



Clutch Chatter

Newsletter of the Victoria British Car Club

Welcome Back All –

How time flies when you are having fun during this great Canadian Winter. Weather was great until February came then all the snow let loose. Hope everyone that had some opportunity to disappear during the Winter month's, enjoyed some nice warm weather and outdoor fun and that is not shoveling snow.

| <u>Dates for 2013 –</u> | <u>Event</u> | <u>Responsible</u> |
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| May 5 th , | Spring Meeting | Pat & Roy Smith |
| June 2 nd , | Car Run | Marie & Gary Stokx |
| June 16 th , | Mosport-cost \$20.00 | Roy Smith |
| July 7 th , | Car Run | Hancock's/Bolton's |
| July 21 st , | Brits in the Park | Tim Hall/et al |
| August 11 th , | Brits on the Lake | Open to All |
| | <u>http://www.britsonthelake.com/</u> | |
| August 18 th | Golf Classic/Corn Roast | The Fowler's |
| Sept. 7 th & 8 th | Fall Overnighter | Holloway's/Ellis'/Ken Inglis |
| Sept. 15 th | Bronte | Open to All |
| Sept. 20 th | British Invasion/Stowe | Open to All |
| Sept 20 th – 22 nd | Stowe | Open to All |
| Oct. 6 th | Fall Colour Run | Tanya & Brian Glassford |
| Nov. 3 rd | Fall General Meeting | Frank DeCarlo |

FYI – The Slot cars are returning to the “Brits in the Park” July 21st.

New Members –

Denise and Stephen Livingstone
Coboconk,
Black 1980 MGBLE

Cheryl and Gareth Goodchild
Indian River
Red 1973 MGB GT

Jane and John Sangster
Dunsford
Red 1967 MGB GT

Ancaster Swap Meet – April 21st, 2013

Well, another year has started. Our first club function for 2013. It was a great day in Ancaster, with a lot of British car enthusiasts taking part in the swap meet. There were a few more British car's in the parking lot at the Fairgrounds as it was a beautiful sunny day, but still a little cool. Personally, I think everyone is over anxious to get their cars on the road after a Winter like we just had. Talk about revving your engines.....



Spring AGM Meeting – Arranged by Pat and Roy Smith

Pat & Roy made a great choice with holding our Spring AGM at the Burnham Gardens. EXCELLENT Job. The Burnham Gardens is a very quaint place and easy to get to. Great turnout and the people I spoke to after the meeting thought it was a very good, informative meeting. The meal was very tasty and great variety. Just a note on my part, the desserts were to die for. I made sure I left enough room after the meal to indulge.

A Brief Word from the President

Well another driving season is on our doorstep and there are lots of great events coming our way this year. From a Club perspective our biggest event is, of course, Brits-in-the-Park on July 21st. This year will be similar to how Brits took place several years ago, on our own. I know that Tim Hall and his team have done a fantastic organizing effort once again and I think this will be one of the best Brits in many years. All of the volunteers that are so vital to the operation and conduct of Brits deserve our gratitude.

You may have recently received an email through Ron Hunter highlighting a partnership we have entered with a gentleman and fellow sports car enthusiast for VBCC clothing and many other items with our logo. The beauty of this relationship is that members can go online and order exactly what they want in the quantity they want and when they want it. There are items such as clothing, tote bags, mugs and key chains and much more. I encourage members to visit the website and browse through the items to see just what is

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available. However, bear in mind that this new opportunity does not change in any way our long standing arrangement with Mark's for embroidered items that we have been purchasing over the years. Be proud of your club and wear your logo.

One of the challenges organizations such as our faces is that of recruiting members to take on more involved roles within the Club to help make it vital and enduring. I am only putting this issue out there at this time to plant the seed in everyone's mind that we all need to jump in from time to time. In the not too distant future we will be looking for individuals to fill a few key positions that may become vacant. Think about how much you can contribute and even ask those currently in some of those roles about how easy it is to be more involved. I can tell you that there is a great deal of satisfaction from doing things such as this, so give it some thought.

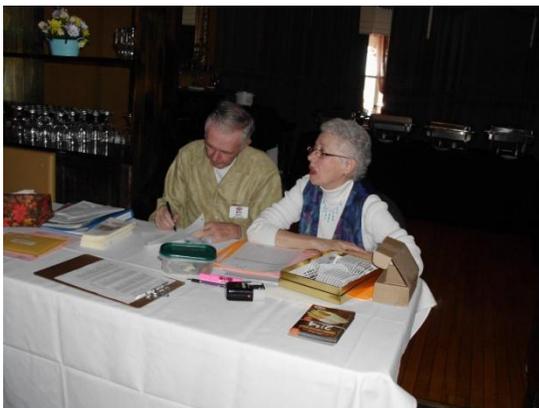
Have a safe driving season and see you at the next Club event on June 2nd, 2013

Frank DeCarlo
President, VBCC

A special welcome to Roger and Yvonne Hunter. All our thoughts and good wishes go out to Roger and Yvonne.



Great picture! So glad you could join the meeting.



The registration begins



So happy to see everyone again



Summer is just beginning

Tech Tips and Club Regalia Opportunitites – Bob DeShane –

Bob mentioned that the embroidery company that does T-shirts etc. for club regalia stated that our club logo printing was too small. Frank mentioned we are not looking at changing our logo at this time.

Just in case everyone didn't make notes on Bob DeShane's information on Ethanol and Fuels. His presentation is below. A lot of good information for those enthusiasts.

