



Clutch Chatter

Newsletter of the Victoria British Car Club

July 2012

New Members:

Lets all welcome

Geoff Scott - Yellow 1977 MGB
Karen & Jim Brown - BRG 1960 MGA
Roadster

Just an FYI, if anyone has made any changes to their e-mail address, phone numbers etc., or purchased or sold their British car that is listed on the website please advise Ron Hunter so the website is as accurate as possible.

Kawartha Lakes Road Tour - June 3rd, 2012 - organized by Bev and Peter Newman

Well it sounds like the weather co-operated with the run. There was a concern that it was going to rain which it had been doing most of the weekend, but the VBCC lucked out. Unfortunately Tim and I could not make that run but Bev was kind enough to take a few pictures and notes for the Clutch. Thanks for your help Bev.

The run took about 3 ¼ hours with a total distance of 112 km or 72 miles with 100% on paved roads. Good for the cars. 11 cars took part in the excursion with a scheduled stop at the Kawartha Country Wines, which I hear a few people took advantage of the stop for shopping, and Lunch was served at the Tamarac Golf & Country Club which everyone thoroughly enjoyed.

If anyone would like to do the run on their own, directions are listed - or see Bev for a printed detailed map.

Travel east on Hwy 7 through 4 lights to the Slanted Road - 9.2 Km

Left onto Slanted Road right at Settlers Road to Peace Road - 13.2 Km

Left and follow Peace Road to Emily Park Road - 22.7Km

Left at Emily Park (South end of Pigeon Lake) onto CR 14 (Yankee Line) and follow to the James Gifford causeway across Chemung Lake
This causeway was a floating bridge until the 1950's - (note below) 37.3 Km

Left at the east end of the causeway onto CR 18 and follow CR18 to CR 25 (Young's Point Road) just west of Lakefield - 46.4 Km

Left onto CR25 and follow north along the west shore of Katchewanooka Lake until it intersects with Hwy 28 just north of Young's Point - 56.5 Km

Left onto Hwy 28 north to Burleigh Falls to the Trent Severn Lock 20 minutes "bathroom break" at the lock - 65.8Km

Left out of the lock parking lot & continue north on Hwy 28 to CR36 - 66.5Km

Left onto CR36 and follow past the Gallery On the Lake along the north shore of Lower Buckhorn Lake to Buckhorn - 80.0 Km

At the light, turn right (still CR36) and follow to Kawartha Country Wines (green sign 2275) for a 30 minute shop, "bathroom break" and primer on wine making -

84.3 Km

Returning to Buckhorn, turn right at the light onto Lakehurst Road &

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pass Sandy Lake on the way to the Gannons'
Narrows Bridge - (note below)103.9KM

Continue south on CR16 (Tara Road) to stop
sign at Ennis Road - 112.9Km

Turn right onto Ennis Road and proceed to
the Tamarac Golf & Country
Club on the left for lunch.

115.4 Km

History Notes on the Two Bridges Mentioned Above

The Floating Bridge across Chemong Lake
joining Smith and Ennismore was towed into
place in 1870. It was a short cut to
Peterborough but very dangerous in wet
weather. There were many accidents such as
horses and wagons going into the lake. A
great tourist attraction, it was the longest
bridge of its kind in the world. In the 1950's
it was replaced with the present Causeway.

In the early 1900's the means of
transportation from Ennismore to Harvey over
Pidgeon Creek at Gannon's Narrows was by
ferry. The ferryman received \$125.00 per
year. In 1902 the County Engineer said the
ferry's bottom planks were badly decayed.
He recommended that the ferry be replaced
by a more permanent and safe means of
transportation and it was in that year that
the ferry was replaced by a floating bridge.
The floating bridge served well, being repaired
from time to time and finally in 1953 a new
Causeway was built and a new overhead
bridge was also erected.





The prize winners are Don & Ann Holloway. Just what we all need while driving a British Car.



