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Photo by Malcolm Tait taken at our April 2 meeting at RWM & Co.

Message from the Chair ...

Alan Inglis, VCB Chairman

Hello Everyone,

Isn't this an exciting time of the year! Not only the flowers are blooming – our lovely British cars shed their winter coats and reveal their colours, enticing us, their caretakers, to bring them out into the sun to use and display them for others to enjoy.

And May is the time of year when our various clubs and groups organize events for us almost every week-end. Cam Hutchins has started up his weekly listing of events in the motoring section of the Vancouver Sun and this demonstrates the wide variety of events (shows, runs and competitions) that run every week-end. Elsewhere in this issue you will find our calendar of OECC events and OECC associated events.

The big event in May is the All British Field Meet at Van Dusen Gardens on May 18 – and it is always a popular occasion with lots of club members showing their cars, and not just from our branch. There are usually a good few travelling from the Island – and that is an early start on the ferries!

We will have a tent set up, usually around the groups of vehicles representing 1960's touring cars and, sometimes, more specifically by the



Yes, you can drive the car – over my dead body!

group of Rovers. This offers a place to sit down and rest, but please do consider taking a half-hour shift as part of a duo to represent the club and promote club membership. Note that duties are much simpler now that the sale of regalia has been streamlined into an internet operation, except for grill badges and patches.

I am delighted to share that I have registered my Lotus for display this year. I always wrestle with the idea of showing a car that is a work-in-progress but this year I am using the date as a target to get it running AND in one piece (even with a dashboard!). I also help out with parking/arranging the cars around the field. I particularly like to work amongst the pre- and postwar touring and sports cars where something surprising and very tasty usually turns up. However for last two years, I have been helping to arrange the Lotus group, Triumph TR6s and motorcycles. I don't yet know my assignment for this year but if you think this role might appeal to you, and the idea of a 7:00 am start at the gate does not put you off, please send me an email (alan.inglis@telus.net) and I

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Regalia: Position Open

will connect you with the co-ordinator.

I am going to close with my confession to an affliction which I suspect some of you share. I don't know if I am fickle – I think it is more complex than that – I am convinced I have Car Attention Deficit Disorder (CADD). I have a Lotus but it has been off the road too long and my eye has wandered to the classifieds. Not only have I bookmarked all the listings for 1980s Jaguar XJ6 and XJ12 between here and Seattle, but I have also got a very convincing argument for entering into custodian-

ship of one of these beauties of form and engineering excellence. The prices can't go much lower, while fuel prices are off the charts, and people are scared of buying them because it is expensive to have someone work on them. I'll do the work on the car myself and, anyway, I'll never drive it far! The itch that needs to be scratched this month is the Jaguar. I know that next month it will be something else (1996 Volvo V70 R ?). Is there something I can take for this?

Enjoy your motoring!

