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A collection of awards bestowed upon our Central Island branch... more on Page 3

Chairman's Message

The season is just getting going and in spite of us living on the wild, wet coast we have been getting quite a bit of sunshine. We are starting to see more fair weather cars out on the road and I imagine some people will be bringing their British cars to the meeting this week.

Plans are ramping up for Brits on the Beach and as always it takes a lot of work and a lot of member volunteers to make it work. Please step up and take on a task or two. We don't want to leave it to the same people every year.

BRBC is looking good even though recent the changes in the ferry schedules are threatening to delay us, I'm sure we will find something to fill the extra time if we need to.

I'm looking forward our annual brown bag auction as it's always entertaining. The branch earns the funds needed for other functions and we get stuff! What a great way to spend an evening.

Even though I was unable to attend, I understand the restoration fair in Victoria was very successful and quite a number of our members attended.

So it looks like we are off to a good start to the season with lots of enthusiasm from the membership. That's what makes our branch so successful.

... Cathy

Membership Report

I am pleased to report that we have 108 memberships and 200 members to date. Members must be paid up by the end of May 2014 at which time the updated roster will be available.

Looks like we will have another awesome year.

...Cheers, Melba

Rosettes

It was one of those times when you knit your eyebrows together and rethink what you just rethunk. During our last meeting I was handed a black Hagerty bag as someone said "You're the chairman, these are yours now". I don't even recall who it was. After the meeting I looked into the bag and saw a tangle of blue, white, and red ribbons. Sheesh. What am I going to do with this? It's more "stuff" I have to hang onto for the next couple of years. I took the bag home and dropped it on the buffet in the entrance where it sat for two days. I eventually took it up to the craft room not knowing what else to do with it.

About a week later I thought I'd take a look at them. I tried to pull one out to look at it and found they were wrinkled, tangled and tied together with white twine. Half-heartedly I began the task of untying them. Then I started to notice them individually...First Place 2009, First Place 2007.... This is where the attitude shift started to happen as I saw one after the other...Best in Parade 2010, Participation 2004...I reached for the iron and switched it on. Surely I can get a better look at them if I can lay them out properly. The ribbons unfurled and began to come back to life, looking new and crisp again.

Once I had pressed them and arranged them chronologically I was astonished at how many the club had earned. The rosettes tell a story about our branch's participation in the different events over the years and how we have come together to support our communities by showing off our cherished vehicles. My original thoughts about this bag of ribbons had changed. I am the new keeper of a part of the club's history. Not an encumbrance at all, but a privilege!

Cynicism creeps in slowly but can spread like wildfire. I like to think that I am not a cynic but that just proved to me that I can be. Here is a quote that comes to mind; "When you change the way you look at things, the things you look at change" Author unknown, often credited to inspirational speaker Wayne Dyer.

...Cathy Gislason

OECCSIB Restoration Fair April 13th, 2014





Minutes of Feb. 20th, 2014 General Meeting

Chairperson Opening Remarks (Cathy Gislason)

The meeting was called to order at 7PM.

There were 54 members in attendance.

Cathy asked if any guests were in attendance. Mike Davies' guest was his son Blair. Blair has an MGBGT. Al Thompson's guest was Ken Bellingham. Ken has a 1975 MGB with rubber bumpers.

Peter Sparke made a motion to accept the minutes for the January General Meeting as circulated by E-mail and this motion was seconded by Bob Nelson. The motion was carried.

Treasurer's Report (Al Ramsay)

The branch has a current bank balance of \$XXXXX and Al reported that the deposits for the 2014 Christmas Banquet have been made to both the Coast Bastion Hotel and for the DJ.

Membership Report (Melba Nelson)

Melba announced that as of this meeting we have 79 paid memberships for a total of 145 members. Melba asked all members present to notify her with any roster changes as a new roster will be issued in the very near future.

Branch Events (Paul Mansell)

Paul gave a brief report on upcoming events and for members to check the Events Calendar on our website. Paul mentioned that certain events have limited space and he encouraged the membership to register early. Paul also stated that several of the events scheduled do not have wagon masters and that he is looking for volunteers.

Regalia (Judy Unia)

Judy announced to the membership that she had name badges to be picked up for those who had ordered them.

Web Update (Paul Tilroe)

At this time Paul has nothing to report to the membership.

Brits Around BC (Jim Gislason)

Jim Gislason announced that as of this meeting 18 members have signed up to attend. Jim mentioned that hotel reservations are limited and not to wait until the last minute to reserve.

