



Bulletin



Updates, reminders, trivia and things to do for members of the Central Island Branch Jan 2026

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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



Member Profile
Steve & Barbara Harris
Parksville
Cars owned: Many....



.....IN A LAND NOT SO FAR AWAY BUT LONG AGO...

Growing up in Vancouver, Land of Giants like Desoto, Chrysler, Hudson and Packard on the streets of the neighbourhood.

But hearing of Road Racing in Southern California with something called a "Sports Car", like MG, Delahey & TR's Plus @ Riverside in Scarabs & 250-Testa Rossa and Home Builds. This opened me up to a car that was fun to drive being my first from 'Fred Deeley on Broadway , A "Morris Minor"... That was not fast but drove circles of Fun.... This Led to a '59 Bugeye Sprite which over the years gained all the Fun Bits ... A 1275 , Headers, 40side draft Weber, Minilites & corehardened Axels and much more to compete in the local Slalom scene.... AND for my Road car, a 1961 E Type 3.8Ltr Coupe flat floor.

There was a group of us that met at the Rowing Club parking lot Very Early some Sunday Mornings and Road Raced The One Way Drive around Stanley Park to Second Beach, this the Bugeye was Very Good at but not-so in the Jag I should also mention the 'BRITISH" New Car Shows in February at The Bayshore Inn Hotel where after you saw the first MGB-GT, you could walk across the Parking Lot to 'Checkered Flag Motors to see the Lotus's... But that's another Story By the early 70's Vancouver was Growing with one way streets, too much traffic, And Police Radios....And with finding the LadyLove of My Life, it was time to slow down ... So I bought my First Vintage British Car that was parked in the open for some time in the West End.... It turns out the 1939 Humber Imperial Drophead was a one-of Pre War Special order LHD built by Thrupp & Maberly but with the War on it was delivered late. It finally sold in 1950 and in 1971 it was then again offered For Sale ... So in putting it back on the road, I learned a lot of respect for the Coach Building Craft on automobiles not available in the Americas.

This led to trying to collect some Interesting Bodied British Cars as Bugatti was Unobtainium ...To support getting my 'FIX' of Aluminum Coaches , I earned extra Cash by buying MG, TR, Jag, Morris Etc Road Cars and fixing them some new paint, I recall an early Woody Mini that I 1275cooperized... a1946 Flat Rad Morgan that was one of 36 cars built as Lemans Replicas due to 36 pre-war Special motors that were pre-war left-overs. They had Cycle Wings on the front & twin rear spares... that car went to Germany. Another car was THE BEST 1961 3000 Roadster with Triple SU's and OD... Real work had been done on the engine and it was FAST !!!

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Member Profile

Steve & Barbara Harris

As The Public School System did not catch my interest , I did my twelve years and went into Retail World. Shortly after moving to Lantzville with Barbara who was in the same neighbourhood growing up, She with a Morris Minor convertible and a Miniskirt ... I now have Two Love's.... so settling down with a Home & Garage. More British Tin Showed up. By & by we progressed with life and family, so I asked Barbara if I could build a car for her?

The reply was a Morris Traveller. By that time most were rusted with wood problems, finding a rebuildable 1961, a three Winter project started...I upgraded the motor to a 1275 & ribcage box and disk brakes, all new wings, all new wood and complete interior, tires etc. In the car world, if it is popular like a Mustang or MGTC or Mini, Jag or Corvette , there are most all parts available, which leads me to being a Parts Detective as most of the parts for my nine coach built cars are NOT easy to find, so I found Talent who could make what I needed.

The Internet had delivered from Australia, UK, NZ, USA, Malta and even Secret Cupboards in some Vancouver Garages.

So That's it for Now , It Has Been A Great Ride. However I enjoy bringing a car back to life more than driving them.

The Dream Car if I was a Bit Younger...." A 1972 Lotus Exige is a Coup on Steroids" Toyota V6 Twin Turbo Four Cam Multi Valve Rocket that drives like a Scalded Cat.....Don't even try in your Tesla or BMW if you see one...