Old English Car Club, Vancouver Coast Branch - 2019 Events Calendar

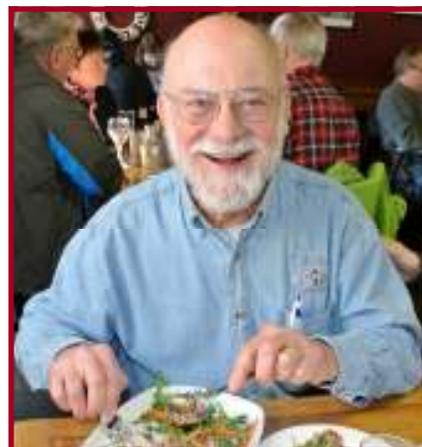
Date	Time	Event	Start Location / Address	Directions	Notes / Instructions	Coordinator
May 7 (Tue)	7:00 PM	May Meeting	Turn 3 Auto Sports Langley, B.C.	5947 208A Street, Unit 101A, Langley	Race car engines	Lorna Hoare 604-584-2564
May 18 (Sat)	11:00 AM	All British Field Meet (ABFM)	5251 Oak Street Vancouver, B.C.	Map	VCB VOLUNTEERS NEEDED	
Jun 1 (Sun)	10:00 AM	VCB British Invasion Show	Douglas Park 20550 Douglas Crescent, Langley City	Corner Oak Street at 37th Avenue 20550 Douglas Crescent, Langley City	VCB SPONSORED EVENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED	Alan Milin: 604-272-2145 Gerry Parkinson: 604-240-1847
Jun 4 (Tue)	7:00pm	June Meeting	A & W 920 Marine Drive, North Vancouver		Those attending get a free drink and 50% off burgers!	Lorna Hoare 604-584-2564
Jun 9 (Sun)	10:30 AM	Fort Langley Run	The Fort			Walter Reynolds 604-463-6305
Jun 17 (Mon)	2 to 3 pm	Masonic Lodge Car Show	7850 Champlain Crescent Burnaby	Map	Senior's Home Annual car show VCB SPONSORED EVENT	Lorna Hoare 604-584-2564
Jun 21	TBA	ADM Meet and Greet - Kamloops	OECC Thompson Valley Branch Kamloops	TBA	TBA	Daryl Price
Jun 22/23		OECC Club AGM & Mini Monte	Kamloops	See This Roundabout	Details at oecc.ca	darrrellprice61@gmail.com
Jul 2 (Tue)	7:00 PM	No Tuesday Meeting in July				Lorna Hoare 604-584-2564
Jul 6 (Sat)	1:30	July Meeting	Newby Military Collection 262nd Street, Aldergrove	262nd Street, Aldergrove	NEW DATE	Lorna Hoare 604-584-2564
Jul 11 (July)	7:00 PM	VCB EXECUTIVE MEETING	John & Lorna Hoare's home Clowdale, Surrey	11485 Royal Cres, Surrey	Executive Meeting	VCB Chair Lorna Hoare 604-584-2564
W/and		Fraser Valley Heritage Railway	Clowdale, Surrey	TBA	TO BE SCHEDULED & CONFIRMED	Lorna Hoare 604-584-2564
Aug 6 (Tue)	6:30 PM	Stewart Farm Picnic & August Meeting	18728 Crescent Rd, Surrey Surrey, B.C.			Walter Reynolds 604-463-6305
Sep 10 (Tue)	7:00 PM	September Meeting	Steamworks Brewery, Boundary Rd. OR Red Truck Brewery	TBA	NEW DATE TO BE CONFIRMED	Alan Inglis 604-757-0044

The Old Editor's Rambles

Steve Hutchens, Editor

SHOPPING FOR A SPECIAL CAR IN THE MODERN ERA

Members of car clubs are interested in cars and there are cars for sale everywhere. But if you want a particular make, model, and equipment combination in your preferred colour it takes some searching. Several websites facilitate the search. An example is <https://classics.autotrader.com>. The menu starts with "top makes" but scroll down and you'll find a much longer list. Another site is <https://classiccars.com> where you enter what you are looking for. Still another is <https://oldcaronline.com>. If a newer car is what you're looking for, manufacturer websites often offer the ability to search for the car you're looking for and specify exactly the model, colour, options, and interior. With any of these searches you may find your ideal car almost anywhere. Then the process of negotiating the purchase and having it shipped can get interesting!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE AGM!

Hello fellow OECC enthusiasts!

As you have hopefully heard by now, the OECC Annual General Meeting is being held in Kamloops this year. It is the Thompson Valley Branch's turn to host this event and we are looking forward to meeting lots of you!

Friday, June 21: For those travelling up on Friday we are planning a pub night social. The location will be on the registration form.



Saturday, June 22: The AGM meeting is at 1:00 pm on Saturday at the Sandman Signature Kamloops Hotel, 225 Lorne Street, Kamloops. Of course the meeting is open to all current OECC members and is at no cost to attend. There is parking at the hotel and this hotel is offering us preferred room rates under "OECC."

