



Bulletin



Updates, reminders, trivia and things to do for the Central Island Branch August 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 Smith

Qualicum Beach

1974 MG Midget - 1958 Triumph TR3 - 1970 MGB

I'm Steve Smith, a member of the Central Island Chapter of the OECC since 2021 and I live in Qualicum Beach. Back in the 1970's, I had wanted an MGB, but couldn't afford one and, living in Saskatchewan, had to admit that an MGB was not a very practical all-weather car.

Then, with the onset of the covid pandemic, a new/old urge resurfaced. Covid had disrupted many of our routines, including the ability to travel to visit family members and socialize with local friends and neighbours. To deal with these, I was looking for a new focus of interest for myself...something I could learn about, keep me busy, and enable me to get out of the house by myself from time to time for a few hours. I thought about buying and reconditioning a boat of some kind, as we had owned several over the years, but eventually gravitated to a little classic car of some description. I am no mechanic, but I have performed basic engine servicing on various cars and boats over the years, and I felt that I could do some work on the car myself and find some auto shops somewhere locally that could do the hard stuff.

In 2021 I began to look for a 'B'. A number were for sale at a range of prices and conditions. I was surprised to find a Midget for sale very close to my home, so decided to check it out. Although not a 'B', I was impressed with the appearance of the car and its quite good driving condition. I purchased my first LBC, a 1974 MG Midget Mk III, which my wife quickly named "Blue", due to her Teal Blue colour. When new, she was Harvest Gold, and still has a few signs of that colour showing in her out-of-the-way places.

A few years later, a fellow CIB member purchased a Triumph TR3 in the final stages of its restoration. Although he intended to finish the car himself, he agreed to sell me the car. It is a white 1958 TR3A, (tentatively named Blanche) which, at the time had no interior upholstery, panels, or carpet, and a new wiring harness lying unconnected on the floor. The new body paint presented a blank canvas and my wife Judy and I decided that it deserved a premier finish. We added new chrome wire wheels. All-leather upholstery and panels, wool carpet, and cabriotex/fabric top, tonneau, and top boot. This car is almost too nice to drive and I will likely let it go sometime soon. This summer, my urge to own my MGB resurfaced and I found my "HoneyBee", a 1970 MGB in Bronze yellow. She has a factory hardtop so I hope that will enable me to stretch my driving in the fall and spring, when it's a little too cool for top down driving. Soon after I got my first car, an OECC member that I met on the street told me about the club and urged me to join. I have enjoyed meeting more CIC members to see their project cars, seek helpful advice on how to do the hard stuff, and participate at a few car shows, including Brits on the Beach. As the photo shows, my stable is now full.



OECC - C.I.B. August 2026 Meeting Minutes.

256 Legion, 1630 East Wellington Road, Nanaimo.

Welcome- Start of meeting 7.00 pm. With an attendance of 21 members.

No new Members – But we do have a visiting guest with us tonight, Dennis Ready from Cedar, he has a 62 Jaguar E-Type and a late model MGB.

50/50 Draw -Draw Marilyn and Roger sold \$100 of tickets.

Financials- Bill Grace has provided this month updated summary of the club's funds, and we are in good standing with almost \$14,000 in the bank.

Memberships- Farrell VanderRee reported an increase in the membership now standing at 98.

Website- August's newsletter The Bulletin– by George Roberts will be out later in the month with these minutes included, as well a selection of photos from this month's events.

George is on the lookout for more content material, news, stories, articles etc.

Our website guru John Weir has been busy putting together the many contributed photos of BOTB to present a slideshow work is ongoing.

Social Media-Julie updates the Facebook OECC with regular CIB event posts.

Regalia-Marilyn, still waiting on embroidery badge order to be placed, club were in favour to continue with producing the annual calendar with members cars.

BOTB- Julie has met with Doug Paterson of the Chronical paper last Friday to present the donation cheque of \$2,500 raised for the Ladysmith Food Pantry from the efforts of this year's BOTB. Well done! The giant presentation cheque was gratefully accepted by Aliina Alle of LFP, and the occasion will be written up in the upcoming Chronical with photo.

The outstanding amount \$140 from the silent auction gift basket remains unpaid.

The last advertising bills thru' Facebook have come in from John Weir for \$84.89.

The wrap-up BOTB BBQ will take place on Thursday August 27th at 12 noon, at the new VCCC club house at 2496 Summerset Road, Nanoose Bay. Please bring your drink of choice and it is a potluck on desserts and salads. Burgers, smokies, chips, potato salad, tea, coffee and bottled waters plus condiments will be provided by the club. Today's total for the event is 45 people to cater for. Any extra help for tasks on the day would be gratefully appreciated, hope to see you all there. Marilyn will put on a 50/50 ticket draw there.

