

# THE HIGHWAY HOOTER

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## 1956 AUSTIN A30



*The Austin A30 was launched in 1951 to compete with the Morris Minor, and was the first Austin not to have a separate chassis. Also, the first car to feature the "A" Series 803cc overhead valve engine.*



## EDITOR'S CORNER



*Thanks to Ellenore for all her work at our Model & Movie Day – best turnout in years!!*

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**THE NEW MINI COUPÉ....more next month**



# HARV & SHIRLEY'S NEW TOYBOX

**HARV WRITES:** "Hey gang; After six years of work, I am now moving into my new shop. It all started by having to completely re-build the front landscaping which required a retaining wall attached to the house; which then became part of the foundation; which then required a deck; which then became a sunroom with a roof. After that was done, I was then able to close in the bottom level with walls, doors, windows and a new concrete floor. Then came all the mill work and custom cabinets, including all the painting. Now that I am moving in, the trick seems to be remembering where I put everything, including tools, supplies etc.

And yes, Bob ... I did have a building permit:-)

Cheers

Harv



AND HERE'S THE  
MAN HISSELF -  
PROVING THAT IT  
ALL WORKS!!



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# MOVIE & MODEL DAY 2012



*IT WAS BUSY AT THE A.T.A. CLUBHOUSE ON MARCH 4*



*HERE'S BOB STEWART'S CANNON COLLECTION*





***THE INFAMOUS GRAPEFRUIT CANNON, DESTINED TO REMAIN  
OMINOUSLY SILENT ON THE DAY....***



***DELLA JANSEN'S CAT COLLECTION***





***MINIATURES, MINIATURES, AND***



***"DIORAMAS BY BARRY"***





***HERE'S KEN FILLING A COFFEE CUP - WITH A 50 YEAR OLD FIRE ENGINE  
(A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND CAPTIONS!!)***



***ROB JANSEN'S MINI COLLECTION***





**WAYNE'S R/C .070-POWERED "GOLDEN HAWKS" F86 SABRE**



**BOB SETTING UP THE STEAM TRACTOR**



# HOW TO FIND OUT WHAT KIND OF CLUB MEMBERS YOU HAVE!!

BY ELLENORE A. MACK



*The best way to find out the inner secrets of your club members is to come to a "Movie and Model Day" of the Fraser Valley British Car Club!!! This was held on Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012, from 10am to 3pm. Those members with a little pizzazz, strutted their stuff! Firstly, there was Ken Davies with all his antique windup toys. He continually got all of us watching him play with all his toys that he had inherited from his Father. These items were believed to be made in the 1930's. Most everyone enjoyed a good laugh as they stood in a circle around Ken, watching as he mobilized the various "little critters"!*

*Another unusual collection was that of Della Jansen. She likes to collect "cats". To add some ambiance, she included a "sleeping cat in a basket" that looked so real that it even had its stomach moving to look like it was actually breathing. The whole setting made us all feel like we were at the cottage, with the Clubhouse woodstove burning and the cat just so relaxed and purring there! Della also had jewelry cats, cat figures and more cats. She won 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize for her display. The prize was a basket of various plastic colored Easter eggs with all kinds of treasures inside. She said she wanted this prize for her grandchildren.*

*Barry's display included various collections including a miniature theater and a collection of "double decker" British buses in a parking garage and a train set running on some tracks. (Boy these boys sure have their toys!) For this Barry won 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize and the prize included items for the Hougden Park Picnic. Another of the "Rover Boys", Mike had a model display of miniature British cars.*

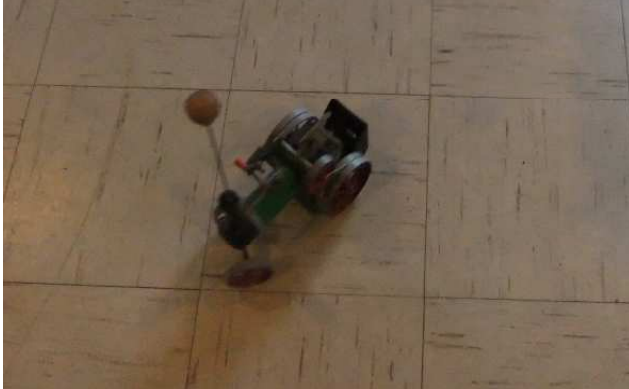
*Taking 1<sup>st</sup> place Prize was Bob Stewart with his collection of various cannons which I believe that he made himself! The display was stupendous and his cannons were very original, as he used five grapefruits to represent cannonballs! He won a lovely basket of two coffee cups, 2 packs of delicious coffee and some tasty biscuits to go with it! He was quite delighted!*

