



Bulletin



Updates, reminders, trivia and things to do for the Central Island Branch Sept. 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

Paul Mansell

Nanaimo

1974 Triumph TR6

I moved to the island around 2005 from Leduc Alberta and brought with me my 1973 MGB and promptly joined the OECC. From then to around 2018 I enjoyed many good times with the club and spent many hours tinkering with my MGB. To the purist, my decision to change the engine from the underpowered original to a Chevrolet V6 probably did not go down well; however I persevered and was successful in accomplishing that task. While the final product really did make the car much faster I was unable to make the required change to the differential ratio to really make the change as good as it could be.

Although I have worked in Banking since I came to Canada in 1981 I originally trained as a mechanic back in the 70's, I was well able to handle anything needed to keep the MGB on the road and to finish the V6 conversion as well, however it certainly presented many challenges along the way but between the club members and an excellent website "the MG experience" I really enjoyed the challenge.

Unfortunately around 2018 I was forced to sell the car due to my separation as I had nowhere to store it, and in the end it was sold at a discount to a gentleman from California. I was very sad to see it go and have severely missed having an open top sports car since. At this point I let my OECC membership lapse.

In January this year I was able to secure a place to store a car and immediately went looking for one, I had always considered getting a TR6 as I had first been introduced to the car back in the 70's by one of the mechanics I worked with. When I received a tip on a vehicle that may be for sale I jumped at the opportunity. A deal was made and I am now the owner of this 1974 TR6 that has been well looked after and has had a lot of work done to it. This was ideal as I do not have a facility to do any major work on cars, just minor things can be done where I am so having a good unit is essential. I have already made a few minor improvements, relays for the headlights, I designed and 3D printed a cubby to fill the hole where the radio used to be, as well as spacers to hold my head rests up as they would not stay up at all. I have additional items to do on my list, the first being to add an electric fan to help with cooling, also I have a new soft top that will need to be done at some point. Oh the joys of having a British sports car.



OECC-CIB 17th September 2026 Monthly Meeting Minutes

VCCC Clubhouse, 2472 Summerset Road, Nanoose Bay

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

No new Members- But a previous member that has recently rejoined Donald Coates, his vehicle being an Aston Martin.

50/50 Draw -Draw Marilyn and Roger sold \$95 of tickets.

Financials- Bill Grace is on vacation this month, 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 is absent this meeting but previously reported an increase in the membership, which now I believe is close to 100 people.

Website- September'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 previous month's events. Gary Dobrovolsky has done the honours of taking photos of tonight's meeting. George is currently at home convalescing from a hip operation; we wish him a speedy recovery. George is always on the lookout for more content material from members, news, stories, articles etc.

Our website guru John Weir has been recovering gradually from his cataract surgery, who has been busy organising and condensing the OECC website for more memory space. Hopefully he will soon complete reformatting the many contributed photos of BOTB to present as a slideshow.

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

Regalia- Marilyn, is researching a local supplier for the embroidery badge order.

We will continue with producing the annual calendar with members cars. Please email me at Stopperone23@hotmail.com with your details and best British car photo large resolution and in .jpg format, it will be the first 13 places to be filled.

BOTB-The wrap-up BBQ at the new VCCC club house I hope everyone agrees that it was a huge success, and you all got a preview of the 'new to us' premises at 2472 Summerset Road, Nanoose Bay. A big thank you to all the helpers with the preparations and those that stayed to help cleaned up. Not forgetting our two top chefs' Rick Smith and Bill McKay who did an excellent job fighting thru' the smoke to cook the burgers to perfection. The turnout of potluck salads and desserts were plentiful and delicious to compliment the spread. I guess the weather was not the best which cut down on the British car showing on the grounds. The numbers were also less than expected at 40 rather than an anticipated 51. The cost to the club for the event was \$349.90 to be reimbursed to myself when Bill is back.

Events- I hope everyone enjoyed the day out at the Kinsol Trestle outing and lunch at 'The Lakehouse' on Shawnigan Lake. Meeting up with the SIB group and going on to Geoff Moyse's house for an afternoon picnic on his lawn and to see his Jaguar collection. We had 11 cars and 18 people from CIB show up for the event. The club is desperately seeking an "Events Co-ordinator" to fill this outstanding position, please respond if you think you can help in this important role. The only event for this week is Sept. 19th a Drive-in movie viewing of "American Graffiti" at 8.30pm in Coombs Rodeo Grounds at \$20 per car.