Mini Monte Rally: Shortly after the meeting the Mini Monte Rally will start from the hotel parking lot. This rally will take you on some of our scenic country roads and should be a relatively relaxing drive! The Mini Monte will end up back at the hotel with adequate time for you to do what you need to do before refreshments and socializing followed by the dinner and the balance of the awards; all of which are to be held at the Sandman Hotel.

Sunday, June 23: Sunday we are proposing a drive heading southwest on some spectacular backroads where the Thompson Valley Branch will guide you part of the way back towards the lower mainland and beyond.

We do hope to see as many of you as possible up here in the usually sunny Thompson Valley!

Happy motoring!

Darrell Price, Branch Chair - OECC TVB

2019 AGM Message from Stephen Way, OECC President

OECC Membership:

As part of the Saturday 22 June 2019 AGM in Kamloops, we will be conducting election of the 2020 OECC Executive.

First step in that process is a needed list of nominees. This is your opportunity to give back to the Club which has provided enjoyment to you. All current members are eligible and you can self nominate. The nomination process changed two years ago with nominations being made prior to not at the AGM, to enable prior, consideration of candidates and advance electronic voting. You do not have to be present at the AGM to stand for election.

The following positions are to be elected, all for the term January 1 – December 31, 2020 except the *Secretary position which is currently vacant whose term will be June 23, 2019 – December 31, 2020.

President. Provides overall leadership to the OECC board and the Club. One year term with the expectation to stand for election for a second one year term.

Vice President. Provides deputy support to the President. One year term with the expectation of standing for a second one year term and then standing for election as President.

Treasurer. Maintain the financial records of the club to GAAP standards. Collect OECC dues and pay bills. One year term.

***Secretary.** Maintain the corporate records and Minutes of the Club. Take Minutes at Executive Meetings and the Annual General Meeting. Administer the electronic voting process. One year term.

More complete job descriptions are detailed in the 2019 revised "The Wheel," our operating manual which you can find behind the password protected Membership (left) tab at: <https://www.oecc.ca/>

If you would like to stand / be nominated for one of these positions please advise Past President Trevor Parker at twp@telus.net by May 11, 2019.

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask your Branch Chair or any of the present executive.

Stephen Way
President for (vacant) OECC Secretary

FELLOW OECC MEMBERS ... HERE ARE SOME ENTICEMENTS TO ATTEND THE AGM!

As you are likely already aware, the 2019 OECC Annual General Meeting is being held in Kamloops on Saturday, 22 June 2019, hosted by the Thompson Valley Branch.

Click on “Online Registration” at <https://www.oecc.ca> to register for the AGM and all events.

Please do not delay registering as food and other commitments have to be made in the next few weeks. **The registration deadline is May 31, 2019.**

Our host hotel for the meeting and banquet is the Sandman Signature Kamloops Hotel, 225 Lorne Street, Kamloops. Call 250-377-7263 or 800-726-3626 to register and use “OECC” to get preferred our room rates. Unsecured parking, (above and under ground) is included in the room rate. The hotel is across the street from Riverside Park with scenic paved walking trails where the North and South Thompson Rivers meet.

Here is a brief outline of the enjoyable weekend planned:

Friday, 21 June 2019

7.00 PM – 9.00 PM (approx): No host Pub Night and Social. A change of location is currently being arranged and will be made available prior to the event.

Saturday, 22 June 2019

1.00 PM: Annual General Meeting at the Sandman Signature Kamloops Hotel, 225 Lorne Street, Kamloops. This meeting is free to all current OECC members. Prior registration is required for seating arrangements and to establish the quorum. Major awards will be announced.

2.30 PM (approx): Mini Monte Rally will start from the Sandman Hotel above ground parking lot. The rally will take you on some of our scenic local roads and should be a relatively relaxing drive! The Mini Monte will end back at our hotel in time to freshen up before the No Host Bar opens.

6.00 PM (approx): Socializing in the Sandman Banquet Room with an open no host bar.

7.00 PM: Banquet served, with meat and fish options, dessert, tea, and coffee. Mini Monte and Link Awards.

Sunday, 23 June 2019.

