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Brits on the Beach 2007

Who would believe it, all day Saturday it rained. Waking up Sunday it was misty and raining in several locations but they came. 115 autos and 2 motorcycles braved the elements to venture to Transfer Beach.

The weather was the topic of the day and it treated us well. A few small showers were all that affected us. I never put up my roof. By the time I arrived at 9:00 am Tony, Nigel and Glen had the BBQ's in place and were ready to park there cars

Then the enthusiasts started arriving. Where have you ever seen 7—TR7s' parked together or as many Jaguars. Two years ago we had zero TR 7s'.

The general public was thrilled and several British car owners were excited to hear about our club. I am sure we will have new members due to the atmosphere at the show.

Tony spun his tunes all day. What a collection he has.

All our members have to be proud with how they mingled with the visitors. They will return again.



When the guests departed we stayed for the BBQ. Wow never have we had over 60 members stay. With help from Tony, Dave Nigel and Mike the burgers were prepared. All the salads and desserts donated were delicious.

For me this was a success because of the relaxed atmosphere and the friendly mingling. The 50-50 more than covered our costs and we will be able to support our charity of choice.

Thanks to everyone who helped make this event a success despite the questionable weather.



...Wayne Peddie

Note from the Chairman

We in our club seem to have had a really busy time since my last input to the Beano. There was the Fathers' Day run to Victoria for the car show and picnic in Beaconhill Park on 28th May; then there was the 9-day BATS tour around the Sunshine Coast and the Gulf Islands at the end of June; the run to the Black Finn restaurant in Comox, and the side trip to Saratoga Beach, on 15th July; our 'flagship' Brits-on-the-Beach show - with 115 cars on display despite the dodgy weather - on 22nd August; and then our fine showing of 13 cars in the Ladysmith Parade on 4th August. No one can say we are not an active club. And we are growing fast too - as I write this on 8th August, we have 81 paid-up members, and I know of at least 3 or 4 other people who are on the sidelines considering joining. It's very encouraging to know that there is all this interest in owning, caring for, and driving these fine old cars. From our membership list I see that, together in our Central Island branch, we own some 123 old English cars; I like to think that we have kept, and are keeping, 123 historic cars from the wreckers' yards.

...Al Thompson

In Memoriam



Fritz and his other brother Fritz caught spying at the Port Alberni B.B.Q.

It is with great sadness that members of the executive recently learned of the death of our fellow member Norm Marshall. We could hardly believe what we heard, until we received a confirming email from his dear wife, Margaret. In her email, she wrote: " I wanted to let all those who knew Norman Marshall, and were not aware that he died on 4th Aug 2007 after 3 1/2 weeks battling colon cancer, that he was gone. Norman was a longtime member of the OECC. He had the 1953 Sunbeam Alpine and the 1981 DBS V8 Aston Martin Volante, as well as other vehicles not yet on the road. He will famously be remembered for appearing at the MacMillan Mill in Port Alberni in a 450SL Mercedes wearing a soldier's helmet as his

Alpine was 'sick' that day. Please don't forget him. Margaret Marshall".

We in the OECC who knew him will not forget him, Margaret. We will not forget his ready wit and ever-present sense of humour. We will not forget him and you on early club runs in the '53 Alpine, sitting a good deal higher than the rest of us, and battling onward through the heaviest of rainstorms even though the Alpine lacked a top and a full windshield. We will not forget that it was Norm's idea to start and name our highly popular newsletter, the Beano, and that it was him who was its first editor. And we will certainly not forget the image of Norm and Dave Harris in their helmets that day in Port Alberni. We will remember him fondly and we will miss him greatly. (A.T)

Club Minutes June 19, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM with 38 members and partners present. Chairman Al Thompson gave a synopsis of the recent AGM in Vancouver. Wayne Peddie was elected Chairman, Fred Bennett is staying on as Vice Chair, as are Adèle Hedges treasurer and Gerry Parkinson secretary.

The Lord Montague of Beaulieu award went to retiring Chair Steve Diggins. Steve Hutchins will be wagon master for Brits around BC for 2008.

The minutes were read by past Chair Doug Unia.

Membership Chair Mike Bull reported we have 73 paid up members and introduced guests: Mike Chriss-1974 MGB, Bob Bruner-looking for a TR4, Wes Pratt-1971 MGB and 1960 TR-3, and Ken Bellingham-1975 MGB.