*Fourth place went to Wayne Reynolds with his home-built flying plane. It was almost 3  $\frac{1}{2}$  ft. long and very impressive! His prize was a calendar of various sunsets, and this was very fitting to him as he was thinking of flying, "into the sunset" with his own imaginary plane!*

*Other displays included a "Mini set" with a racetrack course. Shirley's lovely collage of pictures taken some years ago of a car show of Jerry's at Minter Gardens, was also very impressive.*

*Not only were there displays, but there was a whole lot of delicious food. Sue Parkhill brought a large slow cooker filled with homemade chili, cheese to sprinkle on top and buns to eat with it. She won the prize for the best chili, but was reluctant to accept it as she said, "I am the only one who brought chili!" The judge awarded her the prize anyways, citing the fact that she has brought over a ton of food to various "do's" in her lifetime and most certainly deserved it! She received a lovely*

*pink hat encircled by lovely red roses with gold trim and a picture of herself and Miss Piggy at a Car Show! Other food included Ellenore's secret recipe of "delectable and delicious Bavarian cream filled Cupcakes, salmon buns, a veggie tray, a fruit bowl, mini corn meal muffins, wraps and more. There were over 20 people grazing on the food and mingling! Despite the bleak weather, all of us had a great time at this event and got to know all of our both eccentric and interesting members! Do come next year!*



**BOB'S STEAM  
TRACTOR CHASING,  
AND BEING CHASED  
BY, KEN'S TINPLATE  
WINDUP TOYS &  
ROB'S MINI**



## **CAMILLA-Part Seventeen**

### **THE ITALIAN JOB**

Words and photos by T.W.Pugh

Some smarty pants, who shall remain nameless, thought it would be amusing to give us this advert from a local newspaper. Marilyn postulated that it would save us all a good deal of grief, and that we could spend more time weeding the flower beds.

In the interest of objectivity I broached the subject with the lads at the first opportunity over a finger of scotch . We laughed until we stopped. This challenge shall only serve as incentive, inspiring us to prove the non-believers wrong. However, truth be told, and I'll deny ever saying so, (even if it is here in print for all to see), it is nice to know that we have an out, just in case all goes pear shaped.



I don't recall with whom or when the subject came up, but the focus of the discussion was "movies that make you cry." More specifically, "movies that make men cry." The most fragile in the group quickly admitted to all sorts of sappy, syrupy movies that had reduced them to tissue clenching, blubbing pools of trembling, quivering jelly. The common theme was that someone had met an untimely demise or a small furry animal had somehow been unfairly treated. Boo Hoo.

My turn came and I voluntarily admitted being reduced to tears during the first "ITALIAN JOB" when the "bad guys", the Mafia, crushed a pair of E-Type Jaguars and bulldozed an Aston-Martin over a cliff in the Alps. The Miura not so much. I have enjoyed the movie many times, and while it is one of my favourites, it is extremely painful to watch. I don't mind confessing that I must sometimes look away. I no longer need a tissue, as I am somewhat used to the mindless destruction of classic cars and know what to expect, but I try to wear long sleeves just in case I am overcome in a weak moment.

Why is he prattling on endlessly about some forty year old movie you may ask? Because the next step in



our reconstruction of Camilla involves a re-enactment of one of the scenes from that disturbing film.

You will recall that at the end of the movie we were left with the classic “cliff hanger”. The “good guys” had just dispatched the blue, white, and red Minis out the back of the caravan/bus. That was another excruciatingly agonizing scene to watch as they tumbled joyously in flame into some bottomless ravine. The bus became precariously high-centered on the edge of the cliff as the result of spirited driving. As the main character, one Michael Caine, moved further to the rear to rescue the gold from following the Minis into the abyss, the further it teetered over the precipice. The film ends with him saying, “I have an idea, lads.”

We recreated our own version right in the shop as we worked to reattach the front axle to the main hulk, aka, Camilla, The Dutchess of Cornwall. (But not before a jolly good fry-up of sausage, bacon, Spam and eggs. Doug knows how to get the best out of us). With the newly installed engine in place and sitting on front axle stands, Camilla was a bit heavy in the nose. We found that with Doug refitting the bolts holding the axle in place, he had just enough clearance if the rest of us, Dan, Ivan and yours truly, stood and/or sat on the very extreme aft end of the flatbed. That raised the nose just enough for it all to fit together nicely.



