



Clutch Chatter

Newsletter of the Victoria British Car Club
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Fall Run

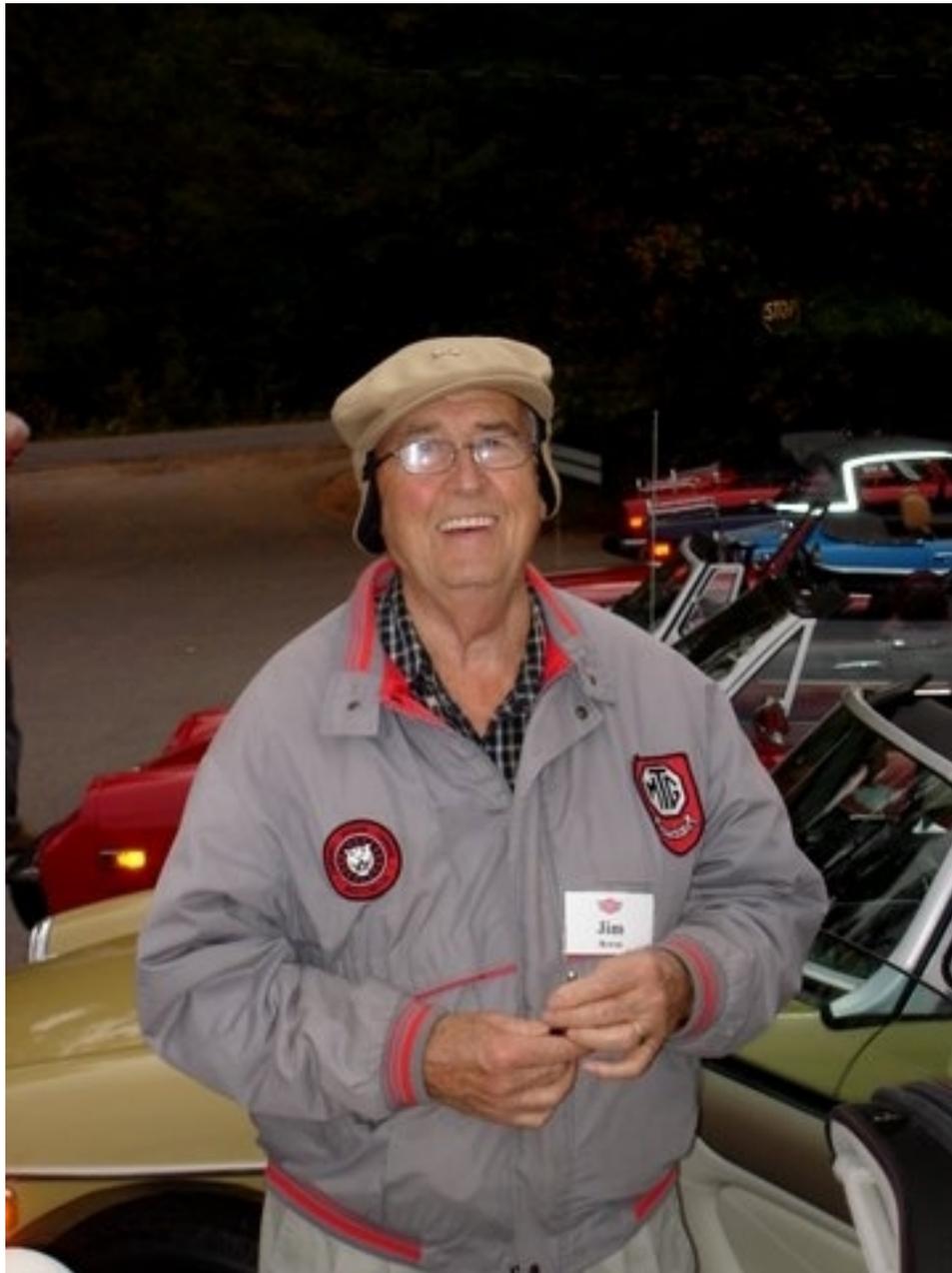
Jim and Bonnie organized a very enjoyable run as usual, taking us through the Haliburton Highlands while following the Art and Crafts Haliburton County Studio Tour. Members were able to stop where and when they wanted along the well-marked route, and still meet up with the group for an excellent lunch at Halimar Lodge. It was a very enjoyable, sunny day, with the leaves just starting to turn, and most people were able to have the hood down for one last time! Thanks to the Hancocks for organizing this.



