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1955 Singer 4AD



Pictured above is the newly restored 1955 Singer 4AD owned by SIB member Peter Lee (beside car). It was on display for the first time since the restoration was completed by the owner at the South Island Branch's 7th annual Restoration Fair & Swap Meet... more pics and details of the event on pg. 5 ...

Chairman's Report

It looks like 2012 will be another year filled with great runs, events and shows. The events calendar is quickly filling up and I'm encouraged by many of our members continuing with their ever-popular runs and some of our newer members planning new events for us all to enjoy.

On March 17th the Club Executive met in Victoria with newly-elected President Candy Francis chairing the meeting. There were lots of items on the agenda and it was good to see at least one representative from each branch in attendance. The major highlights of the meeting were the upcoming AGM on June 23rd, followed by the Brits Around BC Tour the following day. This year, Vancouver branch will be hosting the AGM and they presented a promotional summary sheet of the scheduled events starting off at Wellbrook Historical Winery for an 11.00 a.m. reception and registration. Lunch and the AGM follow on at noon, and will be held in the barn. The Mini-Monte rally gets underway at 2.30 p.m. and returns around 4.30, in plenty of time for members to get ready for a social BBQ dinner at Pat and Ken Miles home at 6 p.m. Early registration for the AGM, lunch and dinner is recommended as the price increases by \$5.00 per head to \$30.00 after April 30th.

I would really like to encourage every branch member to attend the AGM this year as it is important that we get enough members to make up a quorum to vote on new motions, such as a proposal to reduce the number for a quorum at an AGM from 10% of OECC members to at least 20 voting members. Without achieving the existing quorum of 10%, the Club cannot approve any motions to move forward. Other points raised at the Club Executive meeting were to announce the rebuilt OECC website, and again, I would like to encourage all members to check this awesome revamped website out at www.oecc.ca. It was also requested that branch Chairs should submit nominations for the Montague and OXO Cup Awards to Candy by May 15th, and lastly, Steve Diggins, who has been the editor for the Spanner for many years, will be stepping down after writing two more issues, and we are now looking for a new editor. Our thanks go to Steve for giving his time and energy to such an interesting and worthwhile publication.

Upcoming events for April and May are the Restoration Fair and Swap Meet at Heritage Acres on April 15th, the Bunny Hop Run on April 22nd, La Conner Tulip Rallye from April 21st to 31st in conjunction with the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival, the ABFM at Van Dusen Gardens on May 20th, and the Nanaimo Empire Days Parade on May 21st. Our next monthly meeting will be on Thursday, April 19th at 7.00 p.m. Looking forward to meeting you all then.

Malcolm Hargrave, Chair.



What better to fill this space than the one and only 1965 Sunbeam Tiger Harrington Coupe !
Offered for sale @ US219,500 in 2003, it's now owned by a Canadian collector

Membership Report

As of March 31st, we now have a total of 81 paid up members. This includes new members, Dave & Connie Sampson and Peter & Judy Jeffrey. I am sure you will all give them a big welcome and make them feel at home.

If you have not paid your 2012 membership dues, the fees are \$25.00 for both you and your spouse, and due no later than the end of April. I would very much appreciate a new membership form if you are adding or changing any of your information. Please highlight the change of information. You can mail me a cheque or pay at our next monthly meeting in April.

I have finally received some membership cards and will be handing them out at the April 19th meeting.

Food for thought: We will be holding our Annual elections in October and the position of Membership Secretary; (Registrar & Keeper of the Roster) will be open to fill. It involves taking all registrations, membership fees, maintaining records of the membership as well as sending the membership information on to the Club and our Treasurer. Some qualifications for this position would be, being organized, having a computer with Excel, basic computer skills such as email & excel knowledge. This is not a difficult position that does not take up a lot of your time. I would love to see some new faces step up to help out in our branch so please contact me if you are interested. I would be glad to answer any questions or concerns you may have.

Happy Driving!