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 a future month?

50/50 Draw results- Tonight’s lucky winner was Paul Mansell with half the takings \$47.50 plus the extra \$5 for wearing his badge.

Announcements & Open Discussion- We still need to work out the financial situation with Steve Harris and his executives of the VCCC to allow us to share the premisses. Hopefully at their meeting this Sunday they will reach a proposal. There is a request to members for future guest speakers at meetings or visits to workshops or adding technical discussions. I have been in discussion with Bob Maynard that ran RWM and Co. In Delta. He now has a new premisses near Coombs Goats on the Roof, trying to see if we can set up a visit to his classic car renovation shop. For the remainder of this year, we will continue the monthly meetings at the clubhouse for the usual 7pm start. It has been decided by majority vote this evening to repeat the CIB Christmas dinner party at the Rocking Horse Pub for a mid-week evening, sometime around mid-January. Julie has volunteered to make the initial enquiries with the pub and see what is available, bearing in mind the max. Occupancy was 45 guests. The SIB group have 11 executive positions in their club, we have only 6 positions assigned, I feel we do need some backup positions or the club will suffer. We have been trying to secure an events co-ordinator for over a year. We also require a Vice Chairman to stand in for when I’m vacationing or unavailable and then we won’t have to rescheduled meetings like for the next two months. The weekly Wednesday coffee 2pm. Chat gathering at the Café 356 will be permanent from now on. As our ‘Summer’ meetings at the Qualicum Beach for Wed. Evenings at 6pm. is finished for the season. The Friday noon at the Rutherford old Sears parking lot hosted by Julie had already finished last month. The late David Kelsey who passed away in July, 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.

David Rodger wished to add a discussion on a replacement electrical ignition switch part that he had just received for his Triumph TR7, whereby in general it is getting very common place that aftermarket things do not fit as they should.

End of Meeting - closed at 8-30pm. Please mark the next meeting on your calendar as set for October 22nd at 7pm. Please note this will be the 4th Thursday of the month at the VCCC clubhouse on 2472 Summerset Road, Nanoose Bay.

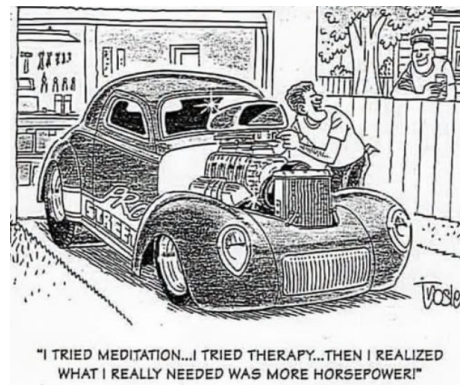
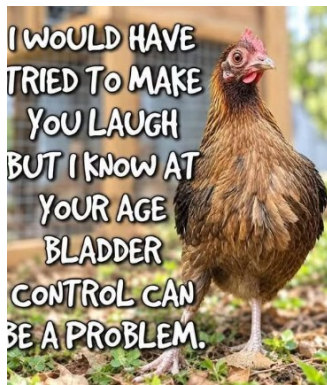
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Meeting Chaired and minutes by Paul Stopp.

Photos by: Gary Dobrovolsky

Gary's comment: My first look at the Club's new home. I could hear everyone clearly.

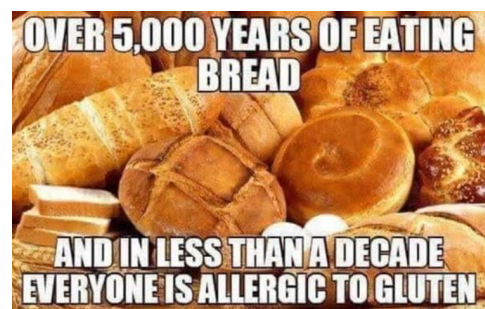




NO I CAN'T DO SNAPCHAT
OR TIKTOK BUT I CAN WRITE
IN CURSIVE, DO MATH
WITHOUT A CALCULATOR
AND TELL TIME ON A
CLOCK WITH HANDS.

