade, after the parade continue on to Vernon for the night.
- Days Inn, Group reservation # 97119787 1-800-363-2297, 8AM-8PM EST, 2 beds \$132.59
  - no dinner planned
- July 2 (Mon.) - Drive to Hope
- accommodation, 9 ROOMS at Skagit Motor Inn, \$ 108 - \$ 128, Matthew 1-888-869-5228 or 604-869-5220
  - 10 ROOMS at City Center Motel, \$85, Karen 1-855-902-5500, 8 rooms needed for the Group rate.
  - City Center Motel is within walking distance of Skagit Motor Inn, a group 'Pot-Luck' dinner at the Skagit, weather permitting.
- July 3 (Tues.) - Drive to Vancouver area guided by the Vancouver Coast Branch, and for those who wish, join the Vancouver Coast branch for their monthly meeting, otherwise, continue home.
- dinner and meeting details TBA by the Vancouver Coast Branch

And, that's it Folks for the BRBC 2018

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