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Message from the Chair ...

Alan Inglis, VCB Chairman

September already, and Labour Day week-end is over. But the good weather should continue for a little while longer, so let's keep driving our cars.

July and August can be quiet motoring months with vacations and family visits playing havoc with the schedule. There was no Tuesday meeting in July while a visit to the amazing Newby collection on Saturday, July 6, was an exceptional event. Ian and Doreen had a M.A.S.H set up with Mess tent and food, with appropriate military vehicles. The tour of the "backlot" and the uniforms warehouse was something to behold. The Newby's run quite an operation!

Our next event was the August picnic at Stewarts Farm on August 6. This time the mosquitoes gave us a bit of a break. The September 3rd meeting involved Fish'n'Chips at Garry Point in Steveston. I had family in town from the UK and had to miss this event. I trust those who attended had a good time.

The October meeting will take us to a car collection just off Glover Rd, date to be confirmed, but likely to be Saturday, October 5.

November 3 is the date for the branch London to Brighton Commemorative Run – details appear elsewhere in the Roundabout.



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Regalia: Position Open

The November 5 meeting is our AGM, so please consider volunteering for one of the club positions, Executive or otherwise.

The December 3 meeting is our Xmas dinner which will be at Eaglequest Golf Club – the same venue as last year.

For my part, neither the Jaguar, or the Range Rover has materialized but there is still some room for negotiation with the boss. Meanwhile, the Elan provided me with the my first ever broken valve springs (3 of them). I can't believe I have been able to drive it that way for nearly 500 miles! The cylinder head is back together and the car runs a lot better – no wonder!



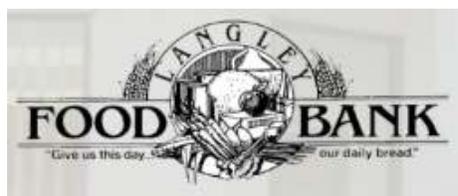
Yes, you can drive the car – over my dead body!

VCB does good!

A Cheque to the Langley Food Bank

By Tom Popovich

I had the privilege of presenting VCB's cheque from the June 1 British Invasion Car show to the Langley Food Bank. The fellow I am presenting the check to is Jim Calamunce, the Executive Director of the Langley Food Bank. He was thrilled to death to receive the money and thanked us like five times it was appreciated so much! Learn more about the Langley Food Bank at www.langleyfoodbank.com.



The Old Editor's Rambles

Steve Hutchens, Editor

RV TRAVEL ISN'T UNLIKE TRAVELING IN A VINTAGE ENGLISH CAR

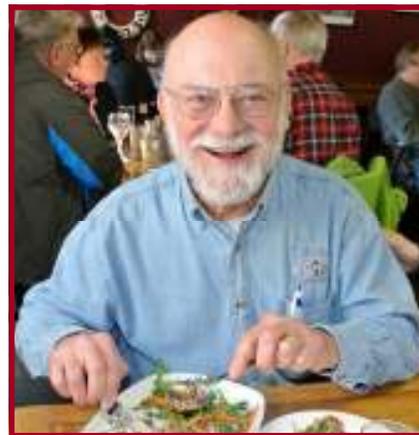
How? Murphy's Law: If anything can go wrong it will and usually at the worst possible time.

Friday afternoon, August 2, the day before we were planning to leave for Newfoundland, I had the front end of our Sprinter aligned. When I started home two DEF (diesel exhaust fluid) lights came on in the instrument cluster. One was the common "fill my DEF tank" light but the other was unknown.

Filling the DEF tank didn't help either light reset. A quick text to the independent shop that does work for me got a prompt response that this issue would require dealer attention. But it was 3:30 Friday afternoon.

The first appointment I could get was Wednesday at noon. About 3:00 the service manager called to tell me that the problem was the heater in the DEF tank, a special order item that would take four or five days to get. With ferry reservations in Sydney, Nova Scotia, on August 20, such a delay would force us to cancel our trip so I asked about overnight shipping. "I'll try, but it will cost more" he said. "Do it!" I said. Twenty minutes later he called and said the heater would be there sometime Thursday. Long story short, the part came Thursday afternoon and we picked up the Sprinter at 5:30 just before they closed. We left home on August 9 about noon, six days later than planned. We got to Sydney thoroughly exhausted but on time. And we thoroughly enjoyed touring Newfoundland with Gerry and Anita Parkinson. All's well that ends well!