WITHOUT FREEDOM
OF SPEECH
WE WOULD NOT
KNOW WHO THE
IDIOTS ARE

I said I was good at
making decisions. I didn't
say the decisions I made
were good.



Car guys don't finish projects. We get them
running good enough to become interested
in another one. 😂



Went to the Woodgrove Center "Light em up" car show for the first time today. Pretty impressed with the number of cars that turned up for the event as well as some of our own club members with their cars. I was only in a spectator role, as we had my daughter with us from the mainland. But here are a brief look at some of the vehicles. September 6 P.S.



Forget James Bond: This Aston Martin packs a Twin-Turbo Hemi



Aston Martin. It's a name that conjures images of extreme luxury, road racing and James Bond. This 1990 Aston Martin owned by Joel Kerr doesn't have any luxurious amenities, isn't built to handle corners particularly well, and James Bond would never select this car for a clandestine mission.



What Kerr's Aston Martin does have is a twin-turbo 521 cubic-inch Noonan Hemi under the hood that could push this British sports car deep into the six-second zone. They basically worked seven days a week on the car for the last month with multiple people working on it. There are probably around 400 man-hours in getting that Hemi installed, wired, fabricated, and ready to run.

The first hit, the car ended up going 1.96 to 60 feet and went 182 mph on wastegate pressure. They kept chipping away at it and went a 1.49 60-foot, then a 1.36, and then a 1.19. The final pass, they got a 1.11 60-foot out of it. At just 20 pounds of boost, the car ran a 4.70 at almost 160 mph to the eighth-mile and coasted to a 7.50 at 150 mph out the back. This engine can run upwards of 70 psi of boost pressure, so it definitely has some power,

All of the hard work put in by the Big3 Racing team paid off. The next goal is for the Vantage to finish HOT ROD Drag Week, and then it will be time to really turn the car up and see what it can do. Who knows, maybe we'll see Joel Kerr's Aston Martin in the next James Bond film. That's if 007 could handle all that horsepower...



It was a good Wednesday turnout at the cafe this afternoon, with 9 British cars in the parking lot and 12 attendees at the table. Just as an FYI the summer extended hours at the cafe are over and it's back to 3pm wrap-up time. Sept 9 P.S.



I'm confused
how a
cemetery can
raise its funeral
prices and
blame it on the
cost of living



**MY GRANDMA
REACHED 100
YESTERDAY.
THAT IS THE
LAST TIME I RIDE
WITH HER
WHEN SHE IS
LATE FOR BINGO.**

This morning my son said his ear hurt and I said on the inside or outside, so he walks out the front door, comes back in and says both. Moments like this got me wondering if I'm saving too much for college.

Fred Deeley Motors - Austin

Fred Deeley Motors was the distributor for Austin cars in the province of British Columbia. In the late 1940s, when Austin was about to release its brand-new Devon A40 equipped with an economical 1200cc four-cylinder overhead valve engine coupled to a four-speed transmission, Deeley convinced the manufacturer to build a left-hand-drive 'export' model. These export models included real leather seats, and many were equipped with a sunroof.

Once the cars started arriving in Vancouver and Victoria they began to sell like hotcakes, with Deeley selling 1,250 Austin A40s in 1948—the first year of production. Sales soared in 1949, with 3,274 Austin cars sold in B.C. In fact, the Austin outsold all other makes in that year.

By 1950, sales moved into the stratosphere with a total of 5,186 Austin cars sold. Imported by the shipload, they appeared to be everywhere.

From 1948 to 1952, total sales of Austin vehicles in British Columbia were worth \$15 million to the 40 Austin dealers throughout the province. Deeley was the most successful dealer, selling one of every three imported Austin vehicles through sales outlets in Vancouver and Victoria.

The Austin A40 was Britain's number one export product earning \$70 million in its first four years of production. The company was turning out a car every 44 seconds.

During this period, Austin cars were the most popular models to be seen on the streets of both Vancouver and Victoria, but there was a dark day on the horizon.

On April 28, 1952, the Dutch ship Dongedyk caught fire in Vancouver harbour. The freighter was carrying 50 Austin A40 Somerset models. The Vancouver fireboat showered saltwater on the freighter to extinguish the fire, causing water damage to some of the vehicles.

