



Bulletin



Updates, reminders, trivia and things to do for members of the Central Island Branch Nov 2025

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The Bulletin is designed to keep members up-to-date on recent developments, activities and offer a variety of info in order to rev up everyone's interest levels.

If you have an article, item or find a link to an interesting auto related website or video please send it along to: George Roberts
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Thank you



"What do you mean you were having so much fun with the MG you lost track of time? You've been gone all summer!"

Member Profile

Gary Dobrovolsky

Nanaimo, BC

1978 Triumph Spitfire



My Bio is much too involved so I'll just hit the high points.

My involvement with sports cars and specifically my 1968 Triumph Spitfire began when my best friend introduced me to his future wife in Saskatoon- she had a car to sell- I bought it without even driving it, it was just a year old.

Long story short , the first long trip was made in 1971 with the co-piloting of my older brother to Acapulco, Mexico in the dead of winter(January). A month there and return to a typical Saskatoon winter.

On to my other hobby, which became my lifetime joy. With the 'help' of ERIC CLAPTON -yes that guy, (ask me) I was offered a three month trial as a film cameraman at CFQC- the local CBC-CTVstation. One thing led to another and after years there, a colleague and I established a photo production house that would (on contract) shoot news for CBC-TV, produce commercials for businesses and process all the colour film used there-in. Very profitable. So much so that several years in I flew to England to purchase a 1957 Rolls-Royce Silver Cloud. Had it shipped over and had to fly to San Francisco six months later to fetch it. Never drove one before, but I'm a little crazy that way, and left for Saskatoon. It was a very comfortable drive and I had to be back there for a Sports job I was to cover, so, driving two days straight, up the Pacific coast to Vancouver then up to Kamloops and on to Edmonton, I made good time and arrived in Saskatoon with a day to spare.

Back to my dream job, in future years I joined CTV NEWS Toronto, was sent to Washington DC for two years, then shipped off to Peking China, two more years. My work was seen by the mucky mucks at ABC New York, I was asked if I wanted to join their news team. Of course this was the pinnacle of my profession, and then found my way to Cairo Egypt, for one year., Moscow for three years, Frankfurt, Germany and Berlin for the Fall of the Wall . I was cashiered out in 1995 when ABC closed the Bureau there, but was more than ready to return to Canada. ABC was generous in my move and although , I was 49 years old, I RETIRED, never to cover the News again.

My landing ended in Ladysmith where I built a home on five acres of heavy Douglas treed forest.

Alas, I had hoped to put my Rolls Royce back on the road but a move to Nanaimo put short shrift to that. No room for the RR and the Triumph and my wife's car.

PS- My other hobby is woodworking- I just finished a 1880 Chinese Alter Table- now for sale.

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Trip to Acapulco – 1972



Bison near Moosejaw – working for CBC 1973



Edmonton Canam – 1973



Onboard an aircraft carrier



Barbara Walters – Gary – Henry Kissinger



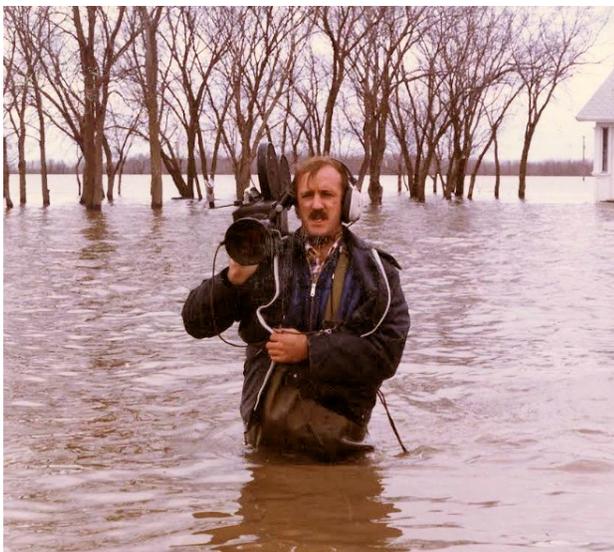
Day before Tiananmen Square Massacre - 1989



Lloyd Robertson, his wife and Gary – on Gary's island



Gary in Moscow – slept in Kremlin



Winnipeg Flood – 1978



Following American & Russian scientists 1985-86

OECC-CIB 20th November 2025 Monthly Meeting Minutes.

