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## 1950 XK120 Roadster

This early steel bodied car, has separate front fender top lights but no side air vents as found on later cars.

It has steel disc wheels and spats (fender skirts) as the wire wheels hadn't been introduced yet.

Equipped with a "C" type head that was a later option which increased HP substantially.

We purchased the car in the Los Angeles area in the late 70s and brought it to Vancouver.

Required minimum of restoration.. New paint (blue) as original, new upholstery, re-built front end, new clutch and wiring harness.

The running gear is as original and all numbers are matching.

The exhaust system is a dual competition style which gives a very throaty roar at speed.

The car has been driven to many British and other car meets often, is very reliable and has always given us many hours of motoring pleasure.

...Dan & Sue Doucette

## Our Nigel



There is a phrase that best describes  
Some people and their worth,  
Our Nigel, he was one of these,  
It is, "Salt of the Earth."

He was enthusiastic,  
You can hear him laughing still,  
He did so much, he'll leave  
A great big hole to fill.

He was kind and he was gentle  
Had a sense of fun, remember?  
How he got dressed up and played the fool  
To amuse you each November.

When someone needed help  
He'd lend a hand with any task  
It didn't matter, big or small,  
You only had to ask.

He built a great big garage  
Filled with cars to overflowing,  
The last time that we checked with him  
The list seemed to be growing.

He had an Austin Seven,  
It was his pride and joy,  
Chummy it was known to some,  
It certainly was no toy.

It drove in Ladysmith Parade,  
Behind it we all came,  
It led us every single year  
In sunshine or in rain.

He got a clapped-out MGB  
And stripped it down to nowt,  
Rebuilt it back to just like new  
From inside and from out.

He hopped into the driver's seat  
And drove to Newfoundland,  
Then turned around and drove right back.  
Now don't that beat the band!

The angels took him to his rest,  
But that's not how he's made –  
He'll put all those angels into cars  
And line up a parade!

*Editors Note*

*The preceding poem was composed by Irene  
Thompson, for Nigel's memorial service.*

## Chairman's Note

By the time you read this Beano, our fun season would have already got going with the Bunny Hop run on 30th March. We will now look forward to at least one run a month, plus other club events added from time to time. It should be a fun time. However, I just can't get the sudden loss of our colleague and friend, Nigel Muggeridge, out of my mind. And I know many other people in our club are having the same difficulty. So much so, that several people have taken up on the idea, first put forward by Dennis Millard at the March club meeting, that some type of lasting tribute or memorial to Nigel be considered. Dennis suggested a memorial park bench in Ladysmith (Nigel's 'hometown' and the site of our annual Brits-on-the-Beach car show). It is this park bench idea that is now being examined more fully. While it is likely that many OECC members will want to contribute to this project, it is also likely that many of Nigel's other friends will also be contributors. It is planned, therefore, that all costs will be met from specific and dedicated fund-raising activity, and will not affect any OECC funds or accounts. But, as I have already indicated, this project is still in early development, so more on this later on. In the meantime, let's get ready for a super season. I shall look forward to seeing many of you at the club meeting on April 15th, and again on the Alberni run later on in April...*Al Thompson, 31 March, in Milton Ontario*

## OECC Annual General Meeting

Register by May 28th and join us in celebrating another year of the O.E.C.C. at the annual AGM to be held on June 28th in Nanaimo.

This year the banquet and annual awards meeting will be held in a private hall situated in its own beautiful gardens on the banks of the Millstone River.

To kick start the event, join in the fun of the Mini Monte Rally. The rally will lead you to the AGM destination. Following the meeting and awards relax to the musical sounds of Larry and Virginia Blatchford as you stroll around the gardens or relax in a chair by the river.

A highlight of the event will be a sumptuous banquet prepared by Spice of Life Catering Ltd.

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## Get Acquainted—Adrian & Helen Rice

Adrian & Helen left the hustle and bustle of the Lower Mainland (Langley) last fall for the tranquility and slower pace of the “The Island”. Presently, they are renting in Chemainus until their new home is completed in Ladysmith where they hope to be resettled by June.



In the autumn of 2006 they bought their 1952 –MG TD, and Adrian started his first restoration project. Well, actually, his original intent was to just tidy it up a bit before putting it on the road. Once he realized that he had more of his car on the garage floor than on the frame, he decided he might as well try a full

frame off restoration. The car is now about 95% complete but in storage until the new home is finished.

They hope to be on the road in the early summer and are looking forward to joining the rest of the members on the fun runs.

## Minutes of February 19, 2008 Meeting

Meeting commenced by chair Al Thompson at 7:30 with 46 members, guests and partners present. Treasurer Adèle Hedges reported cash on hand of \$2052.48, accounts receivable of \$100.50, current earnings \$869.00 and total equity of \$2390.98.