Comox Branch Update

Cathy Gislason announced that the Comox Branch has ceased operation. Candy Francis gave a brief explanation that there was a lack of interest and participation on their part. The Filberg event will not likely take place this year. The existing membership of the Comox Branch was invited to become part of the Central Island Branch.

New Business

No new business at this time.

Merv's Mystery Car of the Month (Merv Steg)

Merv Steg presented his "Mystery Car of the Month" and stumped the membership with his 1970 Vauxhall SRV (Styling Research Vehicle).

50/50 Draw

The winner of the 50/50 was Mike Yarn - \$35.50. Winners of the 50/50 who are wearing their name badges are eligible to win an additional \$5.00.

Social Break

Technical Presentation (Doug Unia)

Three members gave a report on their restoration projects:

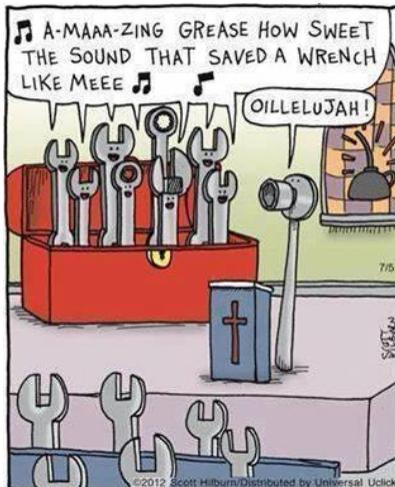
Graeme Cook – TR6

Paul Mansell – MGB

Brian Collings – Tony Dowell's MGCGT

The next General Meeting is scheduled for Thursday March 20th 2014 – 7PM.

...Bob Thompson – Branch Secretary



Minutes of March 16th , 2014 Executive Meeting

Present Cathy Gislason (Chairperson); Graeme Cook (Vice-Chairman); Bob Thompson (Secretary); Paul Mansell (Events Co-ordinator); Doug Unia (Presentation Co-ordinator); Melba Nelson (Membership Registrar and Keeper of the Roster); Jim Gislason (Beano Editor); Paul Tilroe (Webmaster); and Judy Unia (Regalia).
Member Guests: Adrian Rice; Steve Wareing; and Candy Francis.
Regrets: Al Ramsay (Treasurer); and Malcolm Hargrave (Past Chairman).

Lions Club – Catering Update

The Lions Club had reported back that they were very pleased with the response to the sale of their Breakfasts, Lunches and Beverages at the 2013 Brits on the Beach. The breakfast cost is \$5 and the coffee is \$1 and refills are \$1. The burger or hot dog is \$3 and the soft drink is \$1. Their location at this year's event will be the same. Steve Wareing mentioned that volunteers will be required to help with loading the trailers with the picnic tables, chairs, and barbeques on the Saturday evening prior and volunteers also needed to help set them up early on Sunday morning and volunteered help to take them down after the BBQ. 100 Breakfasts served last year and approximately 120 burgers/hot dogs. They estimate this year to be 250 cars down from last year of 300.

Letter to Mayor of Ladysmith – Post Show

Steve Wareing will forward the necessary information to Cathy Gislason to prepare a thank-you letter to the City of Ladysmith following Brits on the Beach. Steve will meet with the Mayor and hand deliver this letter indicating appreciation of the park use and to advise him of a donation to the Food Bank.

Use of Washrooms

There are washrooms available at the Horse Shoe Club for use by those who attend Brits on the Beach. Public washrooms are located in another area of the beach for those not associated with this event. Due to not having enough bathroom tissue available as provided by the Horse Shoe Club last year, Steve will have a limited supply of extra bathroom tissue in his vehicle if so needed.

Request for More Vendors

The limit set by the Executive for Vendors has been set at 8. The cost of setting up their respective booth is usually \$30 but they can subsidize this by a donation-in-kind. Their product must be British Food or British Car related. We are looking for more vendors to participate.

Sponsors

Adrian and Steve have confirmed 3 sponsors signed up – Ladysmith Credit Union, 49th

Parallel Grocery; and Little Valley Restorations. They are not looking for more sponsors at this time.

Parking

Al Ramsay will be coordinating the Parking duties along with a volunteer crew. 8 volunteers would be required to be on-site from 8 AM to 1 PM. The breakdown for volunteers needed would be 1 at the main gate to greet entries; 1 a bit up the road to direct left or right; and 2 to assign parking spots. Steve requested that Al do a walk about prior to the event. Cars may arrive after the opening but must follow parking attendants at all times and entries may leave at their discretion. Each entry will receive a pre-numbered car sign to be completed by the car owner and placed on the dash of their car. Each parking volunteer will wear a vest and carry a flag to identify themselves as parking attendants.

