



Bulletin



Updates, reminders, trivia and things to do for members of the Central Island Branch Apr 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
georoberts1951@gmail.com

Thank you



"You didn't spend any money on the MG this week, so the church sent someone over to witness the miracle"

Member Profile

Steven Freeland

Ladysmith

1974 Triumph TR6

I'm originally from Ottawa, but spent a large part of my life in Vancouver where I worked as a city bus driver.

When I was a teenager our family lived in the UK. This is where I learned to drive and ended up buying my first car there. A Metropolitan. This car was made for the home market so it had right hand drive. When we returned to Canada, via QE 2, the little convertible came with me. I had the car for 15 years and did end up driving it from Ottawa to Edmonton, then onto Vancouver. The car was later sold .

I have since had several cars including an Austin Westminster. several Volvos, VW Westfalia, Mazda Miata and an MGA.(what was i thinking when I sold that one?!) Since retiring from transit in 2017 and moving to the island, my interest has been a 1974 TR6. Pictured here with Farrell at Coco cafe in Cedar.for coffee.. Mine is the one of the left with the top down.

Hobbies, other than old cars, include hiking, acrylic painting, minor home renovations, aquafit and looking after my golden doodle, Griffon. I am looking forward to Brits on the Beach. And possibly another car project.



OECC-C.I.B. April 2026 Meeting Minutes.
256 Legion, 1630 East Wellington Road, Nanaimo.

Welcome- Start of meeting 7.00 pm. With an attendance of 11 members.

New Members – None present

50/50 Draw - No draw as Marilyn and Roger were absent.

Financials- Bill Grace reported financials with the club funds that are in good standing.

Membership- Farrell VanderRee was absent but had issued a new April 2026 membership roster, which shows 74 current members with one new joining from Gabriola Island.

Website- April's monthly newsletter The Bulletin– by George Roberts will be out later this month with these minutes included. George is always on the lookout for more content material, news, stories, articles etc. John Weir has been keeping our OECC- CIB website up to date with photos of past events and a record of previously issued monthly Bulletin's, he has also provided the design work for the 2026 BOTB Poster which copies of are available tonight for distribution and display.

Social Media-Julie supplies the Facebook OECC-CIB with regular posts, however she is currently on vacation until May 5th.

Regalia- No update on regalia as Marilyn was absent, but I do believe she was trying to obtain the remainder of Terry's completed leather work stock.

BOTB- Julie as co-ordinator for BOTB in her absence I can provide a few updates:

We will have an outdoor kitchen put on by the Ladysmith Rotary to organise the food for this year and they will be supplying a pancake breakfast and food throughout the event.

The Ladysmith Credit Union has approved an amount of \$850 towards BOTB.

Bill informed us that the club had received the \$375 donation from the Township of Ladysmith.

We have tentatively booked a professional DJ for the event, Prime Time DJ, Bob Marineau at a rate of \$630 for the 5 hours, he does come highly recommended.

Julie had a preliminary number of posters printed prior to her vacation for distribution and display, which I had picked up from Marilyn tonight. (It does state the food truck being from the Rotary Club, which we understand now is incorrect).

We would still like members to canvas additional sponsor's like: Lordco, Canadian Tire, Tim Hortons, etc. similarly as per last year. Al Ramsey will not be available as truck driver for this year's event, fortunately Rick Smith has volunteered to fill this position.

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Events-

The position of an additional Events Co-ordinator remains open to be filled.

April 26th -St. Georges (LAMB) Car Show, Fort Langley. (I'm going).

May 16th -ABFM VanDusen Gardens, Vancouver. (I'm going).

May 17th -Southlands-Centennial Beach Car Show.

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June 21st - Sunday Father's Day, Qualicum Show and Shine, (Dave Stewart)

June 28th - Vintage Car Club Mid-Island Chapter Swap meet (non-profit) - 8:00 AM to 2 PM

July 1st - Saltspring Island Canada Day Show and Shine, (take the Crofton Ferry)

July 5th -Parksville Car and Bike Show, registration is now open, (see poster).

July 12th - Brits on the Beach, Ladysmith, Transfer Beach, (see poster).

July 25th -Ocean Idler's Blast from the Past car show, Coombs Fairgrounds.

August 29th -Gabriola Cruisers Poker Run 10:00 AM - Gabriola Agricultural Hall - Off ferry to top of hill
Duration: 2 hours Entry fee: \$15/car - donated to the local food bank
Contact Wayne Knibbs 250-247-9517 vsaxon@shaw.ca

Tool Bank- Catalogue binder available on Facebook under "Files" tab.

Car of the Month- Merv was not present, so no mystery car or manufacturer tonight.

50/50 Draw results- No draw took place.