On May 9, 22 of the most severely damaged Austin vehicles were loaded on a barge and taken out through English Bay to be dumped at the entrance to Howe Sound. The tugboat River Ace used a cable to pull these new vehicles off the barge. Some valuable items, such as batteries and wheels, had been stripped from the vehicles prior to be dumped.

Photographer Robert O. Bentley captured the dumping of the vehicles in Howe Sound with his historic shots, now part of the Dominion Photo Studio collection in the Vancouver Public Library.

<https://www.westerndriver.com/?p=12400>.



Hi everyone, good turn-out at the 356 Cafe' this afternoon with 8 British cars in the parking lot and 13 members round the coffee table. (Note to Marc, we need a bigger table ha ha!)

So tomorrow (Thursday), evening at 7pm is the monthly OECC-CIB club meeting being held at the Vintage car club house at 2472 Summerset Road, Nanoose Bay. After you make the turn off the Hwy onto Summerset it is the first driveway on your left. So I don't want anyone showing up at the old Legion tomorrow. September 16 P.S.





I'm starting meetings at my house for people who have OCD. I don't have it, I'm just hoping they'll take one look and start cleaning.

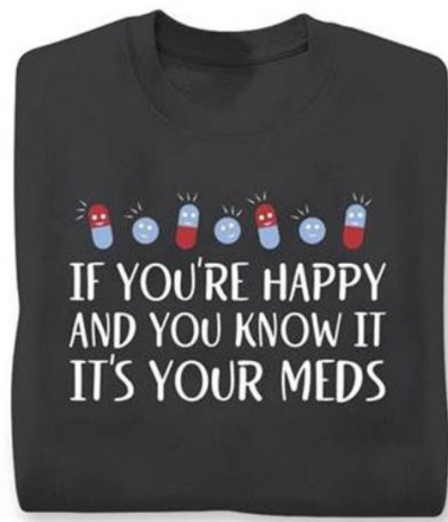


I'm pretty sure I had a good time last night...

Let me finish reading the police report and I'll let you know.

Well even if the weather today was a bit iffy today we had a good turn-out at the Cafe' 356 this afternoon with 17 keen members and 7 die-hards that drove there LBC to the parking lot. I regret not being one of the chosen few, as the afternoon's weather cleared up nicely. September 23 P.S.





A good turn out today at Cafe 356, 13 car buffs with Triumph's, Morgan's MG's, Lotus , and a Jag. Sept 30 Brian Collings



BOTB 2026 Proceeds

Julie McKay, (left) the organizer for the Brits on the Beach event, hosted by Old English Car Club Central Island Branch, presents the local Ladysmith food bank with a generous check for \$3,035 which is the proceeds from the car show they held at Transfer Beach in July. Accepting the check, with smiles are volunteers Sheri Girard, Suzanne Senegal, food pantry coordinator Eliia Alle and volunteer Tina McArthur. Photo courtesy of Duck Paterson.



Paramount Motor Company

So yesterday was the day that a new 'old' addition finally made its way back home with us. Not just a sentimental piece, this is such an incredibly rare car. It is a 1956 Paramount Roadster. Only 72 were ever built by the Paramount Motor Company in Leighton Buzzard, all built by hand with an aluminium body over an ash frame, every one built by hand. Very 50s art deco style. This is believed to be one of only 3 - 6 surviving examples on the road globally.

My dad bought this in the late 70s from Lord Cranworth and used it around Devon and Cornwall, my brother and sister played in it and are in pictures of it as kids at various holiday sites. It then moved up to Poole with him when then I was born. For as long as I remember it was in the corner of our garage as a 'one day' car, the special one awaiting a rebuild. I used to pretend to drive it and play in it as a kid and My mum, she never got to ever ride in it. It was sold in around 1999 and we were all devastated but it had to be done to raise some cash. Fast forward nearly 30 years and after a long and patient search for probably 15 odd years. I've bought it back!

MY PLAN.....Not sure! Polish it, drive it about a bit, proms, weddings who knows, oh and try to answer a million questions about it wherever I go!



Puzzle Time



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

ENJOY !!