A replica of a Sopwith Camel from WW1



Jane took advantage of the wine store



Kawartha Klassic Fly-In Lindsay – June 9th

Seven cars attended. The day turned out very nice, just a little warm which seems to be the trend so far this Summer. Hopefully we can see the same weather for the rest of the Summer events, including the Brits on the Lake in Port Perry. It was very interesting to see the old planes on display. Plane rides were offered to the attendees for a great value. Dennis tried to book a flight but was a little late; it didn't take long for the scheduled times to be taken up.

The airport also promotes a flying club. Check out their website at www.klma.ca for further information if interested.



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**The Mosport Run – Roy and Pat Smith –
June 17th – Happy Father's Day**

Great job Roy and Pat what a great day it was, the weather was better than expected which was a treat. The cars screaming by on the track really adds to the hype of the day.

The tour left from Tim Hortons in Brookdale Plaza in Peterborough at 9:00 a.m. Drivers from Lindsay met up at the site of the old Bonfire Restaurant at 9:30 and then proceed to meet the other group at the Four Corners Gas Station in Pontypool at 10:00 a.m. Both groups continued on to Mosport together entering via the new Main Gate as Mosport has been remodeled. The entrance fee was \$20.00 to the park plus a \$10.00 fee to join the drive around the track which was three times around, what an experience.



Above picture taken looking backwards while Tim driving.



Trying to pass Jim and Susan Willshaw. Couldn't catch them.



Sue found her second new love of her life at Mosport....

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Brit's In the Park – July 15th, 2011 –
Submitted by Pat Holloway

We couldn't have had it better than this year's Brits in the Park. Not only did the rain not appear, but the clouds and trees kept us comfortable on a sweltering day.

The cars came again and we think about 220 registered. That keeps us in the black and we seemed to have everything we needed except for that extension cord.

Tim and Susan did an excellent job of keeping everybody on track and they spent many hours before the day organizing and filling bags, etc. A big thanks to them both when you next see them.

Ken added that extra 'Inglis' zip and the Mini race track was a big success with many happy adults and children. The big prize of a weekend in the Kawartha's was won by John Barron who lives in Toronto and has a cottage in Beaverton. He drives a XKE Jaguar. He has also been invited to join us on our Fall car run that weekend.

You have no idea how many hours Ken spent building and perfecting that track and getting the sponsors to give away the meals and overnight accommodation for the winner.

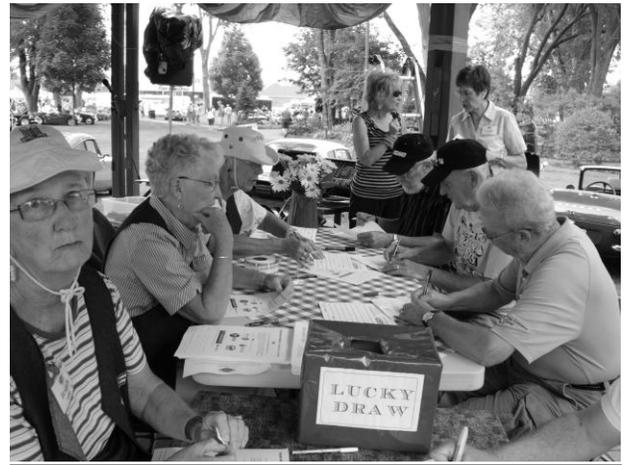
Our President, Frank DeCarlo announced that the 'President's Choice' would be now called 'The Warren Grant' prize in honour of our missing and much missed member.

The Mayor's choice was our Lotus, owned by Donna and Ron Hunter!

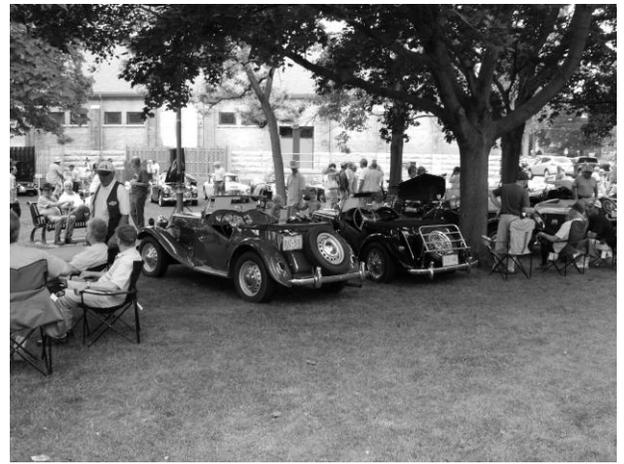
And finally a big thank you to all those who stood up and worked during the day. Those who arrived by 7:00 to get things set up, those who stood by their post and helped the visitors get parked in the correct spot and those who welcomed, registered and counted ballots. This club works because everyone can be counted on. (well almost everyone)

As we bid them goodbye at the exit gate many replied

'We'll be back!'. Who could ask for more?