Announcements & Open Discussions-

We have been notified by the Legion branch 256 that from Sept 1ST 2026 the monthly rental for the hall we use will increase from the current rate of \$80 to \$135. This is quite a substantial increase and because of this I am open to looking at alternate venue suggestions. Local community halls etc. in the Nanaimo to Lantzville district.

We also have an ongoing request to members for future guest speakers at meetings or visits to workshops and other interesting ideas.

We need to stimulate our membership numbers and interests, as can be seen by our falling club turnout, whether an earlier 6 pm start would help for those that do not like night driving or for those that have to drive in from further away.

We also discussed a club membership drive to promote new or bring back old members.

Plus adding a technical 'hands-on' element to the club meetings with problem solving, brainstorming or visual aids and descriptions.

End of Meeting - closed at 8-30pm. Please mark the next meeting on your calendar for May 21st 7pm. Start. Thank you.

Meeting Chaired and minutes by Paul Stopp.

The Central Island Branch, Old English Car Club Presents:

BRITIS

ON THE

BEACH

2026



Sunday, July 12 - 10:00 to 3:00 PM
Transfer Beach Park, Ladysmith B.C.
Rotary Club Pancake breakfast and lunch!



- **Limit 250 British made vehicles - all vintages and types welcome!**
- **No pre-registration required**
- **No admission fees but we encourage everyone to bring a donation to the Ladysmith Food Pantry food bank (cash or non-perishable food item)**

For more info contact us at: ciboecc@gmail.com

Follow us on: [facebook.com/BritsontheBeach](https://www.facebook.com/BritsontheBeach)



LADYSMITH RESOURCES CENTRE ASSOCIATION



LADYSMITH



OECC-CIB First official run for this year come join us on May 18th -Victoria Day, with your British car for a drive to Port Alberni for lunch, stopping on the way at Little Qualicum Falls for a scenic walk. Upon the return drive an optional excursion to also visit Englishman Falls. We will meet up before the drive at 356 Café parking lot, bottom of Lee Road in French Creek at 9.45am on the Monday morning. (Weather permitting). Please let Paul Stopp at email stopperone23@hotmail.com know if you are interested in joining the group. Once we have the numbers established, we will secure a venue in Port Alberni for lunch. Please provide me your name, phone #, email and vehicle type for the trip.

Hope to see you for a great Victoria Day.

Thank you,

Paul Stopp – Team Leader CIB.





"Boy, Harry, you sure look different without your wallet!"

Still trying to get my head around the fact that "Take Out" can mean food, dating or murder.

Courage is knowing it might hurt, and doing it anyway.

Stupidity is the same.

And that's why life is hard.

The average person walks 918 miles per year, and drinks 556 glasses (27.8 gallons of wine per year)



Which is 38 miles to the gallon, which is pretty good

Two of the greatest qualities to have in life are:



PATIENCE
and **WISDOM**

The word 'POLITICS' is derived from the word "poly" meaning 'many' and the word 'ticks' meaning 'blood sucking parasites'.

POLITICS



French Creek

April 1

We had a nice round number of 10 members participate at the Cafe 356 today for the afternoon coffee and chat session. Thank you Marc for reserving the top table at 2pm....



April 8



April 15



French Creek

April 22

When the sun comes out so do the cars. It was a great turnout at the Cafe' 356 today, with 13 people and 9 LBC's. Certainly aroused enough spectators like it was a local car show, see for yourself:





Late one night Jack takes a shortcut through the cemetery. Hearing a tapping sound he becomes scared and quickens his pace. The tapping gets louder and Jack is now scared out of his wits. Then he notices a man chiselling a tombstone. "Thank goodness!" Jack says to the man. "You gave me a fright of my life. Why are you working so late?" "They spelt my name wrong."*



Dear kids, This is what your grandmas looked like in the 70s.



Finding friends with the same mental disorder as you...



I can't afford an Ancestry DNA Kit to learn about my relatives. So instead, I posted online that I had won the lottery.



When you're trying to read something without your glasses.

You should have seen the size of that mouse!



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MG MGB 1974

E&R Classics
Europe's #1 Online Classic Car Dealer
Buy safely online ✓ Delivery to your door ✓ Trade-in possible

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RM Sotheby – April Auction



1999 Bugatti EB112

€1,500,000 - €2,000,000 EUR 

- The last of only three examples of the near-mythical EB112 produced
- Completed for Monegasque businessman Gildo Pallanca Pastor and retained for his personal use until 2015
- EB110-derived carbon fibre chassis with a front-mounted 6.0-litre naturally aspirated V-12, six-speed manual gearbox, and all-wheel drive
- Odometer displays just 388 kilometres at the time of cataloguing; offered by its second owner from new
- An extraordinarily rare and significant piece of modern Bugatti history



THE MONACO AUCTION 2026

1959 Aston Martin DB4 Series I

Lot 128 | €250,000 - €350,000 EUR



THE MONACO AUCTION 2026 

1955 Aston Martin DB3S

Lot 158 | €3,000,000 - €4,000,000 EUR



THE MONTEREY AUCTION 2026 

1947 Talbot-Lago T26 Record Cabriolet by Figoni et Falaschi

\$1,900,000 - \$2,500,000 USD



Lotus Esprit S1 'The Spy Who Loved Me' Film Prop Display

Estimate: €200,000 - €300,000 EUR

Offered Without Reserve

You know you're getting old when it feels like the morning after... but there was no night before.

