



November 2006
President's Message

What a great season! What a great bunch of people! What a great way to enjoy the countryside, your car and the weather. From the Spring meeting, to Brits, to the AGM, everyone has helped put together another fun year.

We have hosts signed up for all the 2007 car runs except Aug. 12th. So, if you haven't pitched in lately send me an email, keninglis@sympatico.ca No need to find a new route, just let me know and I will send you one.

Next year we will have our first run with another club, the Georgian Bay British Car Club, Brits will be part of the Lindsay Sesquicentennial Celebration (150 years), our website will leap forward and the car runs will be spectacular. Be a part of it.

So at the end of 2006, again I want to thank all those that pitched in, in one way or another, to make the club run like a well tuned MGB.

p.s. The Georgian Bay British Car Club have confirmed that they are looking forward to making next year's overnight (Sept. 8 & 9) a joint venture with their club which will make it a special event for us. Try to keep the date clear so you can attend as we want to have a good showing by our club!

Annual General Meeting
November 5, 2006

The AGM was held at Royal Resort on Balsam Lake at 11:30. At noon, Gord Sloan said grace for 38 members who attended and paid \$17. each for Cream of Potato soup, an Asian Chicken Stir fry on rice, tea, coffee and wonderful desserts. Tax and tip were included.

President Ken Inglis began the business meeting by thanking Jane and Bob Ellis for arranging the event. He also thanked all who hosted a run during the year.

Safety on each run was again stressed reminding all to keep headlights on and leave space between the cars. No liquor is to be served by hosts at car runs.

Minutes: The minutes were moved to be accepted as read by Jim Hancock and seconded by Roger Hunter.

Treasurer's Report: was circulated by Roger Hunter who reported a balance of \$2402.05 this year, up from \$743.05 last year. After a very well attended Brits we netted a profit of \$931.93.

The report was adopted by Roger and seconded by Warren Grant.

Roger had also done considerable research on the liability issue of the club and outlined 3 options we could take to lessen the threat of future problems.

1. Incorporating the Club, which would involve a cost up to and over \$1000 and would require By-laws, and the annual cost of filing financial papers.
2. Joining and paying dues to an umbrella organization who would cover us.
3. Covering ourselves with due diligence which would include a waiver signed at each run by driver and passenger and at Brits.

A blanket form of a waiver was requested by Don Holloway, and Warren Grant, who used one on his run, will e-mail a copy to Roger. This could be made available for each car run.

Warren also suggested we still need 'Director's Insurance' which could cost from \$900 to several thousand.

Rules we abide by are also needed. A list could be even printed on our Membership brochure. This would be part of "due diligence".

Bob DeShane said we should be a member of the 'British Car Council' and we need to send a representative to their meetings. We did belong to the British Car Council in the past but membership has lapsed and the Council itself is floundering for lack of working volunteers. British Car Council could offer us umbrella insurance through ASN.

Regarding liability at Brits, Bob DeShane says that the Chamber of Commerce in Lindsay covers Cars on Kent, so they could probably cover us.

Since we don't charge spectators admission it was suggested that our liability to them should be small.

Ken thanked Roger for this research which will be looked into.

Web Site: Ron hunter reported on the wonderful site that has been set up on Ron's son's site. It lists events and shows copies of the Clutch Chatter. Ron is happy to show members how the site works and brought his computer along. He suggested that members with high speed use "Firefox" instead of Outlook Express. It is less susceptible to viruses and shows the site better.

It was suggested that perhaps we could be listed on "British Car Links" and then our site would come up on a Google search. For now, you can see Ron's site by entering glenhunter.ca/vbcc. Ken thanked Ron for all his work.

Clutch Chatter: Roy and Pat Smith have been doing the newsletter with the help of Barry Harper who has a printing business in Peterborough.

Membership: Helen is handing over the name badges to Roger Hunter who will issue them as a part of his duties as Treasurer.

Brits in the Park:

Ken announced that he has made an application for VBCC, to the event committee who will run the 150th Lindsay Celebration next year . If the event runs in conjunction with Brits and Classics on Kent we are hoping for some promotion handouts that we will use, and some help with event costs.

Since Helen and Doug Fowler are stepping down as Brits Chairpersons the executive has proposed a Chair and 4 Sub Groups to run Brits. For 2007, the Chair will be Past President, Bob Ellis, and the following will head the other groups:

Publicity and Promotion: Doug Utter,

Parking: Dennis Horn/Doug Collins

Prizes: Jim Hancock/Russ Bolton

Administration: Jane Ellis/Marg Inglis

Photo Contest: Jim Hancock set up a display of photos he took during the year and assigned Susan Stephens and Neil Coleman to judge the photos brought in by others. Winning photographers Pat Holloway and Jim Hancock received prizes.