.... All The Best of Happy Miles to All Cheers



I'm having people
over to stare at
their phones later,
if you want to
come by...

**AS LONG AS
EVERYTHING IS
EXACTLY THE WAY
I WANT IT. I'M
TOTALLY FLEXIBLE.**

**The longer I live,
the more convinced
I am that this
planet is used by
other planets as a
lunatic asylum.**
- GEORGE BERNARD SHAW

Nobody told me
that when you
get a husband
the ears are sold
separately.

**AS A KID, I USED TO
WATCH THE WIZARD OF
OZ AND WONDER HOW
SOMEONE COULD TALK
IF THEY DIDN'T HAVE A
BRAIN. THEN I GOT
SOCIAL MEDIA.**

Not Only Did I
FALL OFF
The Diet Wagon
I Dragged
It Into The Woods
SET it on FIRE
and used the
INSURANCE
MONEY
To Buy
CUPCAKES

I keep trying
to make protein
shakes but they
keep coming out
as margaritas.

French Creek

12-17-25



2026 Polar Bear Walk

Our walk this year was to Bowan Park. We were very lucky with the weather. A good walk (except Terry who stayed in the car).

Due to the number of paths, a few went different ways, but a good time was had by all.

We made our way to Smitty's for lunch. Roger had gone round and collected monies for the 50/50 draw.

Once we had given our food orders, we did the draw, and David Rodgers was the winner, receiving \$37.50. Plus, the coveted stuffie Polar Bear and a large book about polars bears (donated last year by Terry MacFarlane). The recipient of the bear and book keep this for a year.

Linda Harris, very kindly made a bag with material which had polar bears printed on the material. This had an inside pocket with a note to return the bear to ... if lost.

The theme this year was Ugly Sweaters. Val and Marilyn were told our sweaters weren't ugly enough, not sure about Mary's, but Julie won with her lovely thrift store purchase. Which I think will be returned shortly.

We all decided that Terry won the men's. Terry wore his sweater inside out.

Both winners received prizes of chocolate bars.

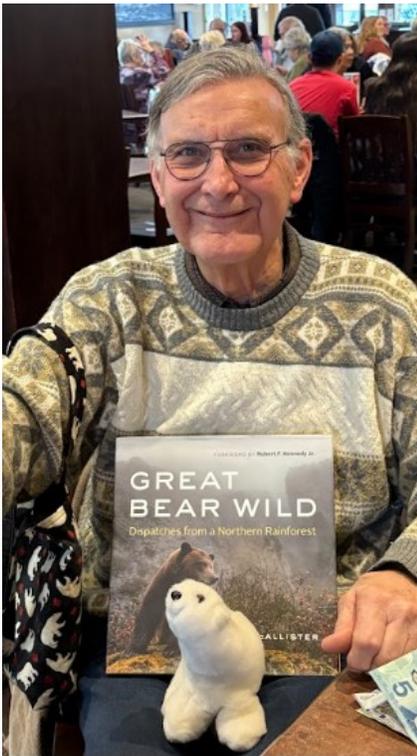
The WWF will get a donation of \$37.50.

The food was good and no one was in a hurry to leave, all having good chats.

Thank you for the 15 that turned up. Unfortunately, Al Thompson, was coming with Barbara, but got the flu. Hope you are feeling better Al.