Ladysmith Food Bank Donation

After expenses have been paid the amount donated by the Central Island Branch will be determined by the Executive and the general membership will be notified of the amount afterwards.

Music

The music for this year's Brits on the Beach will be the same as last year and it has been booked by Steve and Adrian. The cost is \$250.

Insurance Certificate

Steve and Adrian will forward the necessary information to Cathy Gislason who will contact the OECC Treasurer (Bill) for a copy of the Insurance Certificate, prior to the Brits on the Beach event.

Media

Graeme Cook has volunteered to coordinate and contact media organizations to cover Brits on the Beach 2014.

BBQ – Post Show

The location of this year's post-show BBQ will be held in a shaded area (dependent on weather conditions) as the main BBQ is not well shaded and is too hot in the direct sun. The BBQ's will still be set up in that pit area. The BBQ is free to members and they are required to bring a salad or dessert item and a list will be provided so there is a good balance of both. If a member brings a guest or two, there should not be a problem but if there a group of 6 or more extra, Steve or Adrian should be notified to allow them access. Candy and Laura will coordinate the food. For members' last name A-N bring a dessert to share and O-Z bring a salad (tossed, potato, macaroni, etc) to share.

50/50 and Wine Baskets

Candy Francis and her team of volunteers will again be taking care of this event. Bottles of wine or wine related products can be brought to a general meeting starting in April to the end of June. Cash donations would also be accepted and appreciated to cover additional costs in the preparation of these baskets.

Replacement for Steve and Adrian

Steve Wareing and Adrian Rice announced that they plan to step down as Brits on the Beach Coordinators and are looking for a replacement. They are willing to assist the new Coordinators at the 2015 event.

Parts Table

Doug Unia has volunteered to have a parts table at this year's Brits on the Beach.

Other Business

Doug Unia announced that the annual Brown Bag Auction will take place at the April general meeting following the Social Break. This will be announced at the March 20th general meeting.

Melba announced that emails sent to her and are requested to be forwarded must be indicated in the email and that only club related emails will be forwarded. This will be announced at the March 20th general meeting.

The technical presentation for the March meeting will be:

- (1) Re-Covering Leather Steering Wheels – Terry MacFarlane
- (2) Simple Ignition Systems, Distributors, Batteries, Points, etc. – Doug Unia

This will be noted on the Agenda for the March 20th general meeting.

Jim and Cathy Gislason will look after the Brits on the Beach 2014 Posters which will be ready for the Restoration Fair.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45PM

...Bob Thompson – Branch Secretary

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Minutes of March 20th , 2014 General Meeting

Chairperson Opening Remarks (Cathy Gislason)

The meeting was called to order at 7PM.

There were 65 members in attendance.

Cathy asked if any guests were in attendance. Raymond Nichols brought Ray Arsenault as a guest to the meeting. Ray drives a Jaguar XJ.

Steve Roebuck made a motion that the minutes of the February 2014 general meeting as circulated by e-mail be accepted. This motion was seconded by Candy Francis. The motion was carried.

Treasurer's Report (Al Ramsay)

Al Ramsay was absent from this meeting and will give his Treasurer's Report at the next general meeting on April 17th.

Membership Report (Melba Nelson)

Melba announced that there is currently 97 memberships paid with a total of 177 members. Melba asked that if anyone sends her an email to be forwarded to have that indicated at the top of the email so there is no confusion. Judy Unia gave Melba a number of Welcome Cards so members can distribute them to potential new members. Melba will be sending out an updated roster in the very near future.

Branch Events (Paul Mansell)

Paul Mansell asked all members to keep checking the on-line OECC Events calendar on our website for updates. If you would like to be a Wagonmaster please do not hesitate to contact Paul and let him know. An invitation via email was sent out from the Calgary Car Club for an upcoming event. The Nanaimo Downtown Business Association sent our club an invitation to participate at this year's Bathtub Derby Event to be held on July 26th and 27th in the Harbour. We were asked to participate on July 27th and for those interested are asked to check the OECC Events posting on our website or contact Paul Mansell. Marge Sabourin is planning an event to Little Qualicum Cheese-works on April 27th. She circulated a sign-up sheet at the meeting. Steve Harris announced that he will have a booth at the Restoration Fair coming up on April 13th in Saanichton and will inquire with his fellow vendors if any of them wish to have a booth at the Brits on the Beach (we have a limited of 8 spots available). Al Thompson has agreed to be Wagonmaster for the Empire Days Parade on May 18th. Steve Roebuck has agreed to be Wagonmaster for the Restoration Fair on April 13th. Ken Tanguay is the Wagonmaster for the Qualicum Father's Day Show and Shine on June 15th. So far 32 cars have been entered from our club bringing the total entries to approximately 351. There is a new trophy this year for participation. Ken circulated a sign up form at the meeting for those interested to attend.