9.30 – 10.00 AM: TVB member-guided morning drive heading southwest on some spectacular back roads towards the lower mainland and beyond. Departure point to be announced.

We hope to see as many of you as possible here in the usually sunny Thompson Valley!

Happy motoring, Darrell Price, Branch Chair OECC TVB

2019 OECC AGM REGISTRATION FORM

Event Timing: Friday June 21st to Sunday, June 23rd

Registration Closing Date: Friday, May 31st

Event Address: Sandman Signature Kamloops Hotel, 225 Lorne Street, Kamloops, BC V2C 1W2

The Sandman Hotel is offering preferred rates - mention "OECC"

Contact us at darrellprice61@gmail.com if you have questions.

* Required fields

Email address *

Name(s) of Attendees for Registration *

Additional Contact Information (Telephone Number) *

Which Branch are you a Member of? *

- Vancouver Coast Branch
- South Island Branch
- Central Island Branch
- Kootenays Branch
- Thompson Valley Branch

What events will you attend? *

- Friday evening Social from 7:00 until 9:00 pm. Location to be Announced.
- Saturday afternoon Annual General Meeting from 1:00 pm. There is no cost to attend this meeting
- Saturday afternoon Mini Monte Drive from 2:30 pm
- Saturday evening Social and Banquet from 6:00 rxn1 The meal is a buffet accommodating most dietary requirements.
- Sunday Drive Southwest

The Registration Fee is \$48.00 per person, this covers all events. There is no cost to attend the meeting. For payment by cheque please mail to: OECC TVB, 3151 Shuswap Road, Kamloops, BC, V2H 1T1. For payment by PayPal please go to oecc.ca where you will see a menu to select one or two participants and a "Buy Now" button to use PayPal.

Registration closing date: Friday, May 31st.

How many are you registering for at \$48 each: _____

How are you paying? *

- PayPal
- Cheque
- Attending the Annual General Meeting Only - No Charge

A copy of your responses will be emailed to the address you provided.

Mail this form to OECC TVB, 3151 Shuswap Road, Kamloops, BC, V2H 1T1.

RWM & Co, our Meeting Host on April 2

Photos by Malcolm Tait

On April 2 we had the pleasure of visiting the spotless and well organized shop of RWM & Co. (rwmandco.com). Their website states: *RWM & Co. is a high-end vintage & classic car establishment*





designed with the most sophisticated connoisseur in mind. Our team of specialists marry old-world techniques with cutting-edge technology to create one-of-a-kind masterpieces that turn heads everywhere they go. Whether you're looking to have a car custom-designed or a restoration on your classic vehicle, we would be delighted to work alongside you to get you on the road in the car of your dreams.

That's exactly what their shop looked like and it was a real pleasure see it. See their website for more great pictures.

The 2020 Mini Cooper S E Hardtop Will Be Mini's First Electric Vehicle [caranddriver.com/reviews]

The S E will share its powertrain with the BMW i3. Expect similar range. Weight will increase about 284 pounds and it will ride about 0.6" higher. Handling will be similar to the standard Mini Cooper. The grill and EV-specific badges will be the only visual differences. Mini says the S E will not command a dramatic premium over the gas models.



April 14, 2019

2019 FORT LANGLEY RUN

By Walter Reynolds

The 2019 Fort Langley Run was scheduled for Saturday, April 6th, but due to the forecasted heavy rain it was postponed for a week to Saturday, April 13th. Alas, rain and wind was eventually forecast for the 13th, but, with a Winston Churchill "Damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead" attitude, the Run went ahead. And we're all glad that it did. The rain pelted all the attending cars as they travelled from their respective abode to the Fort, but by the time we had completed the Driver's Meeting, the rain had abated to an irritating drizzle: Good driving weather!

Of the 10 cars present, 7 were British and of those, 5 were built in the 1960s. The 7 Brit cars were Rover (2), MG (2), Jaguar (2) and one Morgan. 17 people went on the Run and 23 sat for lunch which was at Adrian's at the Airport, Langley Airport.