"The average person spends \$225 a year on their hobby"

Car people were not in this test group



In life,
it's important to know
when to stop arguing
with people and simply
let them be wrong.



Puzzle Time



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

<https://www.jigsawplanet.com/?rc=play&pid=0b600d32dd70>

Tips and More

Blinker Fluid Renewal

<https://www.facebook.com/watch?v=1450459186748097>

British Icons of 1966

https://www.hagerty.co.uk/articles/world-cup-classics-british-icons-of-1966/?utm_source=SFMC&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=26_MED_UN_UK_EML_UN_UN_UKDrivetimeWeekend_18042026&utm_content=26_MED_UN_UK_EML_UN_UN_UKDrivetimeWeekend_18042026

6 Cars with Tiny Engines and Big Price Tags

https://www.hagerty.com/media/market-trends/hagerty-insider/6-cars-with-tiny-engines-and-big-price-tags/?utm_source=SFMC&utm_medium=email&utm_content=MED_UN_NA_EML_UN_UN_WeekendRoadTrip&hashed_email=35e1096693feeb0887776545448a4c6a26ee2ff13d52dcf8e78f6ccd34f70301&dtm_em=35e1096693feeb0887776545448a4c6a26ee2ff13d52dcf8e78f6ccd34f70301

Sportscar of the Year

<https://www.facebook.com/reel/26144624131832956>

Genuine vs Fake Classic Car Panels: How to Tell the Difference

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cN3A4d5MhF4>

1965 Jaguar S-Type Full Restoration | Classic British Elegance Reborn

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JPJb6cKgs-w>

My boss calls me "The Computer".
Nothing to do with my
intelligence - I go to sleep if left
unattended for 15 minutes.

Did a little
mechanics work
today.

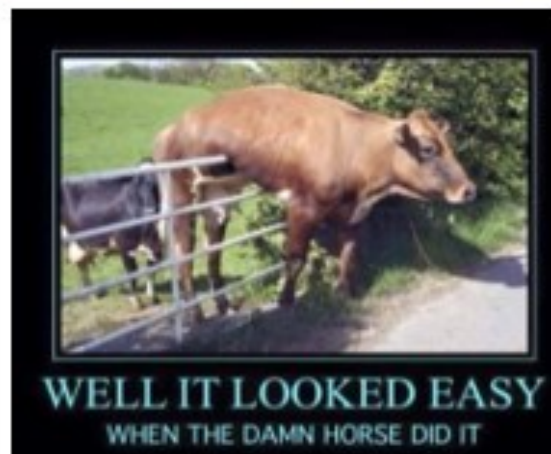
Put a rear end
in a recliner.

**WHENEVER I'M SAD,
YOU'RE THERE.
WHENEVER I HAVE PROBLEMS,
YOU'RE THERE.
WHENEVER LIFE CRAPS ON ME,
YOU'RE THERE.
LET'S FACE IT, YOU'RE BAD LUCK.**

**A waitress asked
me if I wanna box
for my leftovers.
We went three
rounds before she
knocked me out...**

**Accidentally stepped on my husband's foot:
"Sorry."**

**Accidentally stepped on my dog's paw:
"Oh my God, I'm so SORRY!
Are you ok buddy? I'm SO, SO sorry.
I didn't mean to hurt you.
I LOVE you. You want a treat?
You're the best boy, yes you are."**



4th Annual Chemainus
SUMMER FEST
AUTO SHOW

**Sunday
 June 28th 10-3**

CAR SHOW
 REGISTRATION:

Register online or
 at Doc the Barber
 or McBride's

Rotary
 Club of Chemainus

\$20 August 2nd, 2026 \$20

Run To The Rock
 CANADA'S LONGEST PIER

Artwork by
 ©Britt Madding

Westcoasters Daze 2026
 White Rock Sea Festival & Semiahmoo Days
 West End Marine Drive
300 Spots Only!
 1st come 1st served!!!
 8a.m. to 4p.m.
 Trophies at 2:30 P.m.
 No Trailers, No Motorcycles, No Dogs
 Mike @ 604-539-1202 therodgod@shaw.ca

T-Shirts
 Dash Plaques
 Trophies
 Vehicles 1972
 and older

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Can't
 wait

2026 RESTORATION FAIR & SWAP MEET

Sunday, May 31, 2026



- Parts, Tools, Literature, Collectables
- Show & Shine and Car Club displays
- British "Cars For Sale" area
- 10am – 3pm (rain or shine)

To register as a vendor or enter a British vehicle for sale visit:

<https://sib.oeccevents.ca>

Or contact:

Derrick Sparks

ds.mg@telus.net 250-658-8614



Presented by the Old English Car Club & Saanich Historical Artifacts Society

Attention Vendors!

If you would like to sell a quantity of parts or offer a vehicle for sale and participate as a vendor at the swap meet, please contact **Derrick Sparks** to reserve a space. Contact details: ds.mg@telus.net or 250-658-8614.

As in previous years, if you have a small quantity of items you wish to sell, you may do so by displaying them by your car on the show field.

The 19th annual Restoration Fair and Swap Meet will take place at Heritage Acres in Saanichton on Sunday, May 31. Public admission begins at 10:00am and the day's activities conclude at 3:00pm.

Help will be needed for the set-up on Saturday, May 30 and on the day itself, Sunday, May 31. Depending upon the number of people who volunteer, only a couple of hours of your assistance should be required. And your entry to the event will be free!

Saturday Setup

- Help move tables and chairs to various areas of Heritage Acres. Meet at the Schoolhouse at 9:00am. Depending upon the number of helpers, we should be finished by about 10:30am.

Sunday

Volunteers are needed as follows:

- **Final Setup** (from 7:00am).
- **Gate Entry** (from 8:00am): Collect entry fee from the public and distribute printed information.
- **Public Parking** (from 9:00am): directs the public to the public parking field.
- **English Car Parking** (from 8:00am): directs car show participants to the infield area.
- **End of Day Clean-up** (from 3:00pm): return tables and chairs to storage area, general cleanup.

Sign-up sheets to volunteer for any of the duties listed above will be distributed at the next club meetings. Or you may contact Richard Neville (rgcn511011@gmail.com) or John Beresford (beresford@pacificcoast.net) to volunteer for any of the tasks listed above.

Thank you!



All are weather dependent and happen on a regular schedule. As far as I am aware, all makes, models, years & bikes are welcome.

C.R.U.I.S.E. on Facebook - Les Pickell admin

Up to date Apr. 12, 2026

Name/Location		Day	Time	Info Start Date
Mary Winspear	Sidney	Every Mon	6 PM	park near DQ
Home Hardware lot	Duncan	Every Tue	Not before 6 PM	started
Edward Milne School	Sooke	Every Wed	6 PM	Apr 15
Waterwheel Park	Chemainus	Every Wed	4 - 8 PM	Jun 3
KMS Tools	Nanaimo	Every Wed	Not before 5:30 PM	Apr 8
A & W	Ladysmith	Every Thur	5 PM	May
Tim Horton's Year round	Saanich	Every Fri	7:30 PM	Saanich Plaza (Uptown)
642 Jeeps	Langford	Every Fri	6:30 – 9:30 PM	Park & Ride by Juan de Fuca Rec Center
Royal Oak Canadian Tire	Saanich	Every Sat	Not before 6:15 PM	April 4 NEW START TIME
Mt Tolmie	Saanich	Last Sunday of month Mar - Oct	5-6 PM	Truck, Van, Utility
Home Building Center 1395 Island Highway W	Parksville	Sat	6 PM	Starts Apr 25
Wheelies Motorcycles	Victoria	Every Fri	5 – 9 PM	ongoing
Ryan Rd. A&W	Courtney	Every Thur	6PM	May - Oct
Kingsway Hotel	Port Alberni	Sun	10am - 1pm	Last Sunday of each month
Exin Custom Detailing	Duncan	Sat	6PM	May 2
A&W	Powell River	Wed	6PM	unknown
Café 356	Parksville	Sun	8:30AM	started

I know this is second time showing.....just in case you missed it in the beginning



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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)

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Early Registration at: <https://seaside-cruizers.vercel.app/>
Contact Dave Stewart at: dave_stewart@shaw.ca to let the club know how many members are attending

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Regalia



Description		
Caps	Navy and Black	22.00
Toques	Navy and Black	22.00
Cloth Patch		3.00
Metal Grill Badges		20.00
Badge Decal		2.00
Mugs		7.00
Sign	British Parking Only	20.00
Leather Goods	(limited to stock on hand)	
OECC Coasters		15.00
Belt Buckle		15.00
Key Fob	Please advise make and model of car	5.00
Key Fob	OECC logo	5.00
Key Tag	Please advise make and model of car	3.00
Key Tag	Union Jack	3.00



Leadership Team



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