



# *Clutch Chatter*

*Newsletter of the Victoria British Car Club*

## **New Members:**

MaryLee & Joe Hentig            1980 Red MG  
Denise & Stephen Livingstone   1980 MGB  
Cheryl & Gareth Goodchild      Red MGB GT

## **Overnighter – Ken Inglis – Geneva Park – Thank you Ken and Marg for the notes**

Many thanks to our Club President who arranged great “British” weather for the event. 19 cars floated off the parking lot in Fenelon on their way to Geneva Park in Orillia. The bustling market we planned to attend at Lagoon City turned out to be a few vendors who didn’t know enough to go home with the rest of them. But the washrooms made up for the disappointment in that.

Undaunted, we pushed on to the home of Brad Hall on the stormy shores of Lake Simcoe. Brad has a stable of Corsairs and was busy answering questions about the cars. Our President turned off the rain at that point as he had to get out of his car (not his TR3 by the way) to see Brad and his Corsairs. I think there were eight in total to see.

Lunch was at Casino Rama after which the gentlemen swam out to retrieve their cars from the parking lot and head for Geneva.

Once we had moved in and settled down in our private lounge and opened the appropriate bottles of wine we all sat down and made fun of Chris and Shiela Weeks who left their luggage in their Triumph when they decided to switch to their American car.

That evening we donned checkered neck scarves and do-si-doed around the auditorium, helped by Tim and Cindy who are Square Dance callers supreme.

Hard to pick out the best square dancers but it sure was easy to point out a few “challenged” dancers.

Sunday morning brought sunshine so the Holloways headed off to the Orillia Fall Fair and some others joined Marg Inglis for a pleasant walk to Fallen Rock on the point of the Geneva Park property.

All in all, the food was great, the weather fitting, lots of laughs, good memories and most of all a safe journey.



Every guy's dream of a garage The Square Dancing begins



The end of a nice day and overnight stay

### **The Fall Run – Steve and Nancy Burrell – September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012**

What a beautiful day, overall the weather turned out well, a little rain but nothing drastic. The route taken was very well planned and the colours were starting to appear for the first signs of Fall. We started out with 20 cars at the Tim Horton's on Water Street North at 10:00a.m and picked up Pauline and Frank at a stop at Burleigh Island Lodge Parking Lot. We unfortunately lost 1 car during the drive. Jim and Vedra started out running well but broke down on the way for lunch at Granny's Restaurant. Jim and Susie Willshaw were kind enough to help them out. Not all was lost, everyone made the luncheon.

The drive around Stony Lake really stood out in our minds. The great winding roads as I am sure all the drivers were anxious to speed up and really drive those turns. The homes are beautiful and I really mean homes, some had been updated and others had been newly built. The smell in the air was very refreshing and the leaves falling was just as Fall should be. Tim and I got lost, can you believe that. We missed the turn onto Youngs Point Road but knew enough that we had gone too far on Road 18 and turned around then found Youngs Point Road. Boy, what happened to the navigator, not me (hehehehehehe). Oh well, we saw more of the beautiful country side.....

I have listed the run below, it is worth the time...

- Departed Tim Horton's on Water Street North at 10:00am
- Turn left onto Water Street
- Turn right on Nassau Mills Road (County Road 32)
- Turn right at Foodland (Queen Street)
- Turn left at lights (Albert/Bridge St.)
- Turn right onto Road 18 Smith Twsp. (8<sup>th</sup> line)
- Turn right onto County Road 25 (Youngs Point Road)
- Turn left on Hwy 28 (at traffic lights)
- Brief stop at Burleigh Island Lodge parking lot
- Turn right onto Northey's Bay Road #56

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Reststop – Quarry Bay Beach (washrooms down path towards beach). Tim and I caught up with everyone at this stop.