Based on the size of the group (was supposed to be 26), the restaurant (when the reservation was made) wanted us to use a limited menu which we did; I heard no complaints about the three choices that we had nor about the quality of the food. Because the restaurant was very busy before we got there, it took a while to get food, but, at least at the table where I sat, the delay didn't impede the enjoyment of being amongst friends.

The usual two trophies for the Fort Langley Run were presented at the restaurant.

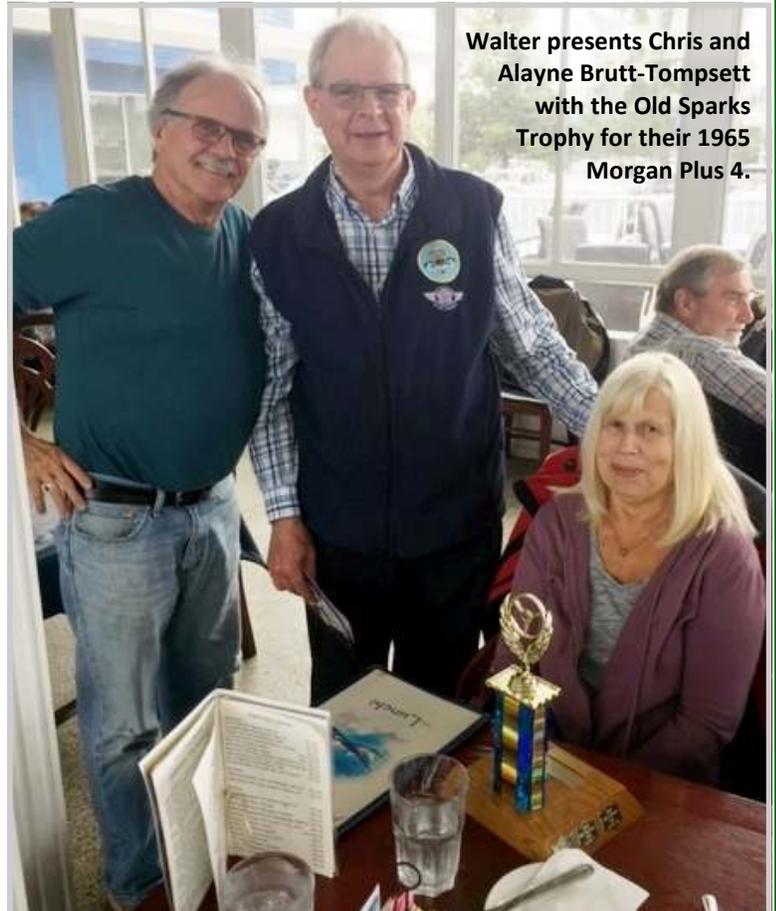
Old Sparks Trophy

Awarded to the oldest British car on the run:
To Chris & Alayne Brutt-Tompsett's
1965 Morgan +4.