Ancaster: Dave Holloway reported that he would arrange to have a table set up at Ancaster in the usual spot and welcomed any members to come and help man the booth. Doug Utter will have the flyers

printed to hand out, promoting Brits. You can bring down something to sell and put on the table if you like.

Boots and Bonnets: Kingston. Dennis Horn reported that this is a good event with lots of parts for sale. He will take flyers to promote Brits.

Proposed Schedule for 2007:

April 15	Spring Meeting	Roger Hunter
April 22	Ancaster	Dave Holloway
April 29	Boots & Bonnets	Dennis Horn
May 6	Car Run	Bob DeShane/Dave Holloway
June 10	Car Run	Deb and Neil Coleman
June 24	Mosport	Pat and Roy Smith
July 15	Brits	Bob Ellis and Committee and Everyone
July 29	Car Run	Anne and Don Holloway
August 12	Car Run	?
August 26	Golf Classic	Helen and Doug Fowler
Sept. 8/9	Overnight	Marg and Ken Inglis
Sept. 16	Bronte Show	FYI
Sept. 30	Colour Tour	Bonnie and Jim Hancock
Nov. 4	AGM	Pat and Steve Zahorec

Please note that I took the most obvious date for the 2007 schedule, based on when the event was held last year. If anyone has better information on correct dates make sure you let me know.

Ken thanked everyone on the executive for this year and Bob Ellis proposed the following for next year:

Past President:	Bob Ellis
President:	Ken Inglis
Vice President:	Jim Hancock
Secretary:	Pat Holloway
Treasurer	
/Membership:	Roger Hunter
Newsletter:	Pat and Roy Smith
Brits:	Bob Ellis

Since there were no other nominations the slate was accepted. Ken closed the meeting with a great game of "car stuff" elimination and the prize, provided by Tom Drew-Smith, was won by Tanya Glassford.

Jim Hancock thanked Ken for all his work, and a Motion to Adjourn by made by Roger Hunter and seconded by Lynn Utter.



MGs seeking guidance from Inukshuk



Kawartha Country Wine - keen tasters.

Inside track

Tech Tip.

Well its that time of the year to put the baby away for the winter; mine is safely tucked up with its cover on until spring. If you're not going to work on your car in the winter or going away to warmer climes, it pays to prepare your car for storage, regardless of where it's kept (heated, unheated garage, barn, on wood, concrete or plastic sheet, on axle stands etc). After giving the car a good wash and polish most people change the oil and filter. A car sitting with clean oil in it just feels right somehow. Then fill the gas tank up to full and put stabilizer in. I put a small amount of 2-stroke oil in as well and then run it for a while so that everything circulates around and gets to where it should go. Disconnect the battery and take it out or put a battery tender on it. Some people put oil down the cylinders or fog the engine as well. You can also change the anti-freeze every other year. If you leave it where mice are a problem, try fabric softener sheets; put them throughout the car. They work as good as mothballs and the car smells much nicer

in the spring. Or you can ignore all this, leave the car in the driveway uncovered all winter and jump in come springtime and if you're lucky, fire it up and drive away!

Classic Connections.

There is no shortage of resources for people interested in classic automobiles.

They vary widely in terms of quality and usefulness. Here are some of the better ones.

- Dream car Garage (speed Channel)

Muscle and performance cars are driven and restored by hard-core enthusiasts.

- Top Gear. (BBC Canada)

If you like a good car show with humour this is the one, hosted by Jeremy Clarkson and features exotic dream cars for men with never a mention of silly things like gas mileage or the environment .

- Vintage Automobile Racing Association Of Canada.
(www.varac.ca)

For those classic car owners who need more action than the usual show and shine events.

- Legends Car Club.(www.legendscarclub.ca)

A car club based in Altona, Man. that started with just five members. and now boasts a roster of 90.

- Clarington Classics car Club. (www.claringtonclassics.ca)

A club based in Newcastle, Ontario that holds regular cruise nights.

Racing News.

The season is over for another year, here are some of the results.

CHAMPIONS.

- F1 Fernando Alonso.
- GP2 Lewis Hamilton (new driver for McLaren Mercedes 2007).
- Champ Car. Sebastion Bourdais.
- Nascar. Jimmie Johnson.
- IRL. Sam Hornish Jr.
- NHRA. Tony Schumacher.
- Le-Mans. Frank Biela / Emanuele Pirro.
- 500cc. Motorcycle GP. Nicky Hayden.

FOR SALE.

1973 Jensen Healey.

Red with black interior, this car is in very good shape with just seized brakes from sitting, one owner from new, low miles, price negotiable. Contact Roy at 705-748-5964.

Hope you all have a good Christmas; see you in 2007,

Roy & Pat Smith.