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A hearty thank you to Michael Hamilton-Clark for being our fearless Run Co-Ordinator for many years. Members enjoyed discovery roads we never knew existed in the Fraser Valley.

President's Report

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As we have approached the fall season, I want to take a moment to reflect on the things we're grateful for in our car club community. It's been a fantastic year filled with camaraderie, incredible events, and a shared passion for all things automotive. With the fall leaves turning and the crisp air settling in, let's take this opportunity to appreciate the beauty of our rides against the backdrop of autumn. I encourage everyone to participate in our upcoming events. Thank you for being part of this journey. Your enthusiasm and dedication are what make our club special. Hope all of you and your families had a joyful thanksgiving filled with love and good company.

Happy fall, Sheryl

Editors' Corner

With the leaves falling, colder weather, daylight savings time ending, and the horrible realization that there is just under 60 shopping days to Christmas, we know that the end of the year is coming.

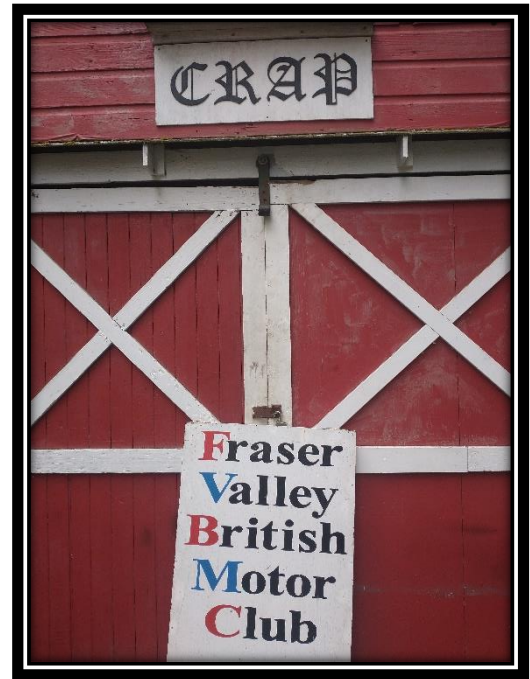
Thank you to all those members that put together or participated in the various Club events this year, including the Classic Car show, the Fun Run, the Cultus Lake Picnic and the various Car Club Runs.

With the end of the year, also comes the planning for Car Club Events for 2025 and the Annual General Meeting at the start of the new year where executive directors are nominated. If you want to participate in assisting with the Classic Car Show or help to put on the Car Club Runs, or take a more direct role in the club by being on the Executive, please reply back to the Club email at britishmotorclub@gmail.com and we will forward your communication in the appropriate direction.

The *Hooter* is always looking for input and articles from members, whether it is guesses on the Mystery car of the month, car awards for members, or experiences at car shows. Send it via email to britishmotorclub@gmail.com.

CRAP

Report from the Barn



On our recent visit to Victoria and the Empress Hotel for tea, Kathryn and I took a little minute to visit my old friend Pat Leask. Pat has the British car restoration virus. Untreatable, I think.

He has just finished up an MG SA for a customer and his own cars include a Lotus Seven, an MG TC, a Jaguar E type series 2 Coupe and now a TVR vixen from the early 70's.

He's taken a bit of poetic license and resto-moded the thing into a 5000M in the Blackpool company vernacular. The Triumph 2500 is replaced with a Ford 5 litre, Tremec 5 speed, Jaguar diff with inboard brakes and Jaguar wire wheels.

Note the rather custom exhaust manifolds...



Marinus VanPrattenberg's Rover P6 has arrived at the farm with a wee transmission problem. Hopefully we'll have this sorted by our publication date.



Angie and Kevin's XJS C got its power steering pump sorted out and the cooling system flushed including repairs to the coolant expansion tank. Back on the road again burning up vast amounts of premium in a single bound.



Our young member Rick George has finished his 1959 Land Rover series two restoration. Hurray!

Rick drove over to the farm on one of his inaugural runs. The truck looks great. His attention to detail is getting close to our Terry Organs standard.

Nicely done...



After many months of good driving weather, our MGF is finally back on the road. It suffered completely new brakes, new suspension hydroelastic spheres and a damn good talking to.

First trip was to the Matsqui cafe for lunch. Next task is to wash and clean the car.