Treasurer Adèle reported cash on hand of \$1854.72 with a net income of \$585.55.

The 50-50 draw of \$23.00 was won by Ken Hedges.

The meeting was closed at 8:51 PM. ... Doug Unia (shortened by the editor)

Club Minutes July 7, 2007

The meeting was called to order by chairman Al Thompson at 7:31 PM with 37 members and partners present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by Past Chairman Doug Unia.

Membership chairman Mike Bull introduced guests Ian MacPherson who owns three MGs, YB, TC, and A. Kevin North TR7. Ron Spence TR7. Paul Keen 1966 E-Type Jaguar and Ken Boyd 1971 MGBGT.

Treasurer Adèle Hedges reported a balance of \$1834.49 with a net income of \$521.02.

The next society AGM will be hosted by Nanaimo, Prince George doesn't have enough members to handle it. Doug Bainbridge will head the committee with assistance from Martyn Green.

The 50-50 draw of \$31.00 was won by Ray Sabourin.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM. ... Doug Unia (shortened by the editor)

Editors note re meeting minutes. As there is a lot of content for this issue of the BEANO, the minutes of the last two meetings have been shortened by the removal of items related to past events. New member information has been left, as well as financial and membership reports. Should any member of the CIB require a copy of the complete minutes, please contact the editor who will ensure you will receive a copy.

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Tony Mantel followed closely with an E mail
was **Michael Cane**.

Good show.

BATS SOUVENIR SONG

(Sung to the tune of "The man who broke the bank at Monte Carlo)

As we drove along the Sunshine Coast in our little English car,
You could hear them think, "Har har,
They will not get very far."
We continued on and proved them wrong
And we even wrote a silly song,
As we set off for our BATS trip in the summer.

Nanaimo, 22nd June

Well, the night before we went to eat
(Alexandra's Bar and Grill)
It really was a thrill,
Because as we ate our fill
Then Ramona danced and shook her belly,
The fellows' kneecaps turned to jelly,
The night before our BATS trip in the summer.

Nanaimo, 23rd June

Bright and early in the morning naturally we had to eat,
There were people we should meet
Further on along the street,
So we all set off so bright and merry,
But met again upon the ferry,
Our first day of our BATS trip in the summer.

On the way to Campbell River, 23rd June

Off we went to Campbell River, we were a great long crocodile,
In very handsome style,
At least there for awhile,
But then some of us were left behind
When the lights changed, we were in a bind,
On the first run of our BATS trip in the summer.

To Powell River, 24th June (A good wet one)

As we went to Powell River Ferry the rain just simply poured.
The weather we ignored,
But Ken went overboard –
He decided he'd look really cute

In his waterproof blue rubber suit,
On a wet day of our BATS trip in the summer.

Powell River, Shingle Mill Pub, 24th June

When we went out for a birthday bash we saw Rob dressed like a Ranger.
We really are a danger,
Why, we even grabbed a stranger
If you want to know how to behave,
You just simply watch our good friend, Dave,
On the second day of our BATS run in the summer.

Lund, 25th June

We spent several hours a-sailing and the weather turned out fine.
The scenery was divine,
Then we settled down to dine.
We enjoyed the time we spent afloat,
How about we buy a nice Club boat?
'Twas the third day of our BATS trip in the summer.

Mainland, 26th June

When we got off from the ferry we were met by Vancouver Branch,
And then we ate our lunch,
With this very friendly bunch.
We sat on the beach with view and all,
And Irene enjoyed her sausage roll.
On the fourth day of our BATS trip in the summer.





Vancouver, 26th June

How to get across
Vancouver now was our
most outstanding question.
The huge Rush congestion
It could give you
indigestion.
Cumberlands and Millards
went astray,

It appears they found a
“better” way,
On the fourth day of our
BATS trip in the summer.



Galiano, 27th June

As we drove along on
Galiano, (you can't go very

far)

We could see an
English car,
With its bonnet propped
ajar.

It was Geoffrey
Francis' MGB
And dead as a doornail
seemed to be,
On the fifth day of our
BATS trip in the
summer.