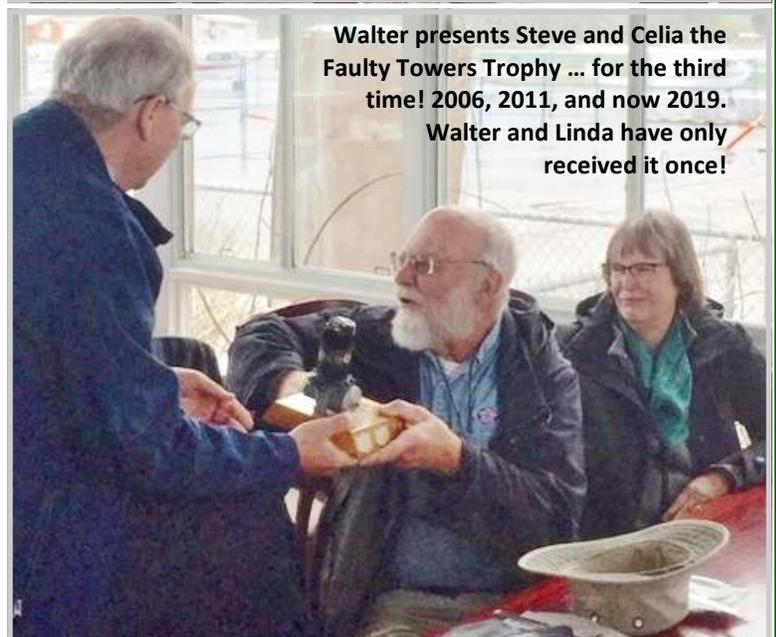
Faulty Towers Trophy

Awarded to the person or couple who had the worst day on the run: To Steve Hutchens & Celia Obrecht whose 1966 Volvo 122S had exhaust system problems only 12 miles from their home (the Volvo got them back home and they drove their Mazda 3 straight to the restaurant)

On the topic of the Old Sparks Trophy, the Reynolds Rover was actually the oldest car on the run, but I passed on accepting it because the Rover had



Walter presents Chris and Alayne Brutt-Tompsett with the Old Sparks Trophy for their 1965 Morgan Plus 4.



Walter presents Steve and Celia the Faulty Towers Trophy ... for the third time! 2006, 2011, and now 2019. Walter and Linda have only received it once!

won it before. There were three cars in the next oldest group, two of the owners had also won the trophy in earlier years and they agreed to pass the trophy to the third car's owners, Malcolm & Barbara Tait for their 1969 Rover P6. After presenting the trophies at the restaurant, I was advised that the owners of the 1965 Morgan should have received the trophy. Upon checking my list, I realized I had made an error and promptly retrieved the trophy from the possession of the Tait's and presented it, somewhat red-faced, to Chris & Alayne.

The 2019 Run was to be organized by Dave Collis who completed organizing the event to the point of the route but then had to hand it off due to health reasons. Linda and I carried on from where Dave had to leave off but most of the organizing work had been completed by Dave. Thanks Dave.

Dave's route took us west out of Fort Langley past Derby Reach Park as far as 208th Street where we headed south and then back east into Fort Langley. Next we headed east out of Fort Langley paralleling the Fraser River and into Glen Valley and Abbotsford. We spent a short time on Abbotsford roads eventually returning into the Township of Langley via the Gloucester Business Park. After that we travelled country roads to Telegraph Trail, all the time heading in a westerly direction turning here and there till we made our left turn off Rawlinson Crescent onto Glover Road. On Glover we headed south to lunch at Adrian's at the Airport, Langley Airport. While the rain had petered out to be a slight drizzle, we were welcomed at the restaurant by strong wind – didn't see that coming!

Although he wasn't present, we all thanked Dave for his fantastic route. I advised all present that Linda and I have offered to do a Summer Fort Langley Run (so we can see all the trees and shrubs in leaf rather than in their current leafless state). Who knows what the weather will be like, but the date is set for Sunday, June 9th: Mark your calendars. More details will be forthcoming closer to the date.

Overall a great turnout, considering the weather, a great route and wonderful meals at Adrian's. And excellent company, of course!



Kate the 8

By Lorna Hoare

As some members of the Vancouver Branch are aware, John and I have had a few issues with our TR 8.

The car was purchased in Victoria, with little information or history, as the previous owner was unable to relate due to health reasons so the adventure started with driving the car home to the mainland.

It appeared upon John's initial inspection that the exhaust pipes had been cut in two, likely to remove and work on gearbox, and that the pipes had not been rejoined.

No worries. My nephew, a chef, happened to have two tins of tomato paste which were emptied on the spot to provide the exact lumen size of exhaust pipe. So, with a few clamps, a good bit of ingenuity and some luck, John drove the car onto the ferry, and off, and we got as far as Ladner before tow number one. Finally we got home to our garage.

With the exhaust fixed we were now ready to enjoy the car. We had a few good runs and enjoyed a holiday on the ferry from Port Hardy to Prince Rupert on which we were joined by club members Bart & Audrey Shaw and Bernie & Pat Miles, both in Jaguars. We had a mini-British car run!