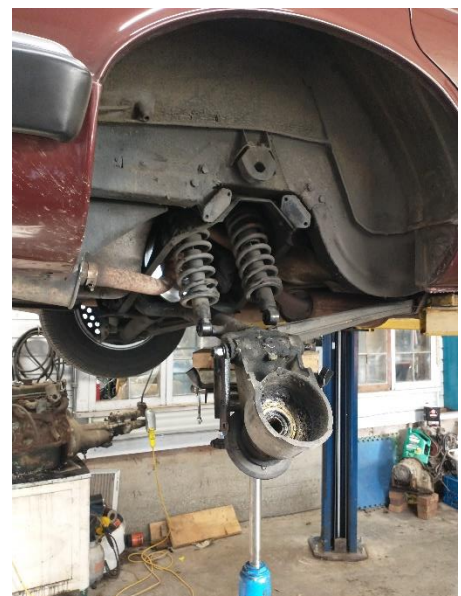
Work has finally ceased on the 1958 Land Rover. With help from Jerry Goulet we got the wiring sorted, a new Master cylinder got installed and the system bled.

To the autoplan store!

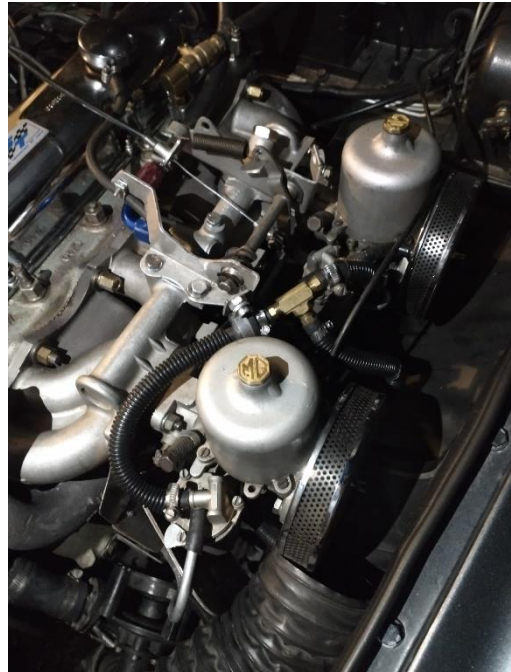


Mike McChesney and his brother along with most of the Friday coffee attendees swapped out a failing joint on his 1986 XJ 6.

It's a bit of an involved task, but with encouragement from the brothers Organ, Tony Epson (and everyone else) the offending universals were removed.

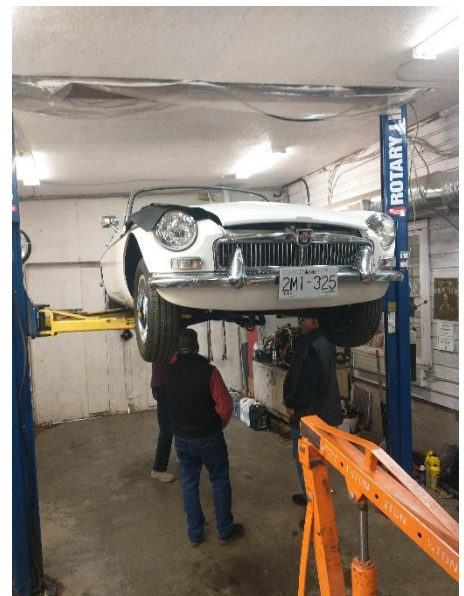


Tom Pugh and Terry Organ showing off their Minis. Followed by newest member Tom Popovich's MGC engine bay sporting a pair of 2" SUs , soon to undergo a little sorting at Rhys Kent's place.



Harj Kamo has his lovely 1964 MGB in for a bit of engine bay tidying and an oil leak on the transmission input shaft.

Bill , Jerry and Dan have a good squidge at the tender underside while Harj is away from the tools.
A new clutch kit, ring gear, gaskets and seals and all will be well.



Heritage Village Visit



August 19, 2024

To Doug Holbrow of the Fraser Valley British Motor Club,

I wanted to write to you and thank you all so very much for bringing your cars to Heritage Village. It was an absolute treat for staff, family and of course the residents. I was so amazed to hear the residents call the cars by name, having recalled the manufacturers and models of some of the vehicles. One resident recalled memories of being a young girl and sitting in the rumble seats as her uncle drove her around town. Another resident recalled her friend owning an MGB in Australia and admiring his car. It brought back so many memories for our residents and it was so nice to have them all outside getting the fresh air and getting a chance to admire the rare vehicles your group brought.

We had a record number of residents out, which shows just how eager they were to reminisce about these vehicles again. We'd love the opportunity to do this again perhaps next summer. I was talking to some of your members and they said weekdays are easier than Fridays in order to get cars out, so perhaps we can contact you again next summer and plan a weekday visit with your vehicles.