256 Legion, 1630 East Wellington Road, Nanaimo.

Welcome- Start of meeting 7.00 pm. With an attendance of 16 people.

David Rodger shall be standing in for Paul to chair this evening's meeting.

New Members – 1 new member at meeting – Rick Smith – owns a 1978 Triumph Spitfire
It is also the start of the 2026 membership renewal, click on the red banner on our website, prices remain the same \$25 per member.

50/50 Draw – Ticket sales collected \$57.00

Financials- Bill Grace's report on the monthly financials. We have \$6,660 in the bank.

Membership- Farrell VanderRee is on vacation, but at the last count we had a membership of 89 members, prior to any renewals.

Website- This month's newsletter will be issued later in November by the 'Bulletin' editor, George Roberts, he is always on the lookout for more material, news, stories, articles & car events so please keep him busy. John Weir has also been busy updating the website with photos from this year.

On another note, the club email is up and running for anyone who needs information or has information pertinent to the club: ciboecc@gmail.com

Social Media-Julie is away on vacation but has been busy trying to find a venue for this years Christmas gathering. The tentative date would be Thursday January 15th, 2026, at 6pm.
We should have this confirmed in December and will be updating via email.

Regalia- Marilyn is in the process of getting all the regalia items for sale posted on the website with the assistance of John Weir.

BOTB- Julie is on vacation but before she left, she put in the end of year request to the Township of Ladysmith for the 2026 BOTB grant in aid to the value of \$700.

We must also think about the implementation of our previously discussed improvements and changes for next year's event. So, reserve the space on your calendars for next year's BOTB to take place on 12th July 2026 as our 24th year event anniversary.

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Events- We have had tremendous success with our weekly afternoon chat sessions at the 356 Café in French Creek. We gather on Wednesdays at 2.00pm. In the afternoon, bare in mind they are now closing the café at 3.00pm. for winter operations, so arrive earlier rather than later. I see no reason why this event will not continue right thru' the winter months to spring when perhaps it will start warming up and we can resume with other activities. It provides an ideal opportunity to discuss current events and keep everyone up to date.

Another couple of events that usually occur early in the new year is the Polar Bear Walk usually early in January, Marilyn will be confirming this. The possibility of going 10 pin bowling in February is still open.

John Weir has put forward a suggestion of an early spring event to coincide with Victoria Day. To take a drive from a gathering point of Rath Trevor parking lot in Parksville and drive up to Courtenay or thereabouts? Perhaps we can get numbers interested or even grab lunch again at the FBI pub on the way up?

Tool Bank- David Rodger has donated some personal tools to Roger Tarry to add to the tool crib, the new information will be given to John so he will be able to update the website.

Car of the Month- Merv. Challenged us with the Jaguar D-type of which only 75 were produced. Graerme Cook correctly guessed the car.

Announcements & Open Discussion-

We have an ongoing request to our members for future guest speakers to participate at these meetings or site visits to car related workshops. Brian Collins does have some presentations to provide for future meetings.

When we have finalised arrangements for the January Christmas Dinner gathering, we will let everyone know. This will also be our CIB Awards night, as we have already established our lucky candidates for: Outstanding Member, Worst Breakdown, Best Renovation, and Furthest Driven Vehicle.

The 2026 OECC-CIB calendars are now available from Marilyn Tarry, as Paul is now away. For all those people that have pre-ordered the calendars the price came in at \$16.80 each. Because of a printing error that was made on the first batch, Vista Print reprocessed the order. So, everyone who has placed their order will get double their quantity, with a sub-standard copy and a perfect copy.