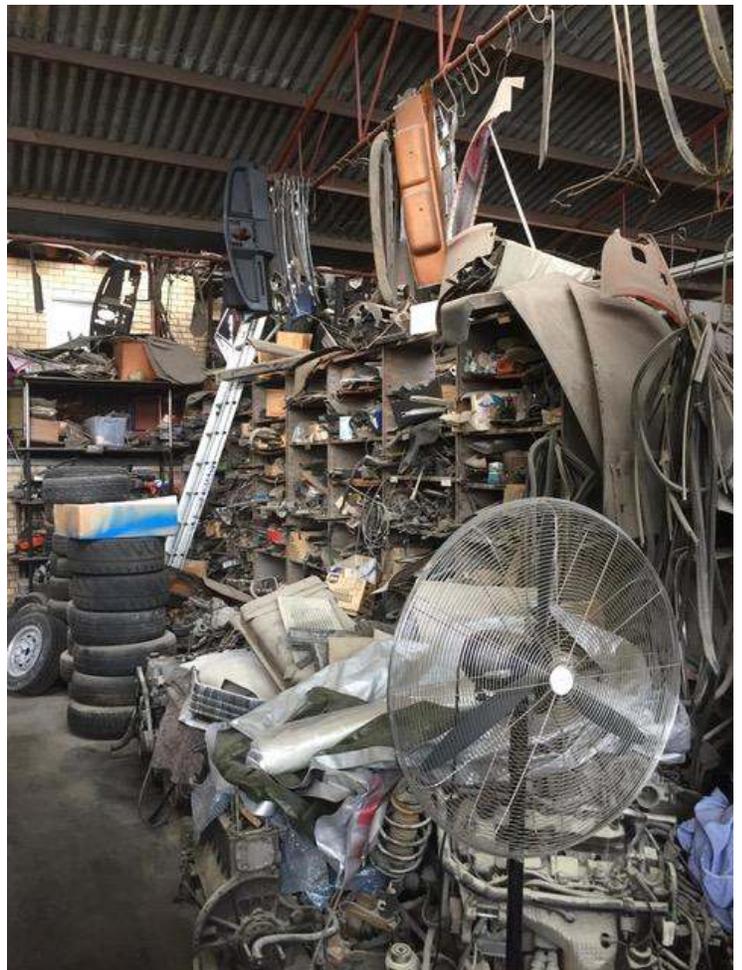
Then it was time for Brits 'Round BC in 2016, immediately following our VCB British Car Invasion where we showed Kate the 8. On the way home, there was a bit of a struggle changing gears on Iron Workers Bridge but we got home.

We met up with BRBC friends in Kamloops and on the way to the hotel in Wetaskiwin, Alberta, Kate jammed in 5th gear. With the hotel in sight, Kate limped into parking lot where it remained.

We enjoyed the Reynolds Museum and were invited to a BBQ by the Edmonton Classic Sports Car Club. The BBQ was hosted by Isobel and Mike Connolly and meeting them proved to be a lifesaver!!

As the rest of the Brits 'Round BC participants went on their merry way, we have tow number 2, this one to Calgary.

John and my cousin, both mechanics, couldn't fix the broken synchro slider, so now we wondered what



to do.

I called Mike Connelly to ask his advice about how to get back to BC and he volunteered to tow us himself. So tow number 3 was a private tow and we arrived home safely after midnight. Mike drove home the next morning. That is what car clubs are all about — helping each other — and we were so grateful for that!!!

In due time, parts arrived from the UK and John fixed the gear box.

It wasn't long before we headed out for a road trip planned by Bence McIntyre to Vancouver Island via Washington state. Well, we got as far as Whiterock before gears jammed again. Or was it another issue? We get home in 2nd gear, picked up our daily driver, and met up with Bence's tour group in Washington.