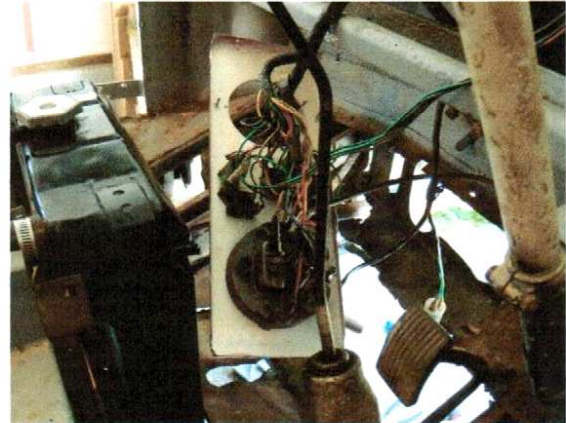
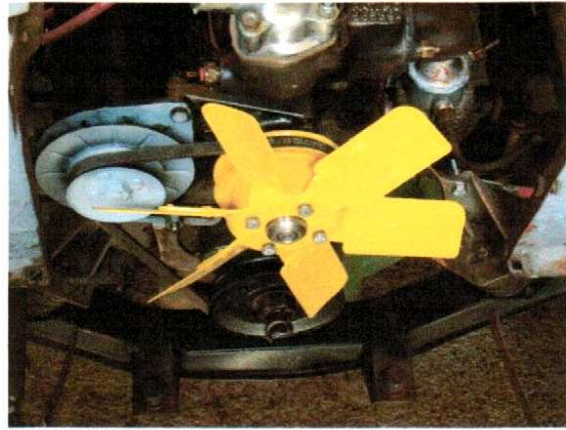
In retrospect it would have made more sense to send the “slightest” amongst us underneath, and to have stationed the most “rotund” on the tail. Let us not point fingers, and just say that we got it backwards.

With another major component in place, we turn our efforts to smaller yet no less important bits. With the help of E-bay and UPS, Doug scored a pair of marker lights from Malaysia, and turn signal lenses from some other far corner of this third planet from the sun. Or was it the back of the moon?



Headlights and aftermarket tail lights are installed. More small parts are fitted and progress is good. We are motivated by the newspaper advert posted in the shop to keep on with it. We bolt on both master cylinders, cooling fan, heater valve with new handmade gasket, and generator. I adjust the fan belt tension. The radiator is bolted in place and all the hoses attached. Fresh anti-freeze is poured and only a bit leaks out. The offending loose hose clamp is tightened. Engine oil is topped up. We reinstall the speedo, gauges and switches into the freshly painted dash panel, hook up a few wires, and screw the assembly into position.





The carburettor is another matter. We have to devise and adapt a different breathing apparatus. The original, as fitted by BMC, needed replacement. As told in a previous chapter, it appeared to have been sourced from a garden implement. We secured a good, if that is possible, Stromberg carb and fitted it to a Mowog manifold. It was a direct "bolt on" except for the aluminium plate that Doug had to fabricate. Bolts needed to be relocated and heads recessed to allow clearance. The completed unit was offered up and bolted to the head. Meanwhile, Dan painted the air intake plenum that he had straightened using a large hammer.



That's enough for today lads. Same time, same place next week. Or so we thought, until disaster struck. That very next week Doug opted out of the whole ugly mess by injuring himself severely enough that work would have to come to a halt. He was reduced to getting around on crutches and great long bouts of moaning for the next three or four months. As intent and committed as we were to have her there, and needing but the last jerk to the curtain, alas, she would not be ready for the picnic.



Our spirits low, we retired to the barn to figuratively lick our wounds. How would we ever put this behind us? We could have set ourselves to populating the shelf in the shop with empty scotch containers, but just in time someone in our little "C.R.A.P." group suggested that we take over the organizing of the Hougden Park Picnic. This could serve as a distraction from others noticing our failure. Devilish clever.

Planning well underway, time was pressing upon us. The annual picnic is intended to be light and casual, but there is much to do behind the scenes. There is food to co-ordinate, tents and cookers to reserve, dash plaques and trophies to design and order, goody bags to stuff, mole hills to knock down, and a myriad of endless other details to sort out. Many hands, and not quite as many legs, make light work. Doug may not be particularly mobile on his sticks, but his head was clear, at least when he was not on pain killers. Mind you there were occasions when I was tempted to drop him off down by the river.