The fuel that you pump into your tank today is a mere shadow of the gasoline that was available when British Sports Cars were king. Manufacturers of MGs, Healeys, Triumphs, Jags and all specified fuels for use in their cars having octane rating of 96 and over, depending on compression. In addition, those fuels were treated with lead additives in order to lubricate upper engine cylinders including valves and piston rings.

However, today's fuels are designed not to meet the operating requirements of internal combustion engines, but to satisfy the "Green Movement". This has resulted in a set of circumstances that are not favourable to our cars. The engineers of those days could never have anticipated the sweeping changes that strict emission controls have brought to the motoring world. In Canada there is now federal legislation that requires automotive fuels to contain an average of 15% ethanol. That means that some fuel loads being shipped from refineries may have 8% or less, while others may have up to 22%.

It is a known fact that ethanol contains at least 20% less caloric value than pure gasoline. So every litre that you pump into your car has less energy than it used to. In addition, the best octane rating available is 91, or 94 at some Petro Canada stations selling the Ultra 94 brand. Octane is the value that represents resistance to "knock" or "pink", which are signs of dangerous pre-detonation within the combustion chambers and even at 94 is less than most of our British manufacturer's recommendations. Further, although there are some "lubricity agents" added to the fuels, they may be adequate for modern engine designs, but fall far short of those required by our older engines that were designed for leaded fuels. Ethanol will also cut through the film of oil that the piston rings slide on and actually wash down the cylinder walls, causing premature wear of piston rings and cylinder walls, compression lost past the rings and exaggerated contamination of crankcase oil. The only possible means to combat the ill effects of ethanol fuels is to add catalysts or enhancers to your tank.

In my search for better racing products, I have found an Oakville, Ontario based Racing Fuel Manufacturer that also produces Catalysts and Enhancers to address the very problems that British Car owners face. His name is John Shane and he has had a very interesting career in chemical engineering including ten years on the Shell Oil Research and Development Team responsible for the Ferrari racing fuels. I am now a Regional Distributor for Shellbourne Fuels. As a matter of interest, Ludwig Heimrath is Technical Director of the Shellbourne Racing Fuels Division.

The products that we have to offer that should be of interest to all British car owners include:

1) Shellbourne Fuels Gasoline Catalyst (A solution of 19 liquid based petroleum solvents and keytone isomers)

- Modifies fuel at the molecular level to alter the ethanol and gasoline
- Immediately improves performance of fuels, optimizes horsepower
- Reduces fuel used resulting in increased mileage
- Reduces emissions
- Protects valves and valve seals
- Maintains spark plugs and piston rings
- Eliminates carbon buildup
- Eliminates gum and varnishes
- Prolongs engine life
- Restores Fuel Systems, Carburetors and Fuel Injection
- Sold in 1 Litre Bottles with graduated measurement scale
- 1 Litre treats 288 litres of fuel
- \$17.50 plus tax

2) Shellbourne Gasoline Fuel Enhancer (A High Performance Fuel Enhancer)

- Designed to provide significantly increased fuel performance for modified and racing engines requiring 100+ octane
- Provides all advantages of Shellbourne Fuels Gasoline Catalyst (above) plus ***more horsepower***
- Sold in cases of 12
- 1 Litre treats 20 Litres of 91 or 94 pump gas
- \$17.50 plus tax

For more information: website link:

http://www.littlebritainmotorcompany.info/index.php?id=shellbourne_fuels

Club Regalia Opportunity – Tim Hall

Tim mentioned another source in the works with The Foreign Car Club out of Moncton New Brunswick. The President of that club is a Graphic Artist and produces all of their club's regalia. He claims he is willing to do the same for our club. To check out his club's regalia go to www.cafepress.ca/ovide. See President's message above.

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Dave Lambert of Autoglym Car Care

Dave represents Autoglym Car Care and set up an attractive display of products. He presented Autoglym very interactive and interesting to everyone with explaining how each of the products enhance our British Cars. Dave certainly added a flare to his presentation as he is British and enjoys British cars. Please refer to the website www.autoglym.com for further information on all available products.

Tech Tips -

DONT BURN UP YOUR WIRING HARNESS - Dennis Horn

When you are doing wiring on your car, put a fuse-able link in the line. A convenient place is to have a shutoff switch at the battery and switch it off. Then bypass the switch with a useable link with a 10 amp fuse. Now if your system is alive and if you have a short, the fuse will blow. "No damage done".

Material:

2 good sized alligator clips and a useable link.



This is amazing History – from Brian Glassford

This man owned & drove the same car for 82 YEARS.

Can you imagine even having the same car for 82 years?

Mr. Allen Swift (Springfield, MA) received this 1928 Rolls-Royce Piccadilly-P1 Roadster from his father, brand new - as a graduation gift in 1928.

He drove it up until his death last year ... at the age of 102!!!

He was the oldest living owner of a car that was purchased new.

It was donated to a Springfield museum after his death.

It has 1,070,000 miles on it, still runs like a Swiss watch, dead silent

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at any speed and is in perfect cosmetic condition. (82 years). That's approximately 13,048 miles per year (1087 per month)...

That's British engineering of a bygone era. I don't think they make them like this anymore.



Little British Humor – VBCC comedian Ken Inglis



Addresses only the British could have!

Parts Available for Austin Healey's

Don Collins has a number of parts available for sale for an Austin Healey 3000. If interested, please contact Don at [705-748-9184](tel:705-748-9184) before June 28th.