Marilyn Tarry

POLAR BEAR WALK 2026



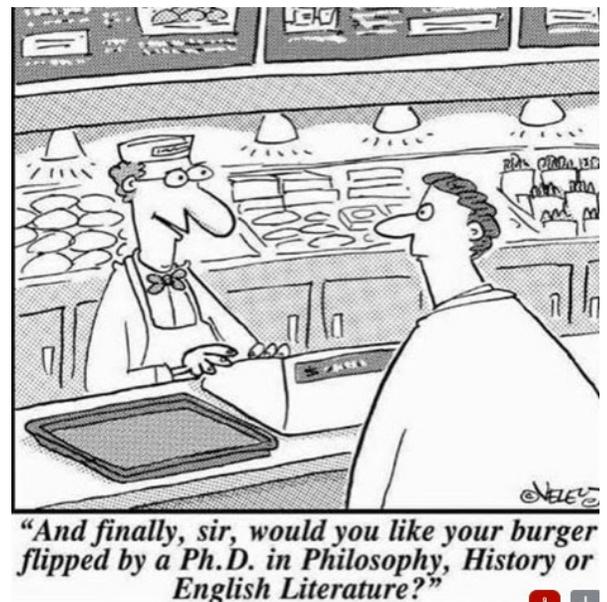
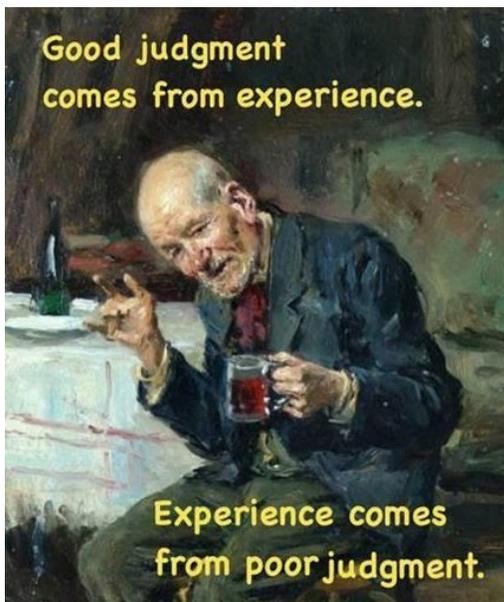
I'm always surprised when heavily tattooed couples have a baby and it comes out blank.



Imagine you're traveling and opening your passport at the airport and boom!!!!...😱😱😱



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OECC C.I.B.2025 Awards



Member of the Year

Awarded to the club member who has provided outstanding help or assistance to fulfil the duties to promote the success of the club.

2025 Winner

Bill Grace

Bill has performed an excellent job as treasurer for both the CIB and the main OECC group for a number of years.

Restoration of the Year

Awarded to the club member who has successfully completed a major renovation to their little British car in this year. Applicant must supply before and after photos and the majority of the work must have been completed by the member. A joint decision will be made within the team core as to which renovation is the most deserving of the award.

2025 Winner

Farrell VanderRee

Farrell did an outstanding job in the restoration of his 1957 Ford Thames 300E Flower Van.

It was a 2 year restoration including mechanical, wiring, upholstery, body and paint



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Long Distance Award

Awarded to the club member who has travelled the most in a calendar year in their little British car. Applicant must supply mileage as recorded with supporting documentation.

2025 Winner

Roger Frost - MGB - 7,691 kms

It was a very close race this year.

Joey Hampton - MG Midget - 7,290 kms

Graeme Cook - Triumph TR250 - 5,301 kms



Breakdown of the Year Award

Awarded to the club member that has had the most unfortunate break-down of the year.

Generally applicable to a club outing that did not take place due to a failure on-route. The break-down must take place on a public road, not whilst in your garage.

2025 Winner

Tanya Duke

Return trip from Fanny Bay in July. The car was suddenly engulfed in white smoke. Upon closer inspection it was determined that it was a transmission line at the rear of the engine that failed. Hello BCCA.

Find Tanya's full story in the December bulletin.



