



Clutch Chatter

Newsletter of the Victoria British Car Club

New Members –

Paul Cooper – 1971 Yellow Triumph Stag

Thank you Paul for your introduction of “Tweety”very well done.

I would just like to say Hi. I,m "Tweety the Triumph" and have just joined the V.B.C.C. Right now I am in Charlottesville, Virginia, but I hope to be in Peterborough by mid-April. I am a 1971 yellow Triumph Stag. My owner, Paul Cooper, thought that now I am over 40, I could use a bit of a mid-life tune-up.(Those of you who are my age or older could perhaps relate to this.)

Paul and his brother Fred think that they are in charge, but as far as I am concerned they are just along for the ride. Fred lives in Toronto with Barb, and Paul moved to Peterborough two years ago. They have a cottage near Apsley which they enjoy. Their mother's side of the family are from the Keene area so Paul and Fred have many relatives in the Peterborough area. They are both retired teachers. Fred was with the community college in Scarborough and Paul was with the Scarborough Board of Education in Aurora. You would not know they were teachers other than for the fact they occasionally get a slight nervous twitch. Anyway, enough said about them. I am looking forward to meeting all of my British cousins in May. I understand I even have a long lost brother in the club. ---Regards, "Tweety"

Ron Ball – E-Type Jaguar

Thank you Ron for your document, very nice picture

As for a story on the car, heck I could write a book, if I had time.

In case you did not know, I live most of the time in China where I own and operate a manufacturing company making components for elevators and escalators. I've been here since 1997, so I've seen it all; from poverty to prosperity. I married a Chinese lady, Olivia, in 2005 and we have a 7 year old daughter, Alexandra.

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Each summer we return to our home on Lake Sturgeon for ten weeks and that's when I get to drive the cat and get to meet nice people like you at Lindsay's Brits in the Park. I'm looking forward to other VBCC events, this year.

Did I just write a little story?

I could not find a picture of the cat and Alexandra, so here is one with my second hobby: boating.

See you in the summer !! Ron's other toy.....



Trivia from Brian Glassford – (Brian sent this to me last year I wanted to include into our first Clutch Chatter for the Season

Q: What was the first official White House car



A : [A 1909 White Steamer](#), ordered by President Taft .

Q : Who opened the first drive-in gas station ?



A : Gulf opened up the first station in Pittsburgh in 1913

Q : What city was the first to use parking meters ?



A : Oklahoma City, on July 16, 1935 .

Q : Where was the first drive-in restaurant ?



A: Royce Hailey's Pig Stand opened in Dallas in 1921 .

Q : What was Ford's answer to the Chevy Corvette, and other legal street racers of the 1960's ?



A : Carroll Shelby's Mustang GT350 .

Q : What was the first car fitted with an alternator, rather than a direct current dynamo ?



A : The 1960 Plymouth Valiant .

There were many more trivia statements, I couldn't include all of them as they would have made up the full issue of this Clutch Chatter. Thank you Brian for all of your past documents you sent to me for the newsletter. Hopefully you will start them coming again in the near future. I hope you can get to read the Clutch Chatter to see your pictures I have used.

Spring AGM – May 4th, 2014 – Baxter Creek – Bev and Peter Newman



Opening the season for the VBCC

Frank DeCarlo opened the meeting with welcoming everyone back for another great season for the Victoria British Car Club. Thank you to Bev and Peter Newman for organizing the AGM Spring Meeting, very nice location and great lunch with 56 members in attendance.

Our logo has been updated to a cleaner image – as seen on header on this document.

Ian MacNab and Ron Hunter will be producing a new Membership Directory to be released soon. Ian distributed forms asking for a bio on each member and their car that will make up the new Membership Directory and will be updated every 3 years.

Mike Muir distributed and discussed a VBCC Financial Statement to the membership.

Tim Hall provided an overview for Brits-In-The-Park and confirmed with all that are volunteering for the event. A new computer system has been developed by Ron Hunter for the voting of cars which will provide faster results from the votes and will store all data relating to the cars entered into the show.