Webmaster Doug Bainbridge talked about the global map that shows the origin of all hits on the web site. He also advised, as coordinator, that a new venue for the Society AGM as been found. The German Hall will be the location on June 28 with catering by Spice Life.

Mike Bull introduced guest Earl Rhodes with two Jaguars, 2007 XK and 2004 XKR. He reported renewals of 72 members, and available regalia.

Alan Petrie invited members to bring their cars to a free clinic at Sussex Automotive on May 3.

Adèle reported they have about 25 cars registered for Brits Round BC.

Under new business, Ken Hedges discussed rust preventative Waxoyl.

Al discussed Society awards per an email from Society chair Wayne.

There was a motion for support to authorize the society to purchase a correct bell for the front of the Austin Sheerline Ambulance being restored by the Kamloops Vintage Car Society.

Merv's car of the month was the Peerless GT identified by Doug Unia.

The 50-50 draw of \$31.50 was won by Alan Petrie.

...Doug Unia (condensed by editor)

## Get Acquainted—Rob & Michelle Gibbs

Michelle is definitely the looker of the two of us... we met in 1986 at UBC. She is a grad in forestry and grew up in West Vancouver. I was completing my B.ed in Industrial Education and was raised by badgers in the Courtenay area. We were



married in '88 and moved to Granisle taking a position at the K-12 school. Michelle worked for Northwood Pulp and Paper as a contract silviculturist out of Huston while I taught a myriad of courses. Adrienne , our first kiddlet, arrived within a year and we moved back to the island in the summer of 1990... Port McNeill. Erica arrived in 1991 and Jenna in 1994. Michelle did the excellent and tough job of raising three lovely daughters and being my soul mate. I taught at the local high school (metal, drafting and math) until 2005 building a program that became recognized through the province. Student's there developed and produced racing go-karts that won sanctioned competitions right up to national level events. We even made front page in several US magazine publications and numerous news

papers. Somewhere in there we built a house .... all but the electrical and drywall was completed by us in a custom westcoast design that we still miss. 2005 saw our family move to Qualicum where I took over the excellent metal program being offered at Kwalikum Secondary. We have involved ourselves in the community mostly through our church and made contact and befriended many British car enthusiasts.... my girls know a Jag , Triumph , MG, or Healey from a distance and almost get as enthused as their dad. I am looking forward to getting my TR on the road this summer and hotel camping with my favourite girl. We enjoy camping, woodworking, metal working, many friends and , of course, old British cars.

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## Follow Up to the Sedanca Deville Humber Article

I sent the 1947 Humber article written by Steve Harris from the Beano to my friend in England because his name is Colin Richards and wondered if there was a connection with one of the named previous owners, C.Richards. I am forwarding his response to you as it seems that Colin's father was one of the previous owners.

My friend Colin was a partner of the Toyota dealership in Henley on Thames where his fellow partner kept his collection of Frazer Nash cars and memorabilia. The attached picture of Colin in the F/N museum was taken by me when I visited him last Easter. His partner died, Colin retired but his son Simon is still involved with the business which is now Suzuki. I believe the Frazer Nash collection is still there.

Attached are my friend's Humber memories. Here is a little more history:-

Colin's father's name was Sam and the family company name was Charles Richards - hence the Humber registered owner as C.Richards. Colin remembers going with his father to the Humber factory to pick up the new car. The actress Margaret Lockwood was there to hand over the keys as a publicity stunt.

The car was all black with a radio in the rear. It was sold to a limo company in the 50s.

... *Richard Dean*



I don't have much more info on the Humber. I don't know why my father bought it as he drove it himself and it was designed to be chauffeur driven. The front leg room was very limited and all the comfort was in the rear. I think that the local Cannock dealer, Bonds Garage, must have made him a very special offer! The other point is that it was very difficult to find any new car to buy after WW2 until the early fifties. Everything was sold for export. The rear seats were trimmed in beige West of England cloth and I think that the front were in leather for durability. The central glass partition was electrically operated. The bodywork was by H.J.Mulliner who supplied bodies to Rolls Royce. In fact Rolls did a Sedanca with almost identical visuals. We never had the front roof open that I can remember wondering why the "chauffeur and footman" should have the benefit of the open skies. I think that the Sedanca design was based on the horse drawn coach where the coachman was always the open and passengers inside the coach. I had many trips to and from boarding school in it. The boot was very small and my trunk was strapped onto the lowered boot lid.