Bowling at Brechen Lanes Feb. 19th, 2012

Checking back issues of the Beano, it came as something of a surprise to me that our Branch has been having a Bowling Event in February for the past 12 years. That's right, the first one was on 25th February 2001, and was organized by the late Nigel Muggeridge, a fondly remembered member of our club. These bowling junkets have always been a lot of fun, and this year's event measured up well to the best of them. Twenty-nine 'bowlers', most of us more eager than proficient, participated. Roger Tarry won the prize for highest score of the afternoon, and Helen Rice was awarded the trophy for the most 'memorable' bowling (her unique stance and delivery was most impressive!). The weather was good enough so that, after the bowling, three old English cars and a few daily drivers even managed a 'mini-run', taking a circuitous route to downtown Nanaimo's Howard Johnson Hotel via some of our interesting local back roads. At the hotel restaurant some 30 of us had a super meal catered by the Good Cooking Guys. It was a most enjoyable afternoon and evening

...Al Thompson



SIB Restoration Fair & Swap Meet April 15 2012

A number of our Central Island members took in the Restoration Fair & Swap Meet put on by the South Island Branch at the Heritage Acres site in the Victoria region. Nine of us, in 5 cars, travelled down in convoy, and another 10 or so made their way down independently. The weather was good, although a bit cool. It was a great day to wander about the interesting site, view the 120 English cars on display (including several for sale), search for needed parts, or simply chinwag with others in the old car community. It was a novel experience for me to have Dave Harris and Denny Millard travel down as 'passengers' in the back of our '65 Austin taxicab!

..Al Thompson



Minutes of Feb. 16th , 2012 General Meeting

Vice Chair, Candy Francis opened the meeting with 47 members present.

The January Meeting Minutes were circulated by email and as there were no changes or revisions, it was motioned by Jim Gislason to accept the minutes, seconded by Bob Nelson. (**Carried**).

Treasurer, Bill Grace reported the bank at \$XXXX with a current surplus of \$XXX.

Candy confirmed 64 paid up members and introduced 2 guests: Paul – 1980 TR7 and John – 2 Morgans, one raced at Westwood.

Judy Unia requested that members needing name tags put their name on the list or contact her.

Events Coordinator, Howard Lockhart reminded members of the Annual bowling event at Brechin Lanes. Tony Dowell expressed bravo to Al Thompson for coming forward to organize this excellent event. Howard/Candy encouraged members to put on runs. They can be as simple as a drive for lunch....we all seem to like to drive and eat.

Since Cathy was unable to attend this meeting, Jim reviewed the web page updates:

The new 2012 photo album has begun. New albums are: 3rd Annual Polar Bear Walk and Unia's Garage Tour. Gallery Submissions are always welcome. http://oecc.ca/cib/photo_gallery.htm

The Events page continues to evolve. There is a link to info about BRBC and schedule of events is always changing. The green highlight emphasizes days that need volunteers such as - open for a run, wagon master needed, etc. Additions are always welcome. http://oecc.ca/cib/branch_events.htm

The BEANO is up! <http://oecc.ca/cib/beano.htm>

...and I finally fixed that ridiculously frustrating web counter. <http://oecc.ca/cib/>

Jim also made a presentation that he had wanted to do at the banquet, but the person was not there. Stating that one member went out of his way to drive home the fact the differences in oil can affect our cars, he presented Tony Dowell with a T-shirt that said "Got Zinc".

Fundraising was discussed with spending suggestions from the membership that included buying a tent, sound system or other equipment, supplementing the annual banquet, signage for Brits. It was decided to repeat the Wine Basket raffles at Brits and the fun Brown Bag Auction at the April Meeting. Candy Francis will organize the

baskets and Ken Tanguay will be our Auctioneer. However, Kelly said she got carried away last year and was not going to attend the auction.... Ken really encouraged her to be there with her wallet.

Tony repeated his offer from a couple of years ago where he would underwrite the costs to have T-shirts printed that could be sold as a fundraiser at Brits. Jim mentioned that ECAIP sells T-shirts and suggested we contact them to see how well they go over. The results will be discussed at the March Meeting.

Steve Wareing/Adrian Rice confirmed Brits on the Beach takes place July 15th. They have secured some pretty impressive sponsorship. The 49th Parallel will loan tents, provide some food for the BBQ, in store TV and flyer advertising. Little Valley Restoration and Ladysmith Credit Union will sponsor a Banner that will be located across the street from the Credit Union.