Registration Desk, thanks to all that volunteered to help out.



What beauties – the "T" Group



“E” Type Jaguars – Nice Cars



Race a Mini Track – by Ken Ellis

Check our website for more pictures.

Remaining Dates to Remember: (for those that do not have web access)

2012 CLUB EVENT SCHEDULE

July 29/12 Car Run Anne & Don Holloway

Aug 12/12 Brits on the Lake

Aug 19/12 Golf Classic & Corn at the Fowlers

Sept 8, 9 2012 Overnighter By Marg & Ken Inglis

Oct 07/12 Fall Colour Tour by Nancy & Steve Burrell

Nov 4/12 Fall Agm 2011 by Pauline & Frank DeCarlo

British Humor

A couple of years after the 2nd World War, on a train from London to Manchester an American was berating an Englishman sitting across from him in the compartment. "You English are so bloody stuffy. You set

yourselves apart too much. You think your stiff upper lip puts you above the rest of us. Look at me...I'm ME. I have Italian blood, French blood, a little Indian blood, and some Swedish blood. What do you say to that?"

The Englishman replied, "Awfully sporting of your mother old chap!!!!"

Thanks Ken for your British Humor

Annual Overnight Sept. 8 & 9, 2012 Note from Ken Inglis

Ready for a fun overnight?

We are off to Geneva Park near Orillia and for about half the price of the MG Car Club's overnight at Fern Resort, albeit for one less night but the same number of meals.

We will have a nice drive from Fenelon Falls to Orillia with a quick stop for lunch (Dutch treat) and then on to Geneva Park (GP). GP has lots of things to do, tennis, swimming, sauna, shuffleboard, horseshoes, walking trails and if you are a gambler, Casino Rama is only a few minutes away.

The price is a very reasonable \$128 per person (dble occupancy) which includes accommodation, dinner Saturday, breakfast and lunch Sunday, a hospitality room for everyone to have a drink and relax, and probably a free glass or two of wine. Taxes extra.

We have reserved 20 rooms but we need confirmations to keep the rooms. Email keninglis@sympatico.ca to confirm or ask any questions you have.

Please advise Ken as soon as possible if you are attending. Rooms are booking up fast.

Something for the ladies of the club

Favorite Recipe – anyone who would like to start a new trend for the Clutch chatter, please send me your favorite recipe and I will publish a couple in every edition of the newsletter. Please e-mail me at suemscullion@gmail.com. Our first try – here is mine.... If anyone has a British recipe they enjoy please forward it to me for our next Chatter.

Even the kids like this recipe – can be made day before and kept in refrigerator.

Ingredients -

3 cups broccoli – a mixture flowers and peeled stems
½ cup chopped red onion
½ cup feta cheese
1 cup mixed nuts, whatever kind you like, and use more if you require

Dressing –

½ cup vanilla yogurt
¼ cup mayo
¼ cup sugar
1 tbsp – lemon juice

Pour dressing over ingredients.

Next run – July 29th, 2012 – organized by Don and Anne Holloway.



The Queen's Diamond Jubilee – Fenelon Falls – July 21st, 2012

What is that funny looking thing parked with our British Toys, an Interloper? (an intruder). He can't compete with our British Cars. There were approximately 8 cars that turnout for the Queen's Jubilee. The cars were very impressive parked along the street right across from the lock system in Fenelon. It was great as some of the club members brought a picnic lunch with them and sat at the picnic benches to enjoy the scenery and the great weather. We have been very fortunate this year with the weather co-operating with us.