<https://www.jigsawplanet.com/?rc=play&pid=1b9394694cd1>

Preparing your car for winter storage - 10 easy steps to protect your car.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y53VptsjYAw>

Correct preparation for winter or long term storage will depend on how long the car will be stored for. In any case the main considerations will include what is listed here.

1. First step is to ensure that the regular maintenance schedule is up to date. Change the oil and filter before storage, as this will remove carbon deposits and acids from the internal working parts.
2. Fill the gas tank to the brim. As this will remove the air from a half full tank. Air contains moisture and this will corrode the inside of the tank. Add a fuel stabilizer so that the chemicals in the gasoline don't separate.
3. Drive the car for around 20 kms and get the car fully up to temperature to evaporate any moisture from inside the engine and the exhaust system. (Just running the engine to operating temperature in the garage may help the engine but it won't heat up the drive train or the exhaust sufficiently to remove the moisture)
4. Wash the car thoroughly, including under the wheel wells and thoroughly dry the paintwork. A good idea is to clay treat the paintwork following the directions on the clay kit to remove any embedded grit particles. To keep the car paint in tip top condition, wax the car before storage also.
5. Preventing tires from getting flat spots from the weight of the car sitting in one tire position for periods longer than six months will save replacing the tires when it is time to drive the car again. This can be done by raising the car up onto jack stands or by increasing the tire pressures by 5 to 7 psi if storing for shorter periods.
6. Plug any openings for the air intake and exhaust tail pipe to prevent insects or rodents climbing inside.
7. To prevent weather or moisture from entering the car, several methods will help. Use a dehumidifier in the garage if you have one, or you can get silica gel crystals and special containers to sit inside the cabin that will soak up the moisture, be sure to empty the water trap in the container regularly.
8. Battery care during storage is essential to be able to get the car running again in the spring. Use a trickle charger to top up the battery but remember to disconnect it periodically as the battery will get over charged and shorten its life. There are intelligent trickle chargers or better still, battery maintainers available that will shut off as the battery gets fully charged and turn on again when it needs another top-up.
9. Rubber seals and windscreen wipers. To prevent the wipers from sticking to the screen, wipe the rubbers with some window cleaner on a micro fibre cloth or place some paper towel under each wiper rubber. For door seals, a special lubricant can be purchased from most auto parts stores that will help seal the cabin or trunk from moisture and keep them supple.
10. Insurance, contact your insurance company to see if they can convert your insurance to storage and fire and theft protection. This will save you money and still cover any unforeseen events.

Submitted by: Brian Collings

Tips & Things

They don't Make Them Like They Used To

https://www.hagerty.com/media/opinion/they-dont-make-em-like-they-used-to-and-maybe-thats-ok/?utm_source=SFMC&utm_medium=email&utm_content=MED_UN_NA_EML_UN_UN_WeekendRoadTrip&hashed_email=35e1096693feeb0887776545448a4c6a26ee2ff13d52dcf8e78f6ccd34f70301&dtm_em=35e1096693feeb0887776545448a4c6a26ee2ff13d52dcf8e78f6ccd34f70301

6 People you will meet on your journey

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5 Cars That Will Get You to 150 MPH for under \$50k

https://www.hagerty.com/media/market-trends/go-fast-for-less-5-cars-to-get-you-to-150-mph-for-under-50k/?utm_source=SFMC&utm_medium=email&utm_content=MED_UN_NA_EML_UN_UN_WeekendRoadTrip&hashed_email=35e1096693feeb0887776545448a4c6a26ee2ff13d52dcf8e78f6ccd34f70301&dtm_em=35e1096693feeb0887776545448a4c6a26ee2ff13d52dcf8e78f6ccd34f70301

The BCTR is inviting all Triumph owners to next years ATDI in Courtenay. Save the date and start the planning

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Map locations: Courtenay, Nanaimo, Horseshoe Bay, Vancouver, Tlawwassen, Seattle, Victoria, Port Angeles. Ferry routes: Port Angeles Ferry, Horseshoe Bay Ferry, Tlawwassen Ferry.

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

Note: Meetings for October & November will be 4th Thursdays

Weekly Chat Gatherings - **Driving Season** - **April to end of September**

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 !!

Still Not Much Happening.....

**Date for Club Christmas Dinner to be advised
for mid-January**

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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