



April/May 2008

Welcome to another year of enjoying your British car – cruising, cursing and craning your neck under the hood .I hope everyone had a good winter. Very sadly we lost two members of the club this winter - Paul Rodd and Bob Reeve. Our sympathy to their families.

Club Opening Lunch

The spring meeting of the VBCC was held at the Chemong Lodge at 11:00 on April 13, 2008. A buffet of a wide variety of good food was consumed by the members for \$20.00 each including tip, coffee and dessert. Thank you to Susan and Gary Stephens for setting up the luncheon that was enjoyed by all.

The Treasurer's report was read and explained by Roger Hunter. It was suggested by Roger that **we invest \$2000.00 in a GIC** to accumulate some interest

Roger, as membership convener, reported we have **54 members to date.**

Don Holloway reported there was a table reserved at Ancaster for the flea market on April 20th. Dennis Horn reported that Boots & Bonnets was the next Sun Apr. 27th. **(More about these later)**

Upcoming runs:

Marg. and Ken Inglis' car run on May 4, has already taken place. Don Holloway graciously agreed to make up a June 8th run. Ken Inglis is also working on a Thursday July 3rd run which will include a pot luck lunch.

Brian Glassford spoke about the overnight run on Sept. 6-7th to the Madawaska Valley. Accommodations must be made by **MAY 15th** if you want to stay in the lodge. **Please call as soon as possible if you intend to go.** The owners are getting concerned that no-one is booking and have said they need numbers to keep this date for us. See the website for more information.

Website:

Ron Hunter explained that we need to get our own website after piggy-backing on another for 2 years. It was agreed that the website was a good idea and that Ron should acquire our own domain. Ron has now gone ahead and done all the hard work, and the new site is online at: www.victoriabritishcarclub.ca so go and check it out.

Other news:

- Ken Inglis reported that plans are in progress for Brits In The Park and that a meeting will take place sometime soon at the Hunter's in Omemee, the most central location.
- Roy Smith will continue to publish 3 newsletters on fixed dates this season.
- Jim Hancock will continue to run the photography contest.
- Nick Avlonitis has some map books available through the Rotary Club for \$10.00 each.

Membership List enclosed:

A number of you will already have been given the new format Membership List/ Event Schedule that Roger Hunter has kindly put together. Very snazzy! You will have to pay attention to the colour of everyone's car future if you want to call them up, and the President always has to keep his car in great shape from now on since it will be featured on the front page. Those of you not at the May run will find your Membership List enclosed with this newsletter.

Ancaster and Kingston Swap Meets

The Club was represented at Ancaster Swap Meet by Dennis Horn, Doug Utter, Gary Stephens, Dave Holloway and Ken Inglis. There was lots of interest in our club, and brochures were handed out. Accordingly to Dennis, next year the Swap Meet is moving from its present location to a site 3 miles down the same road. Members also attended the Kingston Boot and Bonnet Club Swap Meet, where they were raffling a TR7. There were several British Car Parts Suppliers present and a small number of club vendors.

May 4th run

Unfortunately, Ken and Marg Inglis were not able to be at this run, but Dave and Pat Holloway acted as run organizers. Thanks for stepping in guys. Hopefully, by the time you all get this newsletter, Marg will be up and about again.

It was a rather brisk day, but an enthusiastic group turned out for this first run of the season. Don Collins and his son Kevin even drove in the Austin Healey with the top down and survived! The run started in Lindsay where Bob DeShane hosted the group at his premises with coffee and donuts, use of the facilities and a tour of the cars currently in the shop. Thanks to Bob. The run then proceeded to Millbrook, where only window-shopping was possible, since the stores were closed. (Millbrook's loss with our shopping ladies) The ride ended a club favourite - The Victoria Inn at Gore's Landing where 32 members enjoyed a delightful lunch. By the time the troops were heading home, the sun was out at least. Having been gone all winter, it was nice to see the friendly faces of the club members again and talk about the condition of the cars, and to catch up on the news, including Shirley Horn's broken arm.



As usual, a Triumph is out in front minute advice?



Bob giving last



What can you say about 4 MGs?



Racing news

- Formula 1 - There have been 3 different winners so far, so maybe this season will be more open which would be a nice change.
Honda still can't build a car worth a damn.
- Nascar- several new drivers, same old bump and crash.
- FIA World Rally - Great to watch this event. The Jordanian rally was full of excitement. What a driver Solberg is!
- Moto GP- Valentino Rossi wins in China after a superb race.
- CART- the 2 open-wheel American series merged this year which promises to take the Indy 500 back to its heyday.



Tech tips

All the tips this month are about fuels. This seems appropriate since gas is so much on everyone's mind these days.

Ethanol.

More information is becoming available on gasoline with ethanol being bad for engines. Harley Davidson does NOT recommend using it.

Oil Test.

I recently read in the CAA magazine about a comparison test on oils done by General Motors. GM supplied 100 cars to a New York taxi company for a year. They were all serviced at GM dealers, using a variety of different engine oils in the cars, including synthetics and additives such as STP. They changed the oil at regular and extended intervals according to makers recommendations. After 1 year, all the engines were stripped and the internal parts measured for wear. These results were compared to the original measurements taken when the engines were built by GM They related the differences in the

measurements to the different brands of oil that had been used in a particular engine.

Surprisingly, NO substantial difference was found in the amount of wear for any vehicle! (The Vehicles using Mobil 1 synthetic had 1 tenth of a thousands of an inch less wear than the others but only on the main crank journals) Oil additives had zero impact. Some engines had mechanical failures and were omitted from the test. All engines were driven in the same environment and seasons.

This study provides food for thought about oil use, but let's not forget these were new modern engines.

Castrol

Following the debate on new oils having certain anti-wear additives removed from them for environmental reasons, Castrol has just announced that their GTX 20/50 oil is perfectly safe to use for Vintage cars.

WD40.

I found this very interesting article in a Moto Guzzi bike magazine (see last page)

Last word (courtesy of Ken Inglis this month)

If Men Wrote advice columns

Dear Walter:

I hope you can help me here. The other day I set off for work leaving my husband in the house watching the TV as usual. I hadn't gone more than a mile down the road when my engine conked out and the car shuddered to a halt.

I walked back home to get my husband's help. When I got home I couldn't believe my eyes. He was in the bedroom with a neighbor lady making mad passionate love to her.

I am 32, my husband is 34 and we have been married for twelve years.

When I confronted him, he tried to make out that he went into the back yard and heard a lady scream, had come to her rescue but found her unconscious. He'd carried the woman back to our house, laid her in bed, and began CPR. When she awoke she immediately began thanking him and kissing him and he was attempting to break free when I came back. But when I asked him why neither of them had any clothes on, he broke down and admitted that he'd been having an affair for the past six months.

I told him to stop or I would leave him. He was let go from his job six months ago and he says he has been feeling increasingly depressed and worthless. I love him very much, but ever since I gave him the ultimatum he has become increasingly distant. I don't feel I can get through to him anymore.

Can you please help?

Sincerely,
Mrs Sheila Usk

Dear Sheila:

A car stalling after being driven a short distance can be caused by a variety of faults with the engine. Start by checking that there is no debris in the fuel line. If it is clear, check the jubilee clips holding the vacuum pipes onto the inlet manifold. If none of these approaches solves the problem, it could be that the fuel pump itself is faulty, causing low delivery pressure to the carburetor float chamber.

I hope this helps.

Walter