Events-

Let me firstly thank Farrell and his wife Christine for the wonderful drive thru' Cedar and lunch they provided last Thursday August 13th to the members of the club. It was great to see such wonderful support for this event with 17 British cars participating, we all enjoyed ourselves.

August 23rd Geoff Moyse's afternoon picnic on his lawn open invitation at his house and his Jaguar collection, prior meet up with SIB at Kinsol Trestle for noon lunch at 'The Lakehouse' on Shawnigan Lake. Looks like this will be a great event with 12 cars and 20 people signed up for the event. We meet at 10am at the top parking lot at Ladysmith Transfer Beach turnoff.

August 29th - Gabriola Cruisers Poker Run 10:00 AM - Gabriola Agricultural Hall - Entry fee: \$15/car - donated to the food bank, Contact Wayne Knibbs 250-247-9517 vsaxon@shaw.ca

Our club is still seeking an "Events Co-ordinator" to fill an outstanding position.

Tool Bank- Catalogue available on Facebook under "Files" tab and on the OECC website.

Tool allocation, collection and drop-off managed by Roger Tarry.

Car of the Month- Merv was not present, so no mystery car or manufacturer tonight, however Brian Collins mentioned he may try and put something together for next month.

50/50 Draw results- Tonight's lucky winner was Rick Smith with half the takings \$50 plus the extra \$5 for wearing his badge.

Announcements & Open Discussion-

We received the official green light from Steve Harris today as club leader for the VCCC to allow us to share the premises for our next September meeting. This came just as the Legion is requesting a contract renewal decision for September 2026, which I have now cancelled. There will be a meeting of the CIB executives to work out payment terms with the VCCC.

There is a request to members for future guest speakers at meetings or visits to workshops or adding technical discussions.

The weekly Wednesday coffee 2pm. Chat gathering at the Café 356 are ongoing as well as our regular 'Summer' meetings at the Qualicum Beach Wed. Evening 6pm. meet-up at the '3 poles' parking area, and the Friday noon at the Rutherford old Sears parking lot hosted by Julie until the end of this month. Both locations are depending on favourable weather conditions.

I must apologise I was mis-informed by a member who shall remain anonymous, Dave Nishioka is alive and well and living in Ontario. The very unfortunate sad news should have been for David Kelsey who passed away on July 10th. His wife Louise has informed us there will be a celebration of life at St. Mark's Anglican Church in Qualicum Beach on Sat. Sept. 26th at 1.30pm.

End of Meeting - closed at 8.15pm. Please mark the next meeting on your calendar as set for September 17th 7pm. At the VCCC clubhouse on 2496 Summerset Road, Nanoose Bay.

Thank you.

Meeting Chaired and minutes by Paul Stopp.



In Memorandum



This is to let you know that my Husband of 51 years, David, passed away on July 10th and therefore our names can be removed from the OECC membership list.

Dave enjoyed his time with the club very much and the friendships and various activities he and we participated in.

He loved British cars, going back to his roots in Yorkshire, although he was not a mechanic.

I was interested to read the recent newsletter, huge with so many interesting articles and photographs. It is good to see the club thriving still.

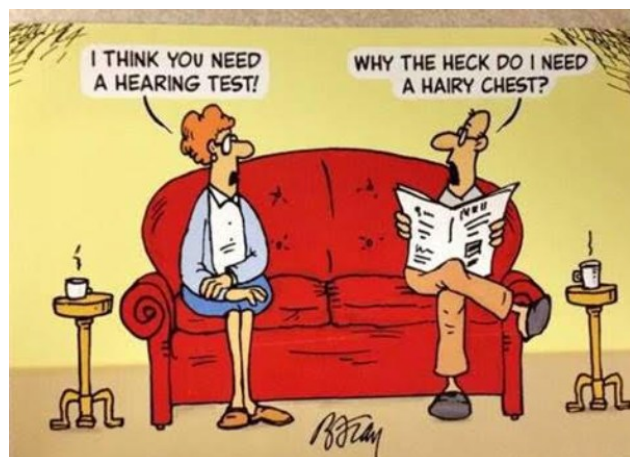
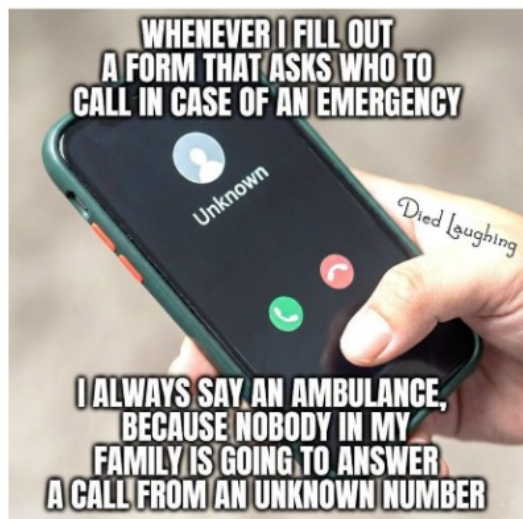
We are holding a service of Thanksgiving for David at St Mark's Anglican Church in Qualicum Beach, on Saturday, September 26th at 1.30pm.