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January 15, 2026



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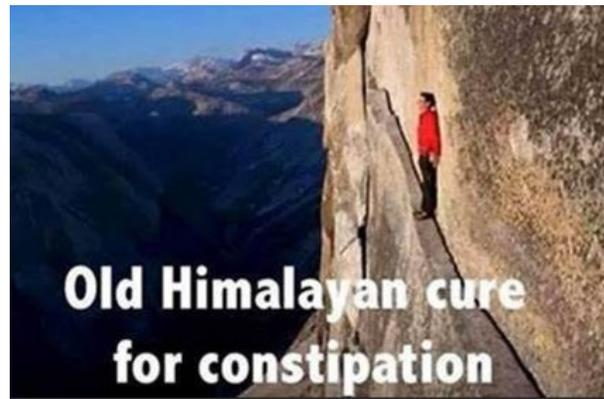
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I'd rather look back
at my life and say
"I can't believe I did that"
instead of saying,
"I wish I did that."



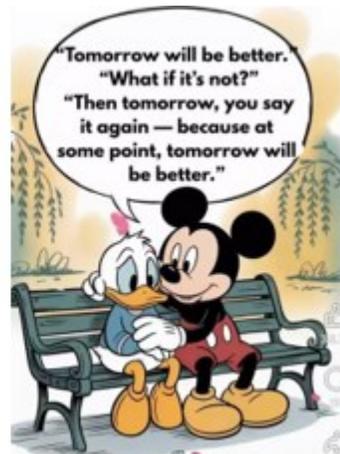
**REMEMBER
IF WE GET
CAUGHT
YOU'RE DEAF
AND I DON'T
SPEAK ENGLISH**

**Do y'all remember,
before the internet,
that people thought
the cause of stupidity
was the lack of access
to information? Yeah.
It wasn't that.**

IN THE EVENT OF A
TORNADO PUT SOME
WEINERS IN YOUR POCKETS.
THAT WAY THE SEARCH DOGS
WILL FIND YOU FIRST.

**I'M NOT
CLUMSY**
IT'S JUST THE
FLOOR HATES ME,
THE TABLES AND
CHAIRS ARE
BULLIES & THE
WALL GETS IN
THE WAY

WE DO NOT THROW AWAY
PERFECTLY GOOD FOOD
IN THIS HOUSE.
WE PUT IT IN TUPPERWARE
UNTIL IT GOES BAD,
THEN THROW IT AWAY.



65 years ago [December 1960]
the millionth Morris Minor rolled
off the production line – the first
British vehicle to achieve this
<https://shorturl.at/WNqLm>



During labor,
the pain is so
great that a
woman...
can almost
imagine what a
man feels like
when he has a cold.



FOR MANY YEARS FRED'S SECRET
SUNDAY AFTERNOON NAPS
WENT UNDETECTED

Tips & Things

MGF-F at 30

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AC Greyhound

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How to Get Rid of Moisture in Your Classic Car

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Five Things that Will Kill Any Car

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Puzzle Time



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

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CLASSIFIED ADS

Thinking of doing a Classified Ad page in the Bulletin

If you have anything for sale, send it to me:

georoberts1951@gmail.com

with a short description, price and contact info

MEMBER PROFILES

We need member profiles for the Bulletin

Send to me

georoberts1951@gmail.com

Send bio with a few pictures

Thanks for your help

2026 All Triumph Drive In &
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PRESS RELEASE

January 2026

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THE ESSENTIALS

June 15-19, 2026
Madras, Oregon

Lodging reservations now open:

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541-475-5800

& [Bunk House at Cross Keys](#)

541-475-8668

Our two host hotels share a common parking lot. The Inn at Cross Keys Station is the headquarters hotel and location of registration, meetings and the awards dinner.

ABOUT HOTEL RESERVATIONS

We are thrilled to note that as of the date of this report (mid-December), there are **85 rooms reserved** at our two host hotels, and there are only a few suites remaining available at the Bunk House at Cross Keys.

The total number of rooms between the two hotels is 122, and we HIGHLY recommend making your reservation now to avoid disappointment.

We fully expect more than 100 registrations for this event, and hitting 122 – the same number as there are rooms between our two host hotels – is not out of the question. Please call the hotels today (phone numbers above) to discuss your options, options that may be decreasing every day!