The heavy bit was moving all the supplies, including tables, signs, etc, from the club house to the park and back afterwards. This was one occasion when Doug truly was as useless as a fireman with a wooden leg. Dan had to work so Ivan and I did all the lifting while the other one just stood there gawping.

The long range forecast was promising, calling for sun and warm temperatures. The perfect day for a picnic in the park, but you know how the weatherman lies. Still smarting from last year's gathering featuring rains of biblical proportion, we considered a "Next of Kin" on the entry form, but thought it best if we didn't alarm and/or scare folks away. What are the odds of it happening two years running?

Sadly, Camilla, the Duchess of Cornwall, would not be present. Possibly she had heard through the grape vine that the Italians and French would be in attendance. Ivan made up a splendid display in lieu of Her Monstrosity's visitation. He set up several historical and hysterical information whiteboards along with a colouring contest for the youngsters and the "soft of head". The quest was to get some input as to what colour of lipstick to put on the old girl. We received several interesting schemes, which we shall consider.



All said and done, with the tees dotted and the eyes crossed, the picnic was a success. We welcomed around eighty of Her Majesty's finest and a handful of invitees from across the ditch. The latter group being a clever plan to divert attention from the four feckless morons keeping near the Camilla display.



### *January's Mystery Car was a one-off MG RV8 GT*



*This RV8GT has been meticulously built by Philip Jones to RV8 specification. The car is located in Britain.*

*The transition involved 2 donor cars, an MGBGT and an accident damaged RV8 from which the parts were sourced.*

*The project took over 12 months and involved many hours of modifying the MGBGT to accept the RV8 parts.*

*After completing his RV8GT Philip used the remaining bits and pieces to create an original RV8 trailer. A gentleman by the name of Peter Dever in Australia has also built an RV8 GT.*

### **THIS MONTH'S MYSTERY CAR**



# 2012 Club Executive & Appointed Positions

## EXECUTIVE

<b>PRESIDENT:</b>	<i>LARRY PAYEUR</i>
<b>VICE-PRESIDENT:</b>	<i>HARV MCCULLOUGH</i>
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<b>TREASURER:</b>	<i>JOHN SUGDEN</i>
<b>MEMBERSHIP:</b>	<i>SHIRLEY MCCULLOUGH</i>

## APPOINTED POSITIONS

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<b>REGALIA:</b>	<i>SUE PARKHILL</i>
<b>DOOR PRIZE:</b>	<i>MIKE MIDDLETON</i>
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## Club Chat

**PLEASE NOTE: MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE DUE AS OF JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>.** New Members are most welcome! Annual dues are \$20.00; and \$30.00 for family (2 votes!!). Make cheques payable to FVBMC, and mail to **John Sugden, 45401 Wells Road, Chilliwack, B.C. V2R 1H3.**

- If you would like to plan a 'Monthly Run' or have any good suggestions for one, contact Bob Stewart at (604) 795-5054, or e-mail [annmarie64@shaw.ca](mailto:annmarie64@shaw.ca).
- Some hard copies of the newsletter will be available at our general meetings for the next while. **Any contributions you may wish to make to the 'Hooter' are welcomed and much appreciated.**

### CLUB REGALIA PRICE LIST 2012

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|---|--|
| • New T-Shirts (FVBMC Crest).....\$20.00                                  | • Gatsby Hat, Stone Colour, w/Club Pin.....\$22.00     |
| • Older T-Shirts (FVBMC Crest).....\$15.00                                | • Baseball Hat (FVBMC Crest), Gray oilskin.....\$10.00 |
| • Previous Picnic T-Shirts<br>( '06, '08, '09).....\$10.00                | • Visors (Pink, Dk.Green, Lime, Lt.Blue).....\$10.00   |
| • New Golf Shirts (FVBMC Crest)....\$34.00<br>(Forest Green & Sport Gray) | • Men's & Ladies Hoodies (FVBMC Crest)....\$50.00      |
| • Older Gray Golf Shirts (FVBMC Crest) \$25.00                            | • Men's Hoodies (FVBMC Crest).....\$50.00              |
|   | • Men's & Ladies Vests (FVBMC Crest)....\$44.00        |



# 2012 Events Calendar

*It's early days yet, but we'll try and stay on top of these as much as possible!!*

## APRIL 15<sup>TH</sup>

7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL RESTORATION FAIR & SWAP MEET, HERITAGE ACRES, LOCHSIDE DRIVE, CENTRAL SAANICH. Info Robert Atkins (250)544-1702, or [rtatkins@shaw.ca](mailto:rtatkins@shaw.ca)