Tony Dowell presented a comprehensive English Car Report, stating this appears to be the month for car announcements. More cars are being built in Britain than ever before. His roundup included production and sales information about the Morgan, Jaguar, Aston Martin and more. Doug Unia advised Frontline Developments announced a limited production of 50 vehicles to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the MGB, and can be yours for only 52,000 GBP.

Graeme Cook correctly identified Merv's Car of the Month – the Rover SD1.

Steve Wareing won the 50/50

Peter Sparke is looking for a set of chains for 13" wheels.

Several members enjoyed Doug's Engine Assembly presentation.

Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

Darla Millard
Central Island Branch Secretary

Minutes of March 15th , 2012 General Meeting

The meeting was opened by Chairman, Malcolm Hargrave with 39 members present. A warm welcome was extended to special guests, Steve Hutchins and Celia Obrect from the Vancouver Branch.

The Minutes from the February Meeting were circulated by email and as there were no changes it was motioned by Sandy Groth to accept the minutes, seconded by Brian Collings. (**Carried**).

Treasurer, Bill Grace reported the bank at \$XXXX with a current surplus of \$XXX.

Candy confirmed 69 paid up members and introduced new members Peter and Judy Jeffrey. They have a 1967 E-Type Jag and 1990 XJS convertible.

Events Coordinator, Howard Lockhart reminded members of several events including: Norm Hall's *Brunch Run* on Sunday, leaving CTC at 10 a.m.

April 15 - South Island Branch 7th Annual **Restoration Fair and Swap Meet**. Al Thompson volunteered to be the Wagon Master and Ken Tanguay and Rob Gibb will be getting a table if anyone has stuff they want to sell.

April 21 - 31st Annual La Conner Tulip Rallye sponsored by the MG Car Club Northwest Centre

April 22 – 12th Annual Bunny Hop Run - Wagon Master Dave Harris plans to leave Chase River at 10:30 a.m. with a half hour stop at Barton & Leier Gallery followed by lunch at the Cottonwood Golf Club. Cost is \$15 for lunch.

Kitty Coleman needs a Wagon Master.

Brian Collings proposed a trip to the Victoria Air Museum on Saturday, August 4th for their Open House with our cars on display. Brian will send around an information sheet.

Tony Dowell announced that the *A & W Cruisin the Dub* starts up Wednesday, April 11 from 6 – 8 p.m.

Al Thompson reported the bowling event very successful with 30 bowlers. The champion bowler, Roger Tarry was presented his prize as he was not at the luncheon.

The web page is constantly being updated and members are advised to check for updated information regularly. The BEANO will be out next month. Jim advised that there are lots of interesting ideas to be found at homemadetools.net

Judy Unia announced that the name tags are in at a cost of \$8.50 for those who ordered them.

Tony advised that it is now too late to order T-shirts to be printed and sold as a fundraiser at Brits.

The Brown Bag Auction will take place after the regular meeting on April 19th. Ken encouraged everyone to bring something British oriented, perhaps car specific....hmmm what to put in a plain brown bag.

Candy reminds us to start bringing in items for the Wine Basket raffles to be held at Brits.

New Business: Malcolm advised that there is a Club Executive meeting being held in Victoria on March 17th. He expects to have membership cards and will give the Branch Membership an update at the April meeting.

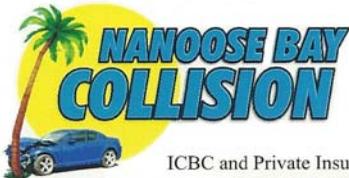
Adrian Rice correctly identified Merv's Car of the Month – the MGTF.

Al Thompson won the 50/50, but he wasn't wearing his name tag so it cost him 5 bucks.

Several members enjoyed Doug's presentation - Completing the Engine Assembly and getting ready to put it in.

Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

Darla Millard
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Upcoming Events

April 21

Bunny Hop Run
Wagon master Dave Harris

May 20

All British Field Meet-VanDusen Gardens
Vancouver

MAY 21

Nanaimo Empire Days parade

June 22-23

AGM in Vancouver - to be confirmed

June 24

Brits 'round B.C.
Wagon master Ric MacDonald

June 24

Open for a run for those not on BRBC

July 1

Salt Spring Island Vintage Vehicle Show

July 15

Brits on the Beach - Ladysmith

Upcoming Monthly meetings...

April 19th, May 17th, June 21st
7:00 P.M. @ Lantzville Legion

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