Kind regards,
Louise Kelsey
louisekelsey@shaw.ca
[250-752-8849](tel:250-752-8849)

BC Day August 3 French Creek

or BC Day a few of us showed up at the Cafe' 356 this morning. The temperature for a drive was perfect sunshine and a cool breeze. P.S.



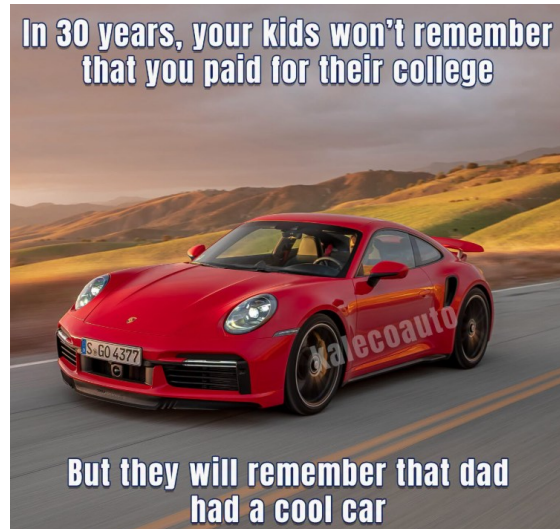


Christine & Farrell's Cedar Run August 13

A hugely successful car run this morning thru' the district of Cedar was open to OECC-CIB members and was hosted by Farrell and Christine. The fantastic turn-out was equal to the largest of 17 British cars in a tour event that was held earlier in the year on Victoria Day to Port Alberni. After the lovely scenic drive we went back to our hosts home in their oasis of a garage, workshop, flower garden and a lovely home for a delicious lunch. Photos by Paul Stopp.







Be the reason someone
smiles today.
Or the reason they drink.
Whatever works

I want to be like a
caterpillar.
Eat a lot.
Sleep for a while.
Wake up beautiful.

Ladysmith Car Show August 15

I checked out the Ladysmith car show yesterday, always a good turn-out of varied vehicles, but I don't know if it was a later time in the afternoon, but it did not seem as crowded with attendance. Not too many British cars but still plenty of other classic rides to hold your attention. P.S.



"Why are there never any good side effects of medication? Just once I'd like to read, 'Caution: May cause extreme sexiness'."



One minute you're young and fun. And the next, you're turning down the stereo in your car to see better.

MY GOAL IN LIFE IS FOR ME AND MY BEST FRIEND TO BECOME THE OLD LAIDES WHO CAUSE HAVOC IN THE NURSING HOME



BY GIVING EVERYONE VODKA TO TAKE THEIR MEDS WITH

When you find someone with the same mental illness as you...



keep'em.

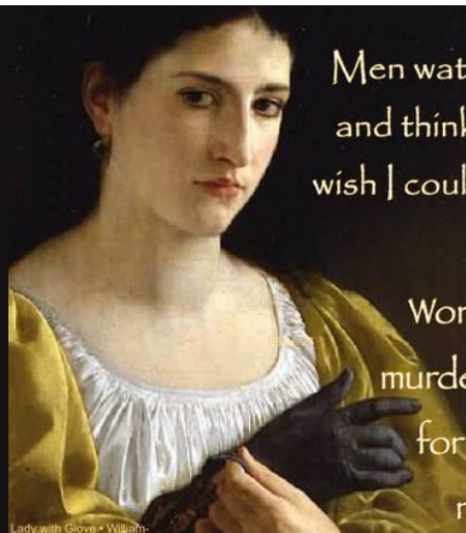
Every weekend, I say to myself, "Susan, you have to stop drinking wine."