This time it was a broken plastic bushing in the gear change linkage. Again, parts came from the UK, John repairs the remote gear linkage, and we were on the road again to enjoy Brits 'Round BC 2018 where Kate the 8 had no problems!

No problems, that is, until, VCB member Bill Grant invited us to join in a parade in Sechelt. We got as far as Westview Mall in North Van before tow number 4 (thank heavens for BCAA!!) got us home to get our daily driver again. In the parade we drove one of Bills old British cars, a Zepher.

Our problem turned out to be the same as before, a broken plastic bushing in the shift linkage.

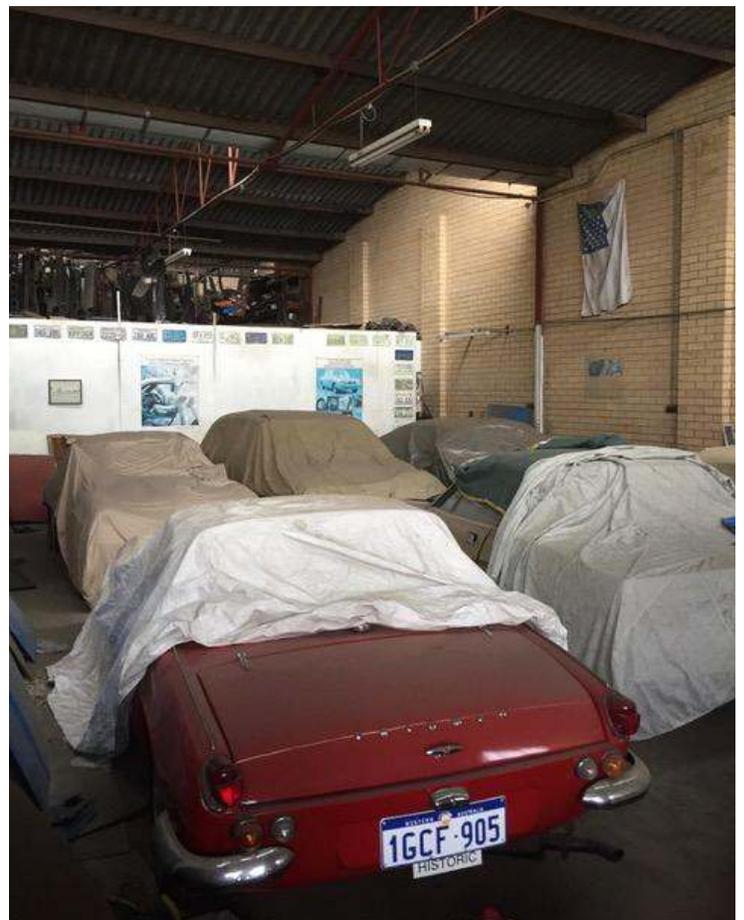
This time our parts search took a different path. We heard of a guy east of Portland who had what we needed. Driving to Oregon was quicker than waiting for UK delivery, so, in a 14 hour day, we drove to Oregon, found the man "way back in the bushes, off the beaten track" property, and, for \$11.00, got the new plastic bushing we needed. It was a long day but another adventure.

Home again, John fixed the linkage again. Hurray! We got in Kate for a test drive and actually got about six blocks from home. NOT AGAIN!

So, the Kate the 8 sat for a few months and we relied on our 1953 MG TD. Thank heavens for the TD — but what else could we do?

The next chapter in the saga involved us going to Australia for a holiday where luck was with us!

We found Markich Motors, a TRIUMPH specialist in Perth, Western Australia. He had a huge workshop,



parts, junk, bits and pieces of any Triumph you can imagine! He looked at the plastic bushing John brought with him on holiday, walked over to a shelf and handed John exactly what he needed: a selector assembly unit.

We cleaned it up, put it in the luggage, and brought it home. John cannibalized it, switched parts, and put it back together. It was time for yet another test drive!!!

Today the shift changing is great! Tomorrow? Who knows. But, in the best "press on" tradition, we are ready for our next adventure!

Markich Motors - Triumph

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