



Clutch Chatter

Newsletter of the Victoria British Car Club

May 2012

A Word from our President.

Hello to all members of the VBCC and to visitors to our website who may be reading this latest edition of The Clutch Chatter. These few words will be my second formal function as your new President; the first being the Spring General Meeting on May 6th. I am honoured to take on this new and very important responsibility, but my watch words during my tenure are going to be “**no sudden movements**”. As with our beloved British cars, if things are working fine, why get in there and try to fix something. Our Club has been in existence since 1993 and I think I can safely say that it is alive and doing very well, indeed. I attribute this to each and every member of the Club as they fully participate and contribute to our many functions and events throughout the year. Without this commitment to the Club we would not survive. The collective knowledge and experience of restoring, maintaining and driving these aging but incredible little vehicles is impressive. Whatever it is that keeps our Club vibrant, let’s keep doing it. Thanks to all.

The last time we were all together was on November 13th 2011 and Warren Grant was our President. It is very difficult to comprehend that Warren has left us in such a short time and I will tell you that I think of him almost daily and what a wonderful person he was. We have lost a dear friend; a colleague; an acquaintance and a fellow British car owner with his passing on February 9th 2012. Warren and Pat have been members of this Club for a very long time and have left an indelible mark that will last

forever. As most of you know we have an award at Brits in the Park that is known as the President’s Award. Effective with Brits in the Park, 2012 this award will be known as the **Warren Grant Award** and will be selected from all entrants by the President of the day. Warren will be greatly missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him with his warm and thoughtful demeanor.

Frank DeCarlo

May your Stag and your memory always run with the Victoria British Car Club.

Ancaster Swap Meet – April 22nd, 2012

Day was cool, windy and cloudy. Quite a few British cars were out due to the nice warmer weather in March. Many spoken to had many good things to say about “Brits” and said they always enjoy attending. We handed out close to 300 brochures to promote Brits in the Park and signed up a couple of new members. This made it all worthwhile.



NOTES FROM AGM – MAY 6TH, 2012



Opening comments:

Frank stated he would like to keep our club working as a team showing commitment to a family environment.

A big welcome to our new members -

John & Marie Bennett - 1960 Red TR3A,
Ian & Jane MacNab - 1970 Green Midget
Cathi & Ted Swift - 1971 Blue Jag E Type
Dee & Tom Curlew - 1980 MGB
Gary & Marie Stokes - 1959 Austen Healey
100/6

Roger Hunter reviewed Financial Report - copies were handed out to members. No questions were raised. Accepted by all.

Website was discussed - Ron requested members to send him a digital picture of their cars with their significant other to be put on the website.

Items for sale that are on the website will be removed after 6 months unless Ron is advised otherwise.

Tim informed us that “Brits in the Park” is on track with many helping out as needed. (see comments from Ancaster Flea Market above) A larger vendor flea market area this year set up by Ken.

Ken Inglis discussed the Lindsay Automotive Flea Market - we have 31 available spots - anyone attending an auto show or knows of any automotive retailers please direct them to Ken or the website:
www.lindsayautomobilefleamarket.ca.

Peter Newman discussed the car run being held on June 3rd. All to meet at the Admiral Inn on highway #7 by 9:00AM. The run begins at 9:30AM for a total of 115 kilometers on paved roads. There are 2 rest stops, 1 at Kawartha Country wines, and the other at Burleigh Falls. Lunch will be at the Tamarac Golf Club at a cost of \$15.00/person (includes coffee). Parking is available for our little cars on a grassed area. Please RSVP by May 18th.

**Annual Overnight
Sept. 8 & 9, 2012**

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 Fenlon 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.

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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.

General Information- Submitted by Ken Ellis - Thanks Ken very important information.

CAR AIR CONDITIONING - VERY IMPORTANT!

My car book says to roll down the windows to let out all the hot air before turning on A/C.

WHY ?

Car Air Conditioning: No wonder more folks are dying from cancer than ever before. We wonder where this stuff comes from but here is an example that explains a lot of the cancer causing incidents.

Many people are in their cars first thing in the morning and the last thing at night, 7 days a week.

As I read this, it makes me feel guilty and ill. Please pass this on to as many people as possible. Guess it's not too late to make some changes.

Please do NOT turn on A/C as soon as you enter the car.

Open the windows after you enter your car and then turn ON the AC after a couple of minutes.

Here's why: According to research, the car

dashboard, seats, air freshener emit Benzene, a Cancer causing toxin (carcinogen - take time to observe the smell of heated plastic in your car).

In addition to causing cancer, Benzene poisons your bones, causes anemia and reduces white blood cells. Prolonged exposure will cause Leukemia, increasing the risk of cancer. Can also cause miscarriage.

Acceptable Benzene level indoors is 50 mg per sq. ft. A car parked indoors with windows closed will contain 400-800 mg of Benzene.

If parked outdoors under the sun at a temperature above 60 degrees F, the Benzene level goes up to 2000-4000 mg, 40 times the acceptable level.

People who get into the car, keeping windows closed will inevitably inhale, in quick succession, excessive amounts of the toxin.

Benzene is a toxin that affects your kidney and liver. What's worse, it is extremely difficult for your body to expel this toxic stuff.

So friends, please open the windows and door of your car - give time for interior to air out - dispel the deadly stuff - before you enter.

Thought: 'When someone shares something of value with you and you benefit from it, you have a moral obligation to share it with others.'

This is what [snopes.com](http://www.snopes.com) says. It is not the air conditioning in the car but the Benzene producing agents that cause cancer. <http://www.snopes.com/medical/toxins/benzene.asp>

A Touch of British Humor

Tim and I attended a dinner party in late November. A couple from Oshawa had just won 50 million dollars from one of the lotteries. We had a discussion during the evening on what each of us would do if we won that amount of money. One comment came out of this discussion that I wanted to share. One notable member stated jokingly; “if I won 50 million dollars in the 649 lottery, I would buy all of one certain make of LBC and put them through a crusher”.
Where is the love?????

What happens when LBC drivers get sent to a rest home.



The Night before “The Brits”

’Twas the night before Brits and out in the shed
Sat a tired old MG, its battery was dead.

Its fenders were rusted, the floor pan had holes,
the seats and the carpets had been eaten by voles.

The tires had dry-rot, the gas tank was leaking,
a turn of the wheel sent the tie rods a-creaking.

So I put on my coat with a weight on my heart,
And went out to the shed to get it to start.

The engine turned over-there arose such a clatter!
I knew from the sound it was timing-chain chatter.

From under the dashboard there came a bright flash:
the wiring harness had just turned to ash.

"I've had it with MG's" I finally swore:
"Enough is too much! I can't take no more!"

When what to my red, teary eyes should appear
But a little Englishman (he might need a beer!)

"Good Day," I heard, as he tapped my shoulder:
"I'm Joe Lucas" he said, as he continued to smolder.

"This one can be saved; there's no reason to grieve.
All you need is some faith. Man, you've got to believe!

"A hammer! Some duct tape! Get me more tools!
When you work on these cars you make up the rules!
"We'll get her cranked over - no way that she'll stall,
(but stand over there with your back to the wall)."

A cough and a sputter, the cacophony stunning,
I couldn't believe it! The damn thing was running!

The ghost winked at me and said kicking a tyre,
"Whatever you do, DON'T TOUCH THIS WIRE!"

The old man then vanished amid sneezes and farts,
but when the smoke cleared he had left me some parts!

So I opened the shed door and let the hood down,
put her in gear and went out through the town.

And I thought to myself, as I crunched second gear,
We will all enjoy our upcoming year.

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

2012 CLUB EVENT SCHEDULE

May 06/12 Spring AGM by Gord Sloan

June 03/12 Spring run by Don & Bev & Peter Newman

June 17/12 Mosport Car Run Roy & Pat Smith

July 15/12 Brits in the Park by Tim Hall et al
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

The British Car Classifieds – Check out our website under “For Sale” for further information Cars and Parts.

LATEST CARS FOR SALE

A 1962 MG Midget

1978 MGB

Car Club Clothing

Club emblem embroidery is available at Mark's Work Warehouse in Peterborough or Lindsay locations. Takes approximately 1 week to get back.

Tech Tips

Thanks to Roy Smith

Ethanol in gasoline, can raise havoc with your LBC's fuel system. Ethanol breaks down older seals and gaskets over time and also allows water to form in your tank.

Roy recommended Berryman's fuel additive to help with this. (Berryman is only available in the US).

Also, when using fuel stabilizer for storage times, use the blue stabilizer, (Lucas Oil) not the red coloured stuff. The blue fuel stabilizer, can be purchased here locally.

(CT has it. Don't be concerned about the boat picture on the bottle)

Thanks to everyone that provided information to make up the Clutch Chatter for this edition. Next newsletter will be sent out in July after the Brits in the Park.