This issue is quite late and the shortest I've ever produced. My apologies. Blame it on a wandering editor!



June 21-23

2019 OECC Club AGM

By Alan Miles

This year's club AGM hosting duties fell to the Kamloops branch with the AGM weekend being held on June 21 – 23. A small contingent of VCB members made their way up to Kamloops on Friday, June 21, meeting in Chilliwack and then conveying up together by way of the Fraser Canyon and Highway 1. VCB members participating included Alan and Mary Lou Miles, Tom Popovich and Hedy Taldo, and John and Lorna Hoare. Alan and Maureen Inglis met up with us later in Kamloops.

Friday evening we all attended a meet and greet at a local pub/restaurant. It was nice to catch up with members from other branches who we hadn't seen in a while. Saturday morning we had to ourselves and some of us went to a local breakfast place, Hello Toast, which was outstanding. Afterwards we wandered around downtown for a bit and went back to the hotel to get ready for the AGM which was to start at 1:00pm.

The meeting itself was held at the hotel we were staying in as was the banquet that night which made it very convenient for us out-of-towners. A new club executive (to take effect January 1, 2020) was voted in which included Brian Chandler (SIB) as President and Raymond Hall (SIB) as Treasurer.

The position of Vice President is currently vacant with a by-election to be held. The position of treasurer was left vacant but Susan Jones (SIB) has now agreed to stand and an electric by-election is to be held for this position.

In addition to these positions. Alan and Mary Lou Miles have volunteered to be the Wagonmasters for next year's Brits 'Round BC tour.



Lorna receives the 2019 OXO Award for contributions to the OECC from Stephen Way, OECC President



Alan and Maureen the "consolation prize" for the Mini Monte

As per tradition the Mini Monte followed the AGM. Kamloops always does a good job of these and this year proved no different. There were an incredible amount of questions to answer (75 if my memory serves me correctly) on all things British during the 1 :30 hour drive. The drive itself, all around the great country roads surrounding Kamloops, was broken up by a visit to a strawberry farm where we indulged in cake with strawberries and cream plus coffee.

The banquet on Saturday night was very well received by all who attended. The food was excellent and Kamloops Branch outdid themselves in door prizes with our VCB table doing very well in that department.

We also did very well in the prize and award category with Lorna Hoare winning the Oxo Cup for her many contributions to the OECC. Very well deserved, Lorna, congratulations! Alan and Maureen Inglis took home the Mini Monte trophy with Tom and Hedy winning the last place award (a can of beans!).

On Sunday most of the Vancouver and Island folks were led on a very nice drive down to Spences Bridge where we then said goodbye to our hosts.

Many thanks to Darrell Price and his crew for putting on a fabulous AGM. I think I can safely say that the weekend was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended (at least from our branch).

Next year it's our turn!



Lorna and John receive an award at the AGM



Alan and Maureen receive a door prize at the AGM



Tom and Hedy received the "consolation prize" for the Mini Monte

July 7: We saw the fantastic Newby Collection. Thanks, Ian & Doreen, for a great tour!



Thanks to John Rennie for the photos! This was a fabntastic event!



Can series electrification of other English vehicles be far behind?

Jaguar E-Type Zero

By Steve Hutchens, Editor

Over the last several years there have been quite a few articles about installing electric drive trains in vintage vehicles including various English cars. One I recall was a Triumph TR6 that had been beautifully and, apparently, quite satisfactorily converted to electric propulsion. But these were one-off projects by individuals with no intent of doing more than one. Today the interest in electric vehicles is increasing as technology advances.

21ST-CENTURY WINE IN A DECIDEDLY 1968 BOTTLE

Over the last couple of years there have been articles about prototypes of conversions that have the potential for some level of production. Most prominent of these is the Jaguar E-Type Zero. Witness the rapid evolution of the E-Type Zero:

> September 7, 2017: Jaguar announces the E-Type Zero concept of an early E-Type.

> May 19, 2018: Prince Harry and Meghan Markle drive the \$471,000 Jaguar E-Type Concept Zero from their wedding ceremony at Windsor Castle to their reception.

> August 23, 2018: Jaguar announced production of the E-Type Zero giving anyone with an early XK-E (and deep pockets) the opportunity to buy “the most beautiful electric car in the world.”



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