50/50 Draw results- \$28.50 was won by Bill Grace

End of Meeting - closed at 7:40 pm. Thank you all for your attendance, the next club event should be in January for either the Polar Bear Walk or the Christmas Party, we will be in touch with the details. Hopefully we will see you before then at one of the coffee meets.

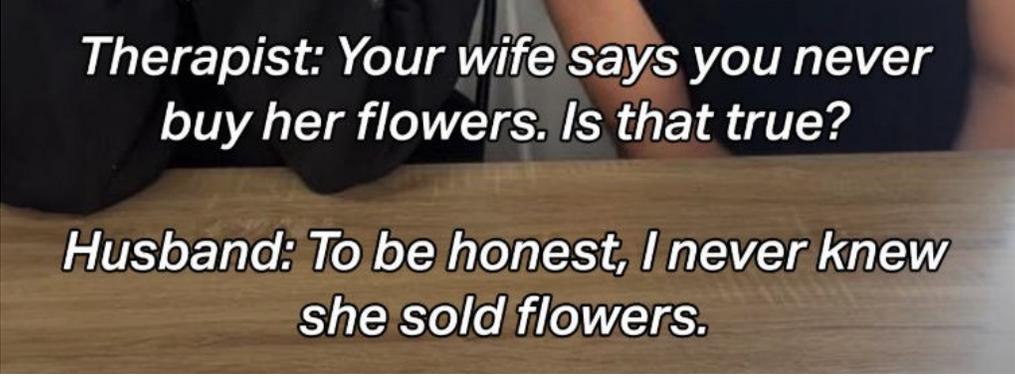
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Notes prepared by Paul Stopp CIB Team Leader and George Roberts Bulletin Editor



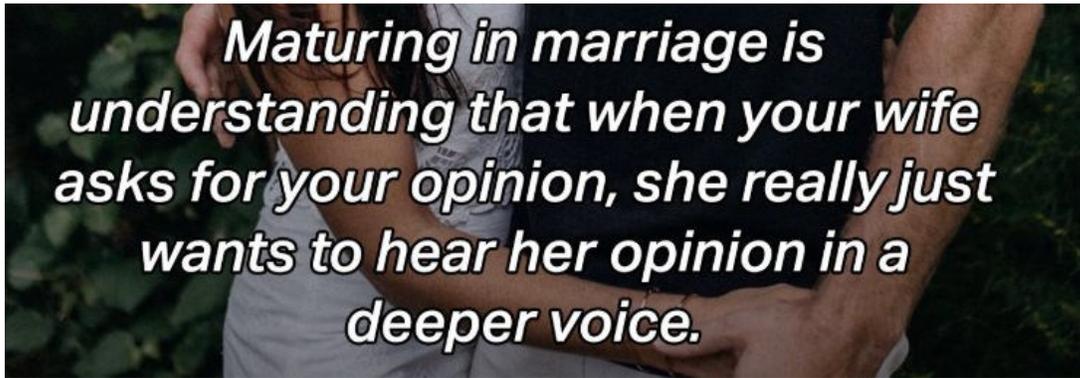
My wife made me coffee this morning and winked at me when she handed me the cup.

I'VE NEVER BEEN MORE SCARED OF A DRINK IN ALL MY LIFE!

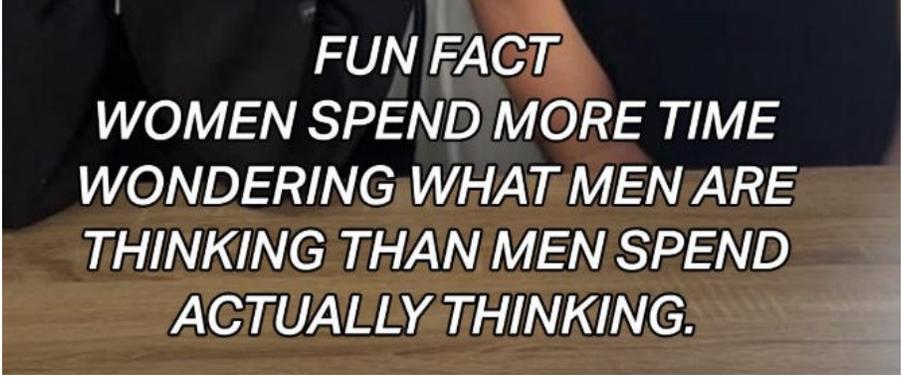


Therapist: Your wife says you never buy her flowers. Is that true?