Mind the paintwork!



Everybody's gone for a great lunch



There's no comparison Jim – it's got to be Jaguar!



A bug-eyed lookout!

2008 Tentative SCHEDULE

April 13/08	Spring Luncheon Susan & Gary Stephens
Apr 20/08	Ancaster Show Dave Holloway
Apr 27/08	Boots & Bonnet Flea market Dennis Horne
May 04/08	Car Run by Marg & Ken Inglis
June 08/08	Car Run Pauline & Frank DeCarlo
June 22/08	Mosport Run Roy & Pat Smith
July 13/08	BRITS IN THE PARK by Ken Inglis et al
July 27/08	Car Run by Leslie & Don Collins
Aug 10/08	Car Run by Pat & Warren Grant
Aug 24/08	Golf Classic & Corn by the Fowlers

Sept 14-
15/08 Overnighter by Tanya & Brian Glassford
Sept
15/08 Bronte Car Show FYI
Oct 05/08 Colour tour Tina & Nick Avlonitis
Nov
09/08 [Annual General meeting and luncheon Pat Goode & Steve Zahorec](#)

Newsletter

Change, changes, changes.....

Next year, the plan is for Pat and I to create and send out three hard copy newsletters at specific times in the year. They will give every club member some photos from the runs, write ups about things of mutual interest and if available, info on upcoming events. These newsletters will also be posted on the web a few days after mailing in case you lose yours!

The website, the club brochure and personal contact with other members will be the source of information on specific upcoming runs. Plus members can phone the hosts for the run, using the brochure for their names.

The hope is that members will get more used to going to the website as time goes by, and perhaps a fully electronic newsletter will become the norm.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, November 4, 2007

1. The Fall Meeting of the VBCC was held at the Lindsay Golf and Country Club at 11:30. A roast beef lunch was served with dessert and coffee for \$20. each.
2. President, Ken Inglis thanked Steve Zahorec and Pat for arranging the lunch and welcomed all members. Ken said grace.
3. After lunch Ken gave an overview of the 2007 season with thanks to those who helped make the season such a success by giving their time and effort to all aspects of the club. Ken also stressed that the drivers always be mindful of safety, using lights, leaving space between cars and not serving liquor at events.
4. The Spring AGM Minutes were passed on a motion by F. De Carlo and 2nd by R. Ellis.
5. Treasurer Roger Hunter distributed a page with up to date material. The report was passed by Steve Zahorec and 2nd by Wayne Bush.

6. Ron Hunter spoke about the website and requested suggestions for improvement and details of car runs, etc. so he could include them on the website. Ken thanked Ron for his wonderful efforts.
7. Ken reminded us that Roger Hunter takes the membership dues and sends lists of members to the executive.
8. Our newsletter, The Clutch Chatter, has been put on the website this year, but Ken, Pat and Roy Smith have decided that next year 3 hard copies of the newsletter will be sent to all members. Up to date information will be put on the website. Members will be given the club brochure with the first mailing and it will list those members in charge of runs if details are needed.
9. Brits in the Park will be held on July 13. Warren and Pat Grant will chair the committee, and Dennis Horn and Don Collins will look after parking; Frank and Pauline De Carlo will look after prizes, trophies; and Doug Utter will continue to cover promotions.
10. Ken circulated a proposed schedule for 2008 and asked for volunteers. Dates are tentative (see above)
11. Jim Hancock again ran the photo contest and Frank De Carlo won first in cars and Jim Hancock won first in the people category.
12. The President thanked the members of the executive for their work this season.
13. Past President Bob Ellis presented the new slate of officers for next year.