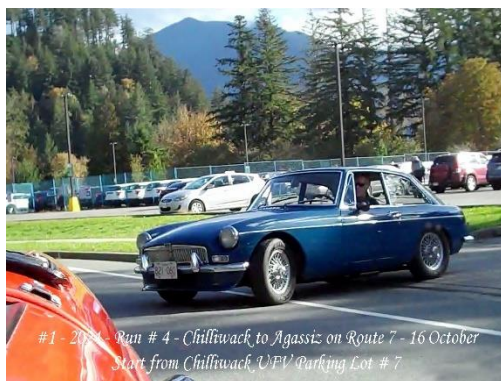
Thank you again for all the joy you brought our residents with your visit. We look forward to working with you all again next summer.

Sincerely,

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Run #4 To Harrison Hot Springs

The last scheduled Car Club Run of 2024 took place on Wednesday October 16th. Following cancellations of the Run the previous two Wednesdays as the result of forecasted miserable weather, it was decided to throw caution out the window and go for it. With the forecast predicting a break in the weather and a rain free period in the late afternoon, the Run start was moved to 2:30 pm at UFV in Chilliwack and then meeting up with folks in Abbotsford at Lepps on Highway 11 at 3:00 pm. Following a pit stop here, the Run progressed to Mission and then along Highway 7 to Agassiz. A total of 5 cars took part in the Run, which started off over the Mission Bridge somewhat slowly, with intrepid drivers monitoring their engine temperatures as we were caught up in construction and rush hour traffic. After going through Mission however the Run along Highway was pleasant in the late afternoon sunshine. The convoy of cars stopped in Agassiz for a quick beverage and supper at the Sossy's Saloon where drivers and passengers were serenaded by a rather proficient piano player. The Run back to Chilliwack started at twilight and ended up in the dark. Those members travelling back to Abbotsford were also subjected to a cloud burst as rain caught up to them as they went down the freeway and North Parallel Road. All in all, a fine adventure and fitting end to the last scheduled Run of the year.





#4 - 2024 - Run #4 - Chilliwack to Agassiz on Route 7 - 16 October
Meet-up at Lepps Farm Market



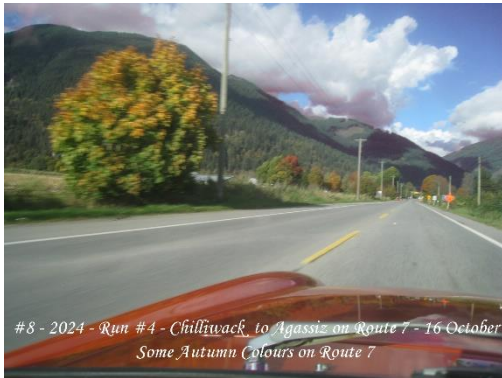
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Meet-up at Lepps Farm Market



#6 - 2024 - Run #4 - Chilliwack to Agassiz on Route 7 - 16 October
In line on Route 7



#7 - 2024 - Run #4 - Chilliwack to Agassiz on Route 7 - October 16
Culvert work at Dewdney



#8 - 2024 - Run #4 - Chilliwack to Agassiz on Route 7 - 16 October
Some Autumn Colours on Route 7



#9 - 2024 - Run #4 - Chilliwack to Agassiz on Route 7 - 16 October
On Route 7 toward Agassiz



#10 - 2024 - Run #4 - Chilliwack to Agassiz on Route 7 - 16 October
Comming into Agassiz



#11 - 2024 - Run #4 - Chilliwack to Agassiz on Route 7 - 16 October
On arrival at the destination - Sossy's Saloon



#12 - 2024 - Run #4 - Chilliwack to Agassiz on Route 7 - 16 October
Michael with the Runs Pennant

More pictures from the Car Run to Manning Park in August



Milestones

In Memoriam

Jim Robertson passed away on the morning of October 28th, 2024. He served as Vice President of the Fraser Valley British Motor Club and will be deeply missed.



Other Milestones

It is the 50th anniversary of the Lotus Elite. It was the first 4-seater from Lotus (really a big 2+2).

These were powered by a 2 litre twincam engine and later a 2.2 litre. Horsepower ranged from 140 to 185 over the 8-year production run. This was the first model to ever offer an automatic transmission. It was rubbish. The 5-speed manual was far and away better.

There were 2535 of these cars produced.



Send any milestone that you would like to see in
The Hooter to britishmotorclub@gmail.com.

Fact, Foibles, Fables, Fancies, and Fanfare

An alert to club members going for runs in to the back country roads and leaving your car unattended in areas that are isolated.