Husband: To be honest, I never knew she sold flowers.



Maturing in marriage is understanding that when your wife asks for your opinion, she really just wants to hear her opinion in a deeper voice.



***FUN FACT
WOMEN SPEND MORE TIME
WONDERING WHAT MEN ARE
THINKING THAN MEN SPEND
ACTUALLY THINKING.***

83 M.P.H. NON-STOP* FOR 7 DAYS & 7 NIGHTS!



ANGLIA BREAKS 6 WORLD RECORDS!

- ★ 15,000 KM at 83.39 mph
- ★ 20,000 KM at 83.47 mph
- ★ 4 days and nights at 83.32 mph
- ★ 5 days and nights at 83.49 mph
- ★ 6 days and nights at 83.47 mph
- ★ 7 days and nights at 83.40 mph

Results subject to official confirmation



At the famous Montlhéry circuit near Paris, motor-car history has just been made! An Anglia saloon—a specially-prepared production model—has just been driven non-stop for seven days and seven nights at the amazing average speed of 83.4 m.p.h. In the process, the Anglia has broken six world records by sensational margins!

This spectacular new achievement adds impressively to Anglia's proud story of success in international rallies and races. To 500,000 Anglia owners all over the world here is further proof of Anglia durability and performance to confirm the rightness of their choice.

*1 minute re-fuelling stop on average every 3 hours—all under RAC supervision.



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ANGLIA

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Lots Available from RM Sotheby's London Auction



LONDON 2025
1904 Humber 10/12 HP Twin-Cylinder Two-Seater 
Lot 115 | £75,000 GBP
Asking



LONDON 2025
2004 Aston Martin DB7 Zagato 
Lot 128 | £130,000 GBP
Asking



LONDON 2025
1967 Iso Grifo GL Series I by Bertone 
Lot 132 | £410,000 GBP
Asking



LONDON 2025
1988 Aston Martin V8 Vantage Volante 'X-Pack' 
Lot 140 | £220,000 GBP
Asking



LONDON 2025
1996 Porsche 911 GT2 
Lot 142 | £1,150,000 GBP
Asking



LONDON 2025
1959 Aston Martin DB4 GT 
Lot 146 | £1,950,000 GBP
Asking



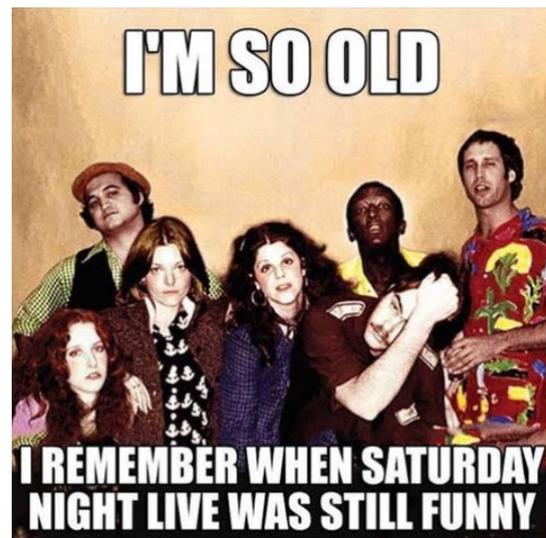
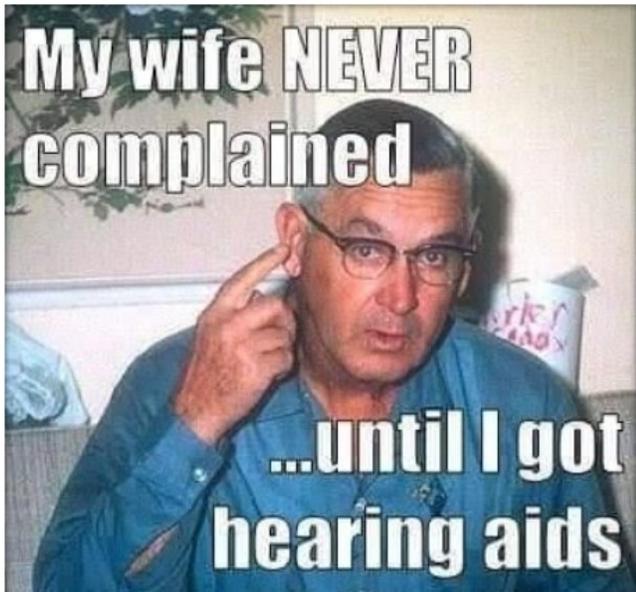
LONDON 2025
1929 Bentley Speed Six Weymann Saloon by Freestone & Webb 
Lot 152 | £875,000 GBP
Asking