Pender, 28th June

We went off the Pender Island where the
weather changed a lot.
We danced upon the spot,
In the ferry parking lot.*
Then we stopped for lunch with Linda and Wilf,
And- that's where Adèle really wet herself, \$\$
On the sixth day of our BATS trip in the
summer.

Pender, 29th June

Then today Rob kindly took us round to see
something of the isle.
He did it with a smile,
Then brought you back here for awhile#
And you've all enjoyed your burgers and stuff,
And you've eaten till you had enough.
On the seventh day of our BATS trip in the
summer.

Saltspring, 30th June

Last we went to Saltspring Island to put our cars
into the show,
But Heughans was no-go,
And they had to have a tow.
Geoffrey's car gave trouble, 'twas a pain,
But they coaxed into life again,
On the eighth day of our BATS trip in the
summer.

Saltspring, 1st July, Canada Day

When the Saltspring Car Show ended then we
set off upon our way,
But the Heughans had to stay,
For an extra holiday.
Cumberlands went home with an award,
'Twas a smashing trip, we were never bored,
Everyone enjoyed their BATS trip in the
summer.

* Music courtesy Geoff

Brodie's house

\$\$ wet with spilt wine—what a waste

...Irene Thompson, 2007

Concours d' Elegance - Jag Owners Club of Oregon.



The Show was held on the grounds of McMeniman's Lodge in Forest Grove.....which has existed since 1922, and built by the Masonic Lodge of Oregon to originally house aged, infirm and orphaned children. There were 54 or so vehicles entered for the judging not including others being just for display.

Jaguars on the island

The show was held in a lovely setting in Oak Bay with over 150 Jaguars on display.

There were several Central Island Branch cars and owners in attendance including Daniel and Susan Doucette with their 1950 XK-120, Martyn and Pat Green with their 2000 XKR, Ken And Adele Hedges with their 1993 XJS, and visiting the show were Malcolm and Janet Hargrave as well as Lyle and Marie Cedar. The day was super and a great venue.

In both events Martyn and Pat garnered first place in class D09A, and Ken and Adèle won first place in class D08B

... *Martyn Green & Ken Hedges*

The Ladysmith Parade

There were 13 trains, I mean old English cars at the annual Ladysmith parade.

It was quite ingenious how the train fronts were made, a great job people, I only hope no one overheated by blocking the radiators!



All Triumph Drive In BCTR Stevestone BC

This year it was the BC Triumph Registry that hosted the All triumph Drive In. The host hotel was the River Rock Casino, and even for a non gambler, I can say that it is a superb place. The show was held in a small park adjacent to the cannery in Steveston. It was quite a chore squeezing over 100 cars into such a small space.

The show was very well attended by members of the Central Island Branch with

Tony & Sandi Dowell 1975 TR6
Bill & Valerie Grace 1980 TR7,
Ken & Adèle Hedges 1968 TR250,
Wayne & Jan Peddie 1972 TR6
Merv Steg 1980 TR7 Spider.

The weather co operated and there was a choice of post show drives, one to a collector car garage, and another to a winery (guess which one Adèle and I took).

A banquet was held in the River Rock on Saturday evening, and two of the CIB group came away with trophies.

Merv received a second place in the TR7 / 8 group, and Ken and Adèle received a first place in the TR5 / 250 group.

...*Ken Hedges*



Courtney Pig Roast

A pig roast was hosted by Frank DeCarlo on July 7, with 9 cars from the Central Island Branch meeting new and old friends from the Comox Branch.

In between partaking of food and beverages car nuts wandered about Frank's enormous work shop to view his projects, as well as other "Future Projects!" stored behind the shop.

It was a great day, and we only got lost once!

Thanks to Frank and the Comox Branch.



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We're almost 2/3rds through 2007 and currently have 81 members. That number is most gratifying and is an indicator of the Club's popularity.

Some members we have not seen very often, so I would ask you to give a call to a member you know who has not attended recently, to inquire if he/she might like to ride with you to a meeting. Great company for you both, and we get to enjoy that persons attendance too! A membership application can be downloaded from the Club web-site.

Cheers,

Mike Bull - Membership Guy

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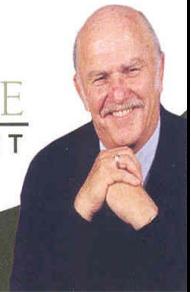
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