... *Colin Richards (Resides in England)*

## Bunny Hop Run 2008



The first run of the year is always exciting for me, being wagon master is even better. We traveled on some beautiful roads this year, through Cedar and Yellow point and even hit some SNOW! on the foothills of Mount Benson. The morning started off with snow and dark clouds, but the sun broke through and blessed us for most of the day. Seventeen cars made the trip with only one mechanical problem; Doug Bainbridge ripped the exhaust off on a speed bump at Cottonwood Golf Course. We enjoyed a wonderful buffet lunch, with Dave & Danita winning the draw prize ( chocolates and a bunny). After repairs were made to Doug & Jacqui's MGB we went our separate ways, looking forward to our next run.

...*Dave Harris*

### Membership

Our Membership Guy Mike Bull is away on vacation in Jolly Olde England. The membership to date is 82. Will we top 100 for 2008?

...*Ken Hedges*

### A Note from the Editor

Another full issue! It really is nice to get such a positive response from members submitting articles. I did not have enough room to include two MGB articles from Alan Petrie, watch for them in the next issue.

...*Ken Hedges*

## Easter Sunday Ladysmith Run

One other car turned up at noon at Southgate Tim Horton's, and the convoy moved off on dry roads with partly sunny skies for the run to Ladysmith Ag Hall to see the unveiling and only public display of one of the rarest cars in the world.

Owned and restored over 25 years by a Ladysmith family, the 1906 Züst will be taking part in a restaging of the 1908 Great Race Around The World, starting from New York in May, across North America, Asia and Europe to Paris.

Built in Milan, it finished 3rd in the original race, and is the only running survivor, 2 others being in museums. Only a couple of other Züsts are known.

It seemed like half Ladysmith was there, and many dignitaries. The Ag Hall was packed for displays, photographs, videos and speeches.

A memorable trip.

*...Tony Dowell, Wagonmaster*



## Minutes of March 18, 2008 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by chair Al Thompson at 7:33 pm with 45 members, partners and guests present.

Al talked about recently deceased Nigel Muggeridge and his contributions to our club and the Society. There were 55 OECC members, including 7 from the South Island Branch, present at the memorial service.

There has been a proposal by Ian Cox to present the OXO award posthumously to Nigel. This was unanimously approved by the club.

Membership chair Mike Bull introduced Peter Sparke with a TR250, TR4A, TR4 and a TR3B.

He reported 81 members paid to date and presented available regalia.

Treasurer Adèle Hedges advised we have total cash on hand and on deposit of \$2306.90, accounts receivable \$103.00, current year earnings of \$797.46 and total club equity \$2319.44 .

Ken Hedges, Beano editor requested pictures for the front of newsletter.

Webmaster Doug Bainbridge reported a few changes to the classified ads .

Under old business nominations for the Society Awards were requested.

Tony Dowell brought up the fact that the last issue of the BEANO was the 50th issue. A milestone. Dennis Millard suggested funding a memorial bench in Nigel's memory at Transfer Beach in Ladysmith. Some of the 50-50 draw funds from Brits on the Beach could be used. New business the Christmas Party is set for November 22 the fourth Saturday of November. Tony Mantell talked about the Zusta car, a survivor of the first round the world race (1907) will be appearing in Ladysmith on March 23 from 1-4 PM. Merv Steig's car of the month was the last Ford Anglia (123E) identified by Mike Green. The 50-50 draw of \$33.00 was won by Norman Hall.  
*...Doug Unia (Condensed by editor)*

## Restoration Fair & Swap Meet

Sunday April 6 was the third annual restoration fair in Saanich. There were 5 cars ready to depart at 8:00AM. Mike Minter & Friend, Dave Harris, Geoff Francis, Dennis Watson and Ken & Adèle Hedges. We arrived at the Saanich Historical Artifacts Society Park at 10:00 AM to find that there were already many cars parked for display. During our rounds looking for "Good parts" we met Steve Harris with a table full of "Good Stuff" also Daniel & Susan Doucette and Peter & Sylvia Sparke. The weather could have

been warmer, fortunately the rain stayed away.

For any who have not been to the Saanich Historical Society, it is well worth a visit.

*...Ken Hedges*



*Dennis Watson's "Parts transporter" out of the picture*



*...Ken Hedges*

*...Photos Geoff Francis*

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car. \$6000  
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## Upcoming Events 2008

### Port Alberni Run

Date: April 20  
Meeting Place & Time: TBA

### Steve Harris Run

Date: May 4  
Meeting Place & Time: TBA

### ABFM Van Dusen Gardens

Date: May 17

### Empire Days Parade

Date: May 18  
Meeting Place: TBA

### Fathers Day Picnic

Date: June 15  
Time: TBA

### Mount Washington Run

Date: June 22  
Meeting Place: TBA

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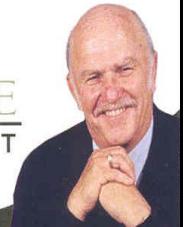
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