Ian MacNab stated that we have 18 confirmed vendors. Space is still available. There are also confirmed vendors that the women will be interested in.

Bob Deshane provided an overview of “Glory Days’ – Celebration of Speed June 27th to 29th Canadian Tire Motorsport Park. A brochure was distributed to members outlining the day’s events. Check out the website – www.glorydayscelebrationofspeed.com for further information.

Frank DeCarlo discussed the 20th Anniversary Celebration of the VBCC being held on July 6th. There is a car run being organized by the team of Stokx/Easton/Hentig followed by a BBQ and Live Music being held at the Nesbitt's place. All will be communicated closer to the date.

Ian MacNab and Jane are going to make a "Suggestion Box" for the club which will be ready for our November Fall AGM.



Season Events

May 4 th	Spring Meeting	Bev and Peter Newman
June 1 st	Car Run	Dewar/Coleman/Gardner
June 15 th	VARAC Mosport	Roy Smith
July 20 th	Brits in the Park	All
Aug. 10 th	Brits on the Lake	All
*August 17 th	Golf Classic and Corn Road	The Fowlers
Sept. 6 th & 7 th	Fall Overnighter/Destination Run	To be named

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Sept. 20th/21st

British Invasion Stowe

DeCarlo/Hall/Weekes/
Gardner

Sept. 21st

British Car Day Bronte

TTC

Oct. 4th

Roger Hunter Fall Colour Run

Ian and Jane MacNab

Nov. 2nd

Fall General Meeting

Maria and John Bennett

*Doug Fowler will advise....

June 1st Car Run – Coleman/Dewar/Gardner Group

Thank you very much to Bev Newman for creating this document for the Clutch

We met at Fowler's Corners and all 22 cars fell into line heading south to Millbrook. Marg & Ken Inglis, 5 minutes after leaving home, discovered they had no brakes on their MGB and returned home for Marg's car.

Near Port Hope we had a stop at "Primitive Designs" – most unusual shop – where they had numerous Buddhas, totems, robots made with car parts and many other items we enjoyed looking at. However, because of our small cars we were unable to make purchases of such exotic and unusual antiques. We followed around the south shore of Rice Lake, through the Northumberland Hills to Gore's Landing Harwood & Alderville. Somewhere along the way one car's tail pipe dropped off and (it was reported) that part of a farmer's wire fence was used to fix the problem. On over to Warkworth & Campbellford then on to Chubby's Restaurant for a wonderful roast beef buffet including salads & a lovely selection of desserts.

Gary & Marie Stokx's Austin Healey met with an unfortunate fate as it lost all of its oil. All eyes, talk and suggestions of 40 viewers did nothing to help the situation. It needed the assistance of CAA to get it home to Bobcaygeon from Chubbys'.

It was a 26 degree day and a super drive of 151 miles round trip back to Fowler's Corner's. Many thanks to all involved in making the day a success.

PS. Please note that none of the Triumphs had a problem.



Primitive Designs Shop



CAA conundrum????



After a great run and a great day, we all enjoyed our lunch at Chubby's Restaurant.

After seeing the breakdowns this run, Pat and Dave Holloway prepared a list of what you could carry in your British Car to assist in a roadside repair. Perhaps others will add to this list. Great idea.

Basic Tools:

slotted and Phillips (#2) screw drivers
12 volt test light
small vice grips
combination wrenches 7/16, 1/2, 9/16
10" adjustable wrench
flashlight
air pressure gauge

Additional tools:

small 3/8" socket set
digital multi-meter
booster cables
small test leads

Small parts:

hose clamps sized for gas line, heater hose, and rad hoses
spare ignition coil
spare SU fuel pump

1-2 feet of rubber gas line
copy of wiring diagram
spare fuses
empty 2 litre water bottle
6 feet of 14 gauge wire
rags or paper towels
disposable coveralls
black electrical tape
12 volt air pump
blue nitrile gloves
1 litre oil
spare fan belt
duct tape

CAA card and phone, Sun tan lotion and bug lotion if you have to sit waiting for help