LONDON 2025
1929 Rolls-Royce Phantom II Torpedo Tourer by Barker 
Lot 165 | £270,000 GBP
Asking



LONDON 2025
1991 Ferrari F40 
Lot 154 | £2,400,000 GBP
Asking



French Creek

10-28-25



11-12-25



Tips and Things

Budgeting for a Project

https://www.hagerty.com/media/maintenance-and-tech/7-budgeting-rules-for-your-project-car/?utm_source=SFMC&utm_medium=email&utm_content=MED_UN_NA_EML_UN_UN_WeekendRoadTrip&hashed_email=35e1096693feeb0887776545448a4c6a26ee2ff13d52dcf8e78f6ccd34f70301&dtm_em=35e1096693feeb0887776545448a4c6a26ee2ff13d52dcf8e78f6ccd34f70301

MGB Tuneup Part 1: How to Tune Your British Sports Car

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3ioAwq78rRE>

MGB Tuneup Part 2: Break Out the Dwell Meter and Timing Light

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KQPg2FDPXbg&t=85s>

MGB Tuneup Part 3: SU Carburetor Balance and Mixture Adjustments

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ndnPgSLOoV4&t=109s>

MG Tech | Carburetor Tuning

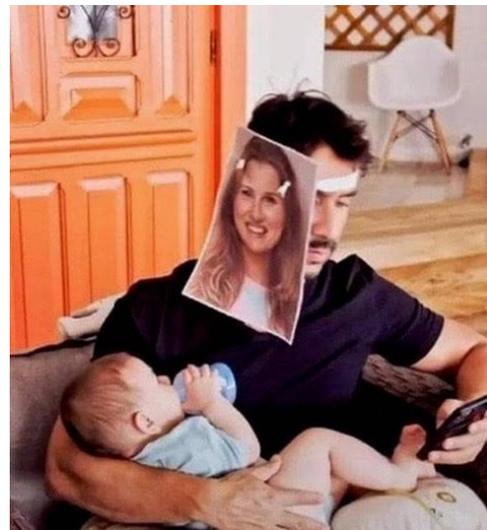
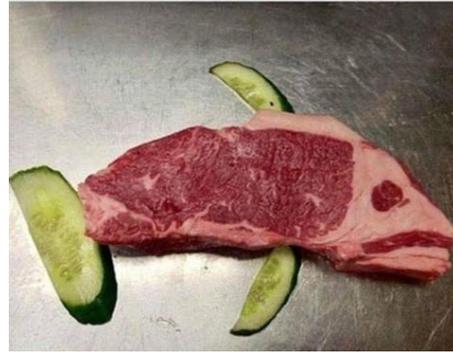
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4nvGLgO6pj0>

Clint Eastwood Collection

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SRga0ERAXfQ>



The doctor said I need to eat more fish. . . 😂😂😂



Puzzle Time



**Click on link below then click in lower right corner to enlarge
ENJOY !!**

<https://www.jigsawplanet.com/?rc=play&pid=32279fdadd37>

**CARP- Canadian Association of Retired People
Questions & Answers from CARP Forum**

Q: Where can single men over the age of 70 find younger women who are interested in them?	A: Try a bookstore, under Fiction.
Q: What can a man do while his wife is going through menopause?	A: Keep busy. If you're handy with tools, you can finish the basement. When you're done, you will have a place to live.