Thankfully, I'm not Susan.



Men watch sports and think, "Man, I wish I could do that."

Women watch murder mysteries for the same reason.



Sunday August 23, 2026

We had a marvellous run yesterday with 11 British cars and 18 CIB members to the Kinsol Trestle. No rain after the previous evenings thunder and lightning display and nice temperatures. We stopped at the Shawnigan Lake "Lakehouse" for a very nice lunch, and then on to the Kinsol parking lot to meet up with the SIB members of OECC. The Trestle is pretty spectacular and well worth the visit if you have never been. We then drove on as a combined group to Geoff Moyse House to listen to the entertainment he had put



Sunday August 23, 2026





August 26

Well it was a good turnout of people at the cafe today with a total of 17, not so many British cars at 7 vehicles but we will try harder next time. We have 53 names down for tomorrow's BBQ, so I'll expect a good showing of cars.

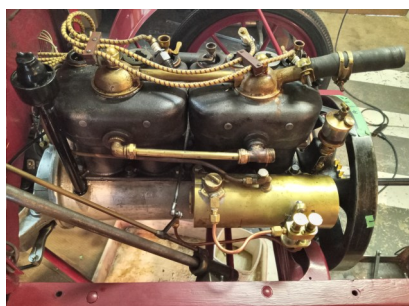




OECC CIB BBQ August 27

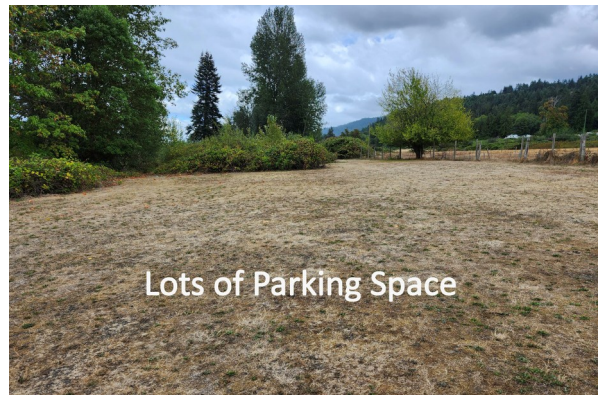
Well I think we had a very successful CIB BBQ this afternoon. Big thanks to our two chefs for stepping up to the plate Rick and Bill, thank you. Equally to all those who helped set up and clean up and leave the place like the 40 of us were never there, we thank you too. Should have taken photos of all the food and wonderful desserts but it was too late before I thought about it. Of course the only negative thing about the iffy weather was that it kept most of our little British treasures at home. Paul Stopp





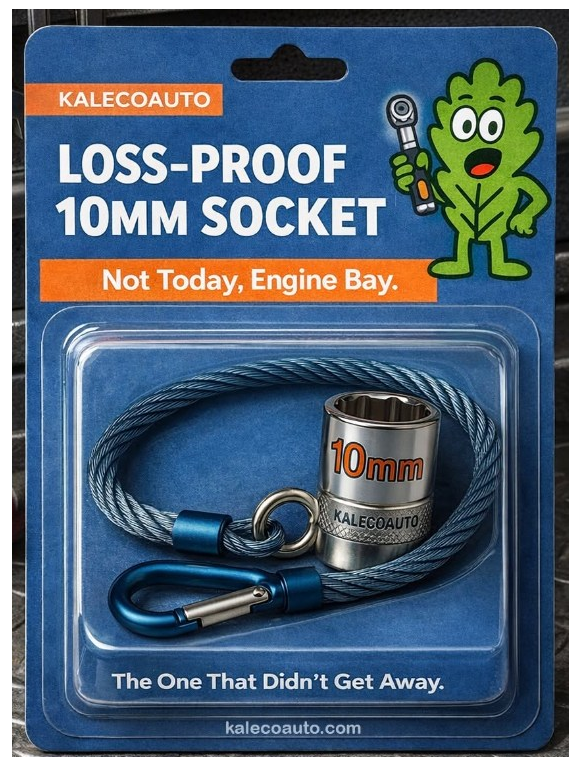
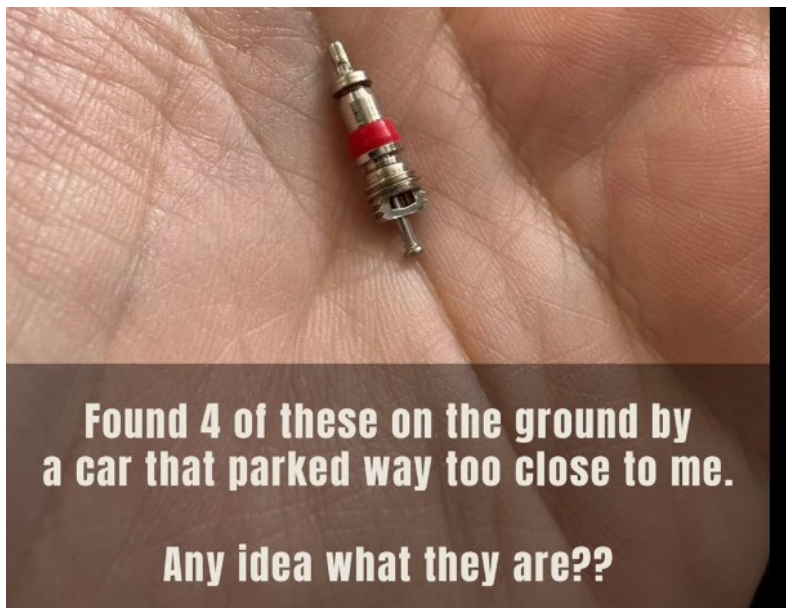