- Continue on Northey's Bay Road
- Turn right on County Road 6
- Turn left on County Road 40
- Turn right on Webster Road (Country Road 8)
- Turn right on County Road 38 to Warsaw
- Continue north on County Road 4
- Turn right on County Road 6
- Turn left at Stop Sign (this remains to be County Road 6)
- Turn left at road (sign reads: Carveths Marine & Hamilton Bay Golf)
- Keep to the right of the road and make a quick left turn onto Birchview Road
- Turn right onto Highway 28
- Turn right at South Beach Road
- Arrive at Granny's restaurant on the right side of the road

This restaurant had very good food and all home cooked, it is worth going back to.



Washroom break....

Granny's restaurant



What a buffet/Very helpful staff

### **Interesting facts about Stony Lake - Provided by Steve and Nancy Burrell**

Stony Lake was known to early European settlers as Salmon Trout Lake. Early First Nations settlement is evidenced by a remarkable collection of prehistoric rock carvings to be seen at the east end of Stony Lake at the significant Petroglyphs. In the mid 19<sup>th</sup> century logging became a large industry in the Kawarthas and Stony Lake was used as part of the highway for moving logs to the sawmill. The Tent-Severn Canal system was built early in the 20<sup>th</sup> century and became the dominant commercial waterway in the region.

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**Young's Point.** Young's Point gets its name from the founders of the village. The Young family settled the area and built the dam and grist mill. In 1887 the Old Bridge Inn was built and was run as a General Store.

Well, look at what is for sale.....



### **Points to Ponder –**

Bev and Peter Newman decided to enjoy the last days of summer with their little British car and took a trip to Port Perry then south to White Feather. A sign on their travels took their eye “Ladies when your husband says he will fix the dripping of the tap in the sink, he will fix the dripping tap in the sink. Don't nag him about it every six months”.

I would bet dripping oil from a man's LBC is a totally different matter.....need I say more....(chuckle)

### **Provided by Ken Inglis – Like Ken's Humor**

If my car could drive at the speed of light would the headlights work?  
How do you know when you have run out of invisible ink?

### **Interesting information Provided by Brian Glassford – The Morgan**

The Morgan Motor Company located in Britain doesn't change in a changing world. Not only is it still independent, but it also makes each car by hand. A base model is about \$44,000, with some cars costing up to \$300,000. People wait for over a year to get their exclusive hand built cars with the shell made out of metal and much of the vehicle made out of wood. Working on the wood interior, workers use metal shears to individually shape a hood because each car has to be different.

Every year Morgan produces about 600 cars. The company celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2011. It has a long and interesting history, and is still run by the same family: the Morgans.

Founded by Henry Frederick Stanley Morgan known as “HFS”, it was then run by his son Peter, and is now run by Charles, the son of Peter Morgan. Just a few pictures, from start to finish



Start with wood



Assembly



Finished Product

Finished Product

**Article written by Frank DeCarlo for the Ragtop – Toronto Triumph Club – Summer 2012**

There is something quite unique about the Victoria British Car Club, which was created in 1993 by a group of highly motivated British car enthusiasts, living in and around what is now known as the Kawartha Lakes. At the time of the forming of the club, amalgamation of smaller towns and communities into larger cities had not yet been conceived. Victoria County, which had been formed in 1854, was the predecessor of the City of Kawartha Lakes and the name provided the perfect link to the heritage of our beloved British cars.

Our Club is an informal group of people from all walks of life who have the common bond of owning, driving, and generally enjoying British cars. The uniqueness of this club can be found in our members with as many as ten different marques represented amongst us, and we are able to coexist in peaceful harmony whilst motoring on some of the most beautiful roads in Ontario is a testament to the true spirit of British motoring. To some it may appear that we take great joy in seeing the bonnet of another marque raised at the roadside while we roar past. But in reality we know full well that the next time it might be us at the roadside with a spanner in hand and a puzzled look on our faces. We all jump to the aid of fellow members whenever the need arises and jointly revel in finding the solution to whatever the problem might have been. That is the true joy of driving these amazing little cars. The club has an intimate nature as there are only about 65 cars amongst our members and most either live or cottage in the Kawartha Lakes. You will find us friendly, helpful and anxious to share our knowledge. Each summer we hold about 8 Club events consisting of one day car runs in around the Kawartha Lakes.