President:	Steve Zahorec
Past President:	Ken Inglis
Vice President:	Gord Sloan
Treasurer:	Roger Hunter
Newsletter:	Pat and Roy Smith
Website:	Ron Hunter
Secretary:	(Donna Hunter volunteered to take on this position

after the
meeting.
14. Steve gave out the prizes contributed by Bob DeShane and Ken and Marg Inglis.
15. Motion to Adjourn: Dave Holloway 2nd Wayne Bush

For Sale

- Arnold Korne from the Boot & Bonnet Club has a 1959 TR3A that is 85% done and he is selling her - body and interior all done - needs a top and a tranny repair (has a couple of transmissions) - looking for about \$12,000

Plus Arnold has some extra TR3A parts to sell - side-curtains, 2

hoods, a trunk-lid, door and mechanical bits.

akorne@gmail.com 905-669-2299.

- MG TD 1953 right front fender on the market for any TD owner out there.
- Dave Breakwell. 905 935 3229.
- 1966 BSA 500cc Royal Star . Original condition: rebuilt engine and front forks. Electronic ignition. New wiring and coils. Contact Roy Smith 748-5964, mrbsa43@hotmail.com
- Very nice 1964 Mini Cooper S. Contact Rick Williams. 705 799 0254.

WANTED

- Early Triumph GT6 must have good body.
Contact Roy Smith. 705 748 5964.

QUIZ OF THE MONTH

Two of the three guys in this photo are club members. Can you guess who?



Racing News

2007 champions.

- F1 Kimi Raikkonen
- Champ car Sebastion Bourdais (leaving for F1)
- IRL Dario Franchitti
- Touring car Mattias Ekstrom
- Dakar rally Stephane Peterhansel
- Moto GP Casey Stoner.
- NASCAR undecided.

Tech Tip

It seems lately that we can't win for losing when it comes to "GREEN" policies, the latest concern for the internal combustion engine is Ethanol use.

I received a directive from Harley Davidson stating they do not recommend using gas with Ethanol content, stating possible harmful effects. I am awaiting further details.

Well its that time of the year to put the trusty steed away for the winter. Plenty of time to get at those projects you've been putting off doing. When it comes to storage, warm and dry or cold and dry, try not to mix the two or condensation can form. Give the car a good clean, change the fluids, top up the gas tank, put in gas stabiliser and run engine a while to allow it to get to the carbs. You can fog the engine or just put a little oil in each cylinder, leave plugs out and turn engine over and replace plugs (I put anti-seize on plug threads). You can put the car on blocks or stands or let it sit on the tires. There are various opinions about which is best, leave the handbrake off though. If you store your car anywhere, mice are likely to frequent so put Downy or Bounce sheets throughout (they work and leave a nice smell in the car.) Good luck with all your projects. See you next year.

Thanks

Thanks to everyone who provided photos from events throughout the year, with special thanks to Jim Hancock who never failed to have greats shot from every run. Thanks also to Ron Hunter for managing the website so effectively and keeping everyone up-to-date.

The Last Word

Because I'm a man, when I lock my keys in the car, I will fiddle with a coat hanger long after hypothermia has set in. Calling CAA is not an option. I will win.

Because I'm a man, when the car isn't running very well, I will pop the hood and stare at the engine as if I know what I'm looking at. If another man shows up, one of us will say to

the other, "I used to be able to fix these things, but now with all these computers and everything, I wouldn't know where to start." We will then drink a couple of beers and break wind, as a form of holy communion.

Because I'm a man, when one of our appliances stops working, I will insist on taking it apart, despite evidence that this will just cost me twice as much once the repair person gets here and has to put it back together.

Because I'm a man, I must hold the television remote control in my hand while I watch TV. If the thing has been misplaced, I may miss a whole show looking for it...though one time I was able to survive by holding a calculator...(applies to engineers mainly).

Because I'm a man, and this is, after all, the year 2007, I will share equally in the housework. You just do the laundry, the cooking, the cleaning, the vacuuming, and the dishes, and I'll do the rest... like wandering around in the garage with a beer wondering what to do.

*This has been a public service message for women to better understand men.
(However, Roy denies there is any truth in the message)*