UPDATE!

EVENT REGISTRATION

We expect to open registration about four months before the event itself, and that means early February. We'll have online registration on the Portland Triumph Owners Association website, and if you're receiving this Press Release you should be among the first to receive notice, but feel free to check in frequently.

EVENT FORMAT

We are still fine-tuning the overall format of the event, but for your planning purposes we can give you this general outline now:

Monday, June 15 – Arrival Day.

Registration/check-in begins in the afternoon at the Inn at Cross Keys Station, followed by "Pub Night" and welcome orientation at 7 p.m. So, dinner is on your own.

Tuesday, June 16 – Touring Day.

Numerous tours will be available, concours judges training will take place, and in the evening there will be another Pub Night and also the meeting of Triumph Register of America members.

Wednesday, June 17 – Car Show/Concours Judging Day.

The car show will be in the morning hours, with some afternoon time for touring. We've scheduled a tech session for later in the afternoon, and in the evening there will be the ever-popular Pub Night and our guest speaker presentation.

Thursday, June 18 – Touring Day.

This final full day of the event begins with the drive-through diagnostic clinic to help get your Triumph ready for the trek home, a tech session in the afternoon, and of course touring. The day winds up with the awards dinner and our famous Raffle-Palooza (be sure to leave some space in the boot of your Triumph for some of the great loot we'll have on offer!).

Friday, June 19 – Departure & Touring Day.

We think you'll love the roads in the region so much that you might just want to save a tour to take on your way home.

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ANOTHER CELEBRITY GUEST SPEAKER!

We are thrilled to announce that Keith Martin, publisher of *Sports Car Market* magazine, will also be attending as another guest speaker at this special event!

Keith has been involved with the collector car hobby for more than 40 years as a writer, publisher, television commentator, and die-hard enthusiast. He is the founder and publisher of *Sports Car Market* magazine, a publication he founded over 36 years ago.



Keith's columns on collecting and reviews of exotic cars have also appeared in the *New York Times*, *Automobile*, *AutoWeek*, *Road & Track* and other publications.

Keith has been an emcee at Pebble Beach, the Meadow Brook Concours, Concorso Italiano, the Kirkland Concours, the La Jolla Concours d'Élégance, Keels and Wheels and many other events. He has hosted numerous television specials, and had his own show, "What's My Car Worth," shown on the Velocity channel.

Keith has received many honors, including the Lee Iacocca Award, the Edward Herrmann Award, was inducted into the Concorso Italiano Hall of Fame, and more. He has served on the board of directors of The LeMay Museum and Oregon Ballet Theater, and was formerly the chair of the board of the Meguiar's Award.

You can often find him out on the road on tours with his children, and we look forward to Keith adding yet another special dimension to the 2026 All Triumph Drive In.

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**

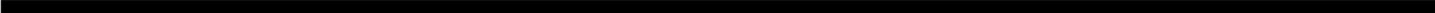
Weekly Chat Gatherings - **Driving Season - weather permitting:
Wednesday evenings - 6pm - Qualicum Beach - 3 Poles Parking Lot
Friday noon - Rutherford Shopping Mall - Old Sears Parking Lot**

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)**

**June 21, 2026 Father's Day Show & Shine, Seaside Cruizers - Qualicum Beach
Early Registration at: <https://seaside-cruizers.vercel.app/>
Also contact Dave Stewart at: dave_stewart@shaw.ca
To let the club know how many members are attending**

**June 28, 2026 8:00 AM to 2 PM
Vintage Car Club Mid-Island Chapter Swap meet (non-profit)
All types of Collector Car Parts & Cars for sale
80 Indoor Stalls— Truck & Trailer Boot Sales
300 Public Parking area.....Good Food.....ATM.....Good washrooms
Self contained Camping - Easy walk to Famous Goats on the Roof**

July 12, 2026 BRITS ON THE BEACH - MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW



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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