I went for one last run on Wednesday, 23 October, in the afternoon, nice sunny break, took advantage of this opportunity, and went for a drive up the Chilliwack Lake rd, planning to go and see the Salmon up at the hatchery, stopped at the Tamahi Rapids Recreation area, just across from the bridge to go and see the fisherman catching Salmon in the rapids.

30 mins. later on, returning to my car I find my Soft Top slashed, nobody in site, my car parked in a totally exposed area, returned to Chilliwack and reported the vandalism to the RCMP, what a joke!! took the report and gave me report #, no officer came to inspect the damage, told to advise my insurance company, that was it. Chalk one up to the bad guys!!

What a way to end the season.

Stay safe. Chris



Signs that resonate deeply with some members experiences.

Let us know when you win an award. We want to celebrate you with some fanfare!

Upcoming Car Events

2024 NOVEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Coffee and Cars	2
3 London-Brighton Commemorative Run	4	5	6	7	8 Coffee and Cars	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 Coffee and Cars	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 Coffee and Cars	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 Coffee and Cars	30

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- Club members meet on a regular basis for “Coffee and Cars” every Friday morning at 4176 Seldon Road, Abbotsford. All members are welcome to attend to either solicit or offer advice regarding British vehicles.
- 29th Annual London to Brighton Commemorative Run, Sunday, November 3rd, 2024, 9:30am Gathering at Alyn Edwards restoration shop. 25990 100th Ave. Maple Ridge. 10:30am departure to explore roads above Mission.

Buy and Sell

The Fraser Valley British Motor Club takes no responsibility for the selling of cars, parts or accessories. Any disputes or negotiations are between the buyer and seller.

To list items on the Buy and Sell page please send the description of the item and contact information to britishmotorclub@gmail.com.

1974 Coupe with a 1.2 Litre Boxer style engine

- My father in law has owned the vehicle for the past 25 years or so
- He is the 4th owner. He previously knew owners # 2 and # 3 through the Sports Car Club of BC
- Original owner was a Canadian Physician (perhaps Canadian Armed Forces) who imported the car from Italy to Victoria
- It has ICBC collector plates and has been told that this is the only Alfa Sud in BC
- The car has 87,000 km 's which we believe to be original
- The car has been driven very little over the last 25 years, but it runs and has participated in recent Italian car shows in Vancouver
- Engine was fully serviced in 2002 by Andy Pearson of Speciality Engineering. Brakes were done in 2006 and new tires put on in 2010.
- The undercarriage appears to be very clean. As you know these cars prone to rust, but this car received Ziebart some time ago and appears to have done the job.
- Price is \$ 10K and is located in North Vancouver
- I can arrange a viewing if requested

Keith McBain

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1939 Rover 14 running chassis

Rebuilt 1903cc ohv engine , good 4 speed transmission, rebuilt differential

New brakes, complete

New clutch

New rear leaf springs

Front Koni shock conversion

Custom aluminium fuel tank with twin SU pumps.

SU HS4 carb conversion

Set of 17" original rims plus set of 16 " P3 rims

A properly sorted project by a longtime Rover enthusiast

Sheets of aircraft quality aluminium for bespoke body project plus original wings and boot

Will run and drive if you have a nice apple box to sit on!

Barry

604-793-5666



Morris Minor boot conversion to saloon

Get the extra space you've always wanted for pets, luggage, fine English Stilton cheese and Port.

Fiberglass kit of very good quality. Please call for details

Brian

604-866-8328



1953 Series 1 Land Rover

It's an 80" and RH drive. Comes with what was suspected to be the original engine but is out of it. There is a hard top that goes with it too. It has an aluminum bulkhead which when I compared it to the 2 times in Land Rover history, they were hand made from aluminum the VIN fit perfectly in it. The doors have been primed from our old friend Scott when he was around. It hasn't run in 2 years but has been stored under cover

\$10,000

Contact Rick George at rick.james.george@gmail.com



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Mystery Car of the Month



Name the company and the model of this fine motorcar.

Send your guess to britishmotorclub@gmail.com.
First correct answer receives an oil change at the
Farm. You bring the oil and filter!

Brian Dawkins won last month's mystery car! And gave this brilliant history of the car as well!

This is an Invacar short for invalid carriage, which were built to NHS specs, by AC sports cars, to accommodate a wheel chair bound driver. It was a three wheeler with a fibreglass body. Later models had a Steyr-Puch engine that could propel it to 82 mph. Death on wheels likely. The transmission was a belt drive if I remember. The steering was via a motorcycle handlebar arrangement. All controls are hand controls. The vehicle was leased by users from the NHS, and supposedly when removed from service were destroyed after 1977. Although Tom Pugh and others have found evidence to the contrary. Check out Hubnut on YouTube for instance.