Our most significant event of the driving season is “Brits-In-The-Park” which takes place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in July and has been since 1994. The fabulous venue for this event is historic Victoria Park in Lindsay, Ontario and it attracts more than 200 cars each year. “Brits-In-The-Park” has developed a reputation as one of the premier car shows in south central Ontario. If you are interested in joining our Club, contact our Membership Registrar, Roger Hunter at rogerhunter@bell.net.

**Fall AGM Meeting November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

Well, another year has gone by. There were 54 members attending our final meeting held at the Eganridge Golf and Country Club. Very nice venue with a beautiful view of Sturgeon Lake and finally the sun was shining.

- There were two new members that attended – Denise and Stephen Livingstone, and Cheryl and Gareth Goodchild. Our total membership to date is 62 members. The financial report was discussed by Roger Hunter – total assets \$8,168.75 of which \$4,526.30 is cash in the account. The club is in good standing. Ken Inglis has applied for a \$2,400.00 grant from the city of Kawartha Lakes for Brits-in-the-Park.
- A proposal was made to the membership to change the existing name badges over the Winter at no cost to the members. The cost to the club is being investigated at this point but will not exceed \$600.00. The make and year of each member’s British car being noted on the badge is optional.
- The Executive agreed with the concept of funding car runs in which the creation of a driving route is required. The funding will be \$75.00 non-accountable allowance for gas and miscellaneous

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expenses plus a further \$100.00 supported by receipts for any additional reasonable expenses incurred. There are a total of three (3) runs that fall into this category, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, July 7<sup>th</sup> and October 6<sup>th</sup> 3 X \$175.00= **\$525.00**. There is special consideration for the Overnighter event that will receive \$75.00 allowance for the creation of a run plus \$200.00 supported by receipts for any additional reasonable expenses = **\$275.00. Total potential commitment for the runs equals \$800.00**. It was also agreed to continue to support the Fowlers' Corn Roast in the amount of \$250.00

- Recommendation made to schedule more car runs during the season. Suggestion was made to have Adhoc runs whenever weather permits. Donna Hunter has all car runs that have been done in the past if anyone is interested in recreating one of them for future runs.
- Tim Hall advised next year's Brits in the Park is set for July 21<sup>st</sup> 2013. At this point will not be shared with Classics on Kent. Still to be determined. Executive will monitor and advise membership accordingly. The marquee car next year is for the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Austin Healey BN1. Ken has been in touch with the British Consulate for any funding they could provide.
- Ian MacNab discussed this year's Flea Market Vendors – 20 vendors were on site producing \$805.00 revenue to the Club. Proposed standardizing the cost per vendor next year with a target of 25 vendors @ \$40.00 per site. Suggested recognizing the vendors as sponsoring the "Brits-In-the-Park" with members visiting the vendors. Ian will be approaching Castrol Oil as a major sponsor for the "Brits-in-the-Park". Stay tuned.
- Bob Deshane advised membership there will be a cruise night on the Saturday night prior to the Brits-on-the-Lake. Special events will be held prior to the Mosport race on Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>. Please see Varac.ca website for 2013 details.

Dates for 2013 –	Event	Responsible
May 5 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Meeting	Open
June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Car Run	Marie & Gary Stokx
June 16 <sup>th</sup>	Mosport	Roy Smith
July 7 <sup>th</sup>	Car Run	Hancock's/Bolton's
July 21 <sup>st</sup>	Brits in the Park	Tim Hall/all
August 11 <sup>th</sup>	Brits on the Lake	All
August 18 <sup>th</sup>	Golf Classic/Corn Roast	The Fowler's
Sept. 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup>	Fall Overnighter	Holloway's/Ellis'/Ken Inglis
Sept. 15 <sup>th</sup>	Bronte/British Invasion/Stowe	All
Oct. 6 <sup>th</sup>	Fall Colour Run	Tanya & Brian Glassford
Nov. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Fall General Meeting	Frank DeCarlo