Q: How can you increase the heart rate of your over-70 year-old husband?	A: Tell him you're pregnant.
Q: How can you avoid that terrible curse of the elderly wrinkles?	A: Take off your glasses.

Q: Seriously! What can I do for these crow's feet and all those wrinkles on my face?	A: Go braless. It will usually pull them out.
Q: Why should 70-plus year old people use valet parking?	A: Valets don't forget where they park your car

Q: Is it common for 70-plus year olds to have problems with short term memory storage?	A: Storing memory is not a problem. Retrieving it is the problem.
Q: As people age, do they sleep more soundly?	A: Yes, but usually in the afternoon.

Q: Where should 70-plus year olds look for eye glasses?	A: On their foreheads.
Q: What is the most common remark made by 70-plus year olds when they enter antique stores?	A: "Gosh, I remember these!"

**SMILE,
You've still got your sense of
humour, haven't ,you?**

Upcoming Events

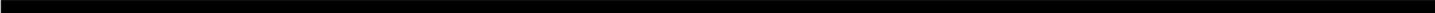
**Reminder: Every third Thursday of the month Club Meeting - Legion Branch 256
1630 Wellington Road E 7:00 PM start - We'd love to see you there**

Weekly Chat Gatherings - **Driving Season - weather permitting:
Wednesday evenings - 6pm - Qualicum Beach - 3 Poles Parking Lot
Friday noon - Rutherford Shopping Mall - Old Sears Parking Lot**

Weekly Chat Gatherings - **Off Season:
Wednesday afternoon - 2 pm - 356 Café in French Creek
(bare in mind they close the café at 3 pm. for winter operations)**

**Discussions are underway for our January Christmas/Awards banquet
More details to follow in the December Bulletin**

**Don't forget - Mark your calendars now
Brits on the Beach 2026 - July 12**



Upcoming Events

Greetings, Old English Car Club of BC members!

Cars and socializing are the "driving" passion of the club. But if you also have a passion for nature and beauty, you may find the following especially interesting.

We are pleased to announce the 2026 Brits Down the Coast classic British car tour.

Do you love driving your classic British car? Do you love the drama and beauty of the Pacific coastline? Have you dreamed of combining these two in a tour down the west coast? Perhaps you've held off due to concerns over driving the route solo. Not enough support? Not enough companionship? We have the solution: a group tour with the OECC!

The **2026 Brits Down the Coast** tour is now officially open for registration. Eight days, seven nights, September 2026. Blaine WA to Crescent City CA and back. Four days on the Oregon coast, one day through the California Redwoods. Quality lodging, gentle pace and epic scenery, all in a supportive and very social setting.

If you'd like to hear and see more details - no commitment necessary - send an email to:

2026britsdownthecoast@gmail.com.

The first information drop is ready and waiting for you.

Patti & Randy, tour hosts

604-583-2457

360-684-0525

Regalia



Description		
Cap	Navy & Black	22.00
Tuque	Navy & Black	22.00
Cloth Patch		3.00
Metal Grill Badge		20.00
Badge Decal		2.00
Mug		7.00
Sign	British Parking Only	20.00
Leather Goods		
OECC Coaster		15.00
Belt Buckle		15.00
Key Fob	Please advise make & model of car	5.00
Key Fob	OECC Logo	5.00
Key Tag	Please advise make & model of car	3.00
Key Tag	Union Jack	3.00
<p>Note- Leather goods are made to order, if we have not got what you want Please let us know and we can get it made</p>		



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