Regalia (Judy Unia)

Judy had no report at this time

Web Update (Paul Tilroe)

Paul Tilroe re-confirmed Paul's Mansell's request to the check OECC Events calendar on our website.

The classified ads are working as some of the recent cars for sale have sold.

Brits on the Beach (Adrian Rice)

Adrian gave the membership an update on the upcoming Brits on Beach 2014. He is looking for a few more vendors to participate (British car or food related). He mentioned that problems from the past show in 2013 should be rectified. He also asked for volunteers to help with the loading up a truck with the tables and BBQ's on Saturday July 12th and also with the tear down following the event. Candy Francis announced that she is looking for wine and wine products from now until the end of June, for prizes at the Brits on the Beach. Cash donations will also be accepted to cover incidental expenses.

Addendum to the Minutes – Steve Wareing and Adrian Rice have indicated that they are stepping down as the Brits on the Beach Coordinators following this year's event but will mentor their replacement for 2015. We are looking for volunteers to step up as their replacement for 2015. The potential replacements are encouraged to shadow Steve and Adrien at this year's event.

Brits Around BC (Jim Gislason)

To date, Jim announced that 23 cars owners have signed up for this event. Jim will send out an email in mid-April as soon as BC Ferries is able to confirm times and rates for their new schedule from Comox to Powell River. Jim mentioned that some entries are doing a partial trip while others are doing the complete tour.

Brown Bag Auction (Doug Unia)

Doug Unia announced that the Club will hold its Annual Brown Bag Auction at the April general meeting (replacing the Presentation portion for that meeting only). Members are asked to bring a plain Brown Bag with a British Car item (food or car related) to the April general meeting on April 17th. Ken Tanguay has agreed to be the Auctioneer once again. Thank you Ken.

New Business

No new business at this time.

Merv's Mystery Car of the Month (Merv Steg)

Merv Steg presented his "Mystery Car of the Month" and stumped the membership once again with his Brooke Double RR. The value range on this vehicle is between \$48,000 and \$72,000.

Hagerty Draw and Presentation (Jim Gislason)

Jim received a number of Evaluation Guides from Hagerty and tickets were drawn to distribute them to the winners.

Dave Kelsey made a brief request from the membership if anyone had experience in importing a car from the UK through Tacoma, Washington. If so, they were asked to contact Dave directly.

Coast Capital Insurance Presentation

Jaclyn de Groot from the Aulds Road Branch and Lea Kaiser from the Port Place Branch gave a brief history on Hagerty Insurance and the Coast Capital Insurance packages available. Brochures and magazines were available for distribution following their presentation.

50/50 Draw

The winner of the 50/50 was Graeme Cook- \$32.00. Winners of the 50/50 who are wearing their name badges are eligible to win an additional \$5.00 and Graeme was wearing his badge so he was entitled to an additional \$5.00

Social Break

Technical Presentation (Doug Unia)

Re-covering of Leather Steering Wheels – Terry MacFarlane
Simple Ignition Systems, Distributors, Batteries, Points, etc. – Doug Unia

The next General Meeting is scheduled for Thursday April 17th – at 7PM.

...Bob Thompson – Branch Secretary

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Upcoming Events

April 27th

Spring Explorer
Wagonmaster Marge Sabourin

May 16th - 18th

Vancouver ABFM
VanDusen Gardens

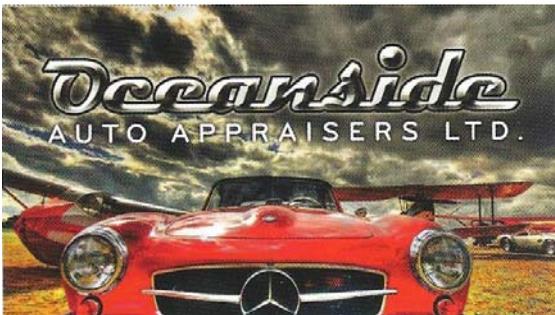
May 18th

Empire Days parade
Wagonmaster Al Thompson

Upcoming Monthly meetings...

May 15th, June 19th & July 17th

7:00 P.M. @ Lantzville Legion



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