

OECC Spanner April 2014

Hi, everyone;

The snow is melting and we are all getting ready for the summer season of cruising and other such related events.

In January, our branch received a donation of MGB parts to help out on any of the branch member's MG restoration projects and with that thought, Gerard has started our year with his newly restored 1953 MG TD ready for the road, the second of his British car restoration accomplishments and rumor has it, there will be a third on its way. There is no moss growing under Gerard's feet! This might be incentive for the rest of us to keep working on our own projects until they are finished.

We had a tech talk in February and our speaker was the owner of one of our ICBC insurance companies, and the topic was collector car insurance and plates and procedures and requirements to apply for them

The branch is organizing another tech talk on April 26th, only this time in Creston, at a fellow car enthusiast's machine shop, and it will be on cylinder head repair and restoration. It will be aimed at inviting other British car enthusiasts from the east and west Kootenay regions.

Our May branch meeting will be in Creston, again to give opportunity to reach out to other British car enthusiasts especially in the west Kootenays, along with the Creston car show one week later in May which will display some of our branch cars.

June 6-8th is the annual Brits Best Car Show in Radium put on by the Calgary MG club, which will be another opportunity for the Kootenay branch promotion.

June 14th is the day for a display of British cars in the local Tamarack mall in Cranbrook, followed the next week on the 21st by our local Sam Steele parade in town again with some of our cars in the parade, and also on the same day a car show on the south end of Moyie lake which is just south of Cranbrook.

I think we have enough in June to keep us busy for most of the time.

We start off in July with a local car get-together in town on the 6th, then on the 7th and 8th, Brits around BC will be coming through Cranbrook with a private BBQ for OECC members and prospects at the Waylyn Ranch golf course, just south of Kimberley, which is on the way to the stop over point for the 7th and local car show at Trickle Creek Hotel in Kimberley on the 8th.

July 27th is the date for our local general car show in which some of the branch will be participating.

In August, at present, we have only one event which is the Lordco car show, which had a good turnout last year and this year should be even better.

September hosts a swap meet in Creston on the 13th, in which the branch will be participating and a car show and camp-out also in Creston.

We are working on a schedule for cruises but nothing has been solidified as yet, but plans are for enough to keep the gas tanks full of fresh petrol in the summer.