20<sup>TH</sup>

**FRASER VALLEY BRITISH MOTOR CLUB MONTHLY MEETING**, ATA Clubhouse, 44146 Luckakuck Way, Chilliwack

21<sup>ST</sup>

31<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL TULIP RALLYE, Check-in @ 8-9 AM, Cascade Mall, I-5 Exit 230. Details and Registration Form at [http://www.mgccnwc.com/attachments.File/2012 Registration Form.pdf](http://www.mgccnwc.com/attachments.File/2012%20Registration%20Form.pdf)

22<sup>ND</sup>

ST GEORGE'S DAY MOTORING SHOW, FORT LANGLEY. LANGLEY AREA BRITISH MOTORING CLUB (L.A.M.B.) Info at [www.lambscarclub.com](http://www.lambscarclub.com)

## MAY 18<sup>TH</sup>

**FRASER VALLEY BRITISH MOTOR CLUB MONTHLY MEETING**, ATA Clubhouse, 44146 Luckakuck Way, Chilliwack

18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>

**"GARY'S RUN IX"** Whidbey & Fidalgo Islands, Friday evening to Sunday morning. Accommodations: Best Western – Harbor Plaza, Oak Harbor, WA, \$85/night. Call the hotel front desk (360-679-4567) and tell them you're with the "Gary's Run MGB Car Club" For further info contact John Sugden at [jmsug@telus.net](mailto:jmsug@telus.net)

19<sup>TH</sup>

2010 VANCOUVER ALL BRITISH FIELD MEET, VAN DUSEN BOTANICAL GARDENS, 37<sup>TH</sup> & OAK, VANCOUVER. Tribute to Lotus cars & Norton motorcycles. Register at [www.westerndriver.com/abfm](http://www.westerndriver.com/abfm)

20<sup>TH</sup>

2012 ALL BRITISH RUN, VANCOUVER TO WHISTLER. Info at [www.westerndriver.com/?page\\_id=1240](http://www.westerndriver.com/?page_id=1240)

26<sup>th</sup>-JUN 3<sup>rd</sup>

**BRITISH CAR APPRECIATION WEEK** (Formerly "Drive Your British Car Week")  
**WATCH FOR EVENTS!!**

## JUNE 2<sup>ND</sup>

SOVEREIGN MOTORS IS HOLDING A FIRST ANNUAL JAGUAR SWAP MEET!!  
For Details Contact Rick Stevenson [rick@sovereignmotors.ca](mailto:rick@sovereignmotors.ca) or (604)687-2146

15<sup>TH</sup>

**FRASER VALLEY BRITISH MOTOR CLUB MONTHLY MEETING**, ATA Clubhouse, 44146 Luckakuck Way, Chilliwack

17<sup>TH</sup>

**BEACON HILL FATHER'S DAY PICNIC**, VICTORIA – *Details Next Month*

24<sup>TH</sup>-JUL 5<sup>TH</sup>

**"BRITS AROUND BC" RUN**, Details at [www.oecc.ca/events.htm](http://www.oecc.ca/events.htm)

### REMINDER:

*Please inform the editor if there are any errors or omissions in the above; or if you have any info on events that other members might be interested in that are not listed.*

## CLASSIFIEDS

### Cars & Parts FOR SALE & WANTED:

- **FOR SALE: 1963 ROVER P5** 3-litre, runs, spares and extra windshield included. Call: Ellenore or Gerry at (604) 792-6502, leave message if not there.
- **WANTED: FOR TR8** - set of good useable seats in tan corduroy fabric, fuel injection 3.5L V8 airbox assembly; along with any other bits you might have *and we might take a liking to!* Contact the C.R.A.P. BOYS via Tom Pugh, e-mail @ [t.pugh@telus.net](mailto:t.pugh@telus.net) Also **1974 TRIUMPH SPITFIRE parts**, too many to list.
- **FOR SALE: JAGUAR XJ6/12 AND XJS parts** for sale. Exhaust/ fuel tanks/ heads/ V12 motor rebuilt, most body parts from 2 available donor cars, starters etc. Call for details- Doug at (604) 859-6354.
- **FOR SALE: 1964 SPRITE** with fiberglass "bugeye" front end, 1098cc motor, everything else pretty much stock. Car hasn't moved in 20 years. Contact Craig Ross at (604)880-6670.

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