New Club House
2496 Summerset Road
Nanoose Bay



Lots of Parking Space







We let a whole decade of **BILLET** mania come and go without a single person ever finding out what a **BILLET** actually is.



Puzzle Time



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

ENJOY !!

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A teacher asked the students to write about what they wanted to become in the future... and what they did not want to become. One little child's answer brought a big smile to everyone's face. In his innocent imagination, becoming a Senior Citizen seemed to be the happiest and most enjoyable stage of life!

The child wrote:

"I don't want to become

a President, a Doctor, or a Scientist...

None of these.

My greatest wish is to become a Senior Citizen because that seems to be the most fun!

Because my Grandpa:

Can wake up late in the morning.

Can take afternoon naps whenever he wants.

Watches TV peacefully and sleeps early in the evening.

Has no homework, no exams, and no tuition classes.

If there is no work, he can simply sit under a tree and enjoy the cool breeze, or go to the park and play chess with friends.

He can play video games for as long as he wants, and nobody complains.

Coffee in the morning, tea in the afternoon, milk in the evening — life is wonderful!

Free travel in buses, and kind people even offer him a seat.

Half tickets in trains and movie theatres.

He can eat whatever he likes because nobody stops him.

He can do anything he enjoys — sing, dance, paint, play the piano or trumpet, climb mountains, or go trekking.

And if he has money in his pocket, he can travel wherever he wants!

"So, becoming a Senior Citizen is truly amazing!"

INSPIRATION:

Sometimes, Senior Citizens themselves do not realize how blessed and free they truly are.



Tips and More

Morgan Motor Company - This Is How We Do It

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p4c9i250pc4>

13 Triumph Spitfire Engineering Secrets MG Owners Wish They Had 1962–1980

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mX4pAw3Ql0I>

NEW Aston Martin Valen: Most powerful front-engined Aston EVER

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nVIYU4f36aI>

The Dos and Donts of Car Care or How to Make Your Car a Winner

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For anyone who wants the underside of their car cleaned

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Rick Smith



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Upcoming Events

Reminder: Every third Thursday of the month Club Meeting - NEW LOCATION
2496 Summerset Road, Nanoose Bay 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 - Café 356 in French Creek

(bare in mind they close the café at 3 pm. for winter operations)

YIKES !!

Not Much Happening.....

Web Link to Pictures of Brits on the Beach will be forthcoming



<u>Description</u>		
Cap	Navy, Black & White	23.00
Tuque	Navy & Black	23.00
Cloth Patch	OECC Logo	3.00
Metal Grill Badge	OECC Logo	20.00
Badge Decal	OECC Logo	2.00
Mug	OECC Logo	7.00
Sign	British Parking Only	20.00
<u>Leather Goods</u>	(Limited to Quantities on hand)	
Coaster	Set of 4 - OECC Logo	25.00
Belt Buckle	OECC Logo	25.00
Key Fob		5.00
Key Fob	OECC Logo	5.00
Key Tag		3.00
Key Tag	Union Jack	3.00
 Check - various car models available		

[Link to Club Resource List](#)

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1CvTZG3WM3D5vLWgzLX6RxJMgkaq2q_wO/view?usp=sharing

[Link to Club Tool Loaner Program](#)

https://oecc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/CIB_Tool_Loaner_Program_